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Creating the Excitement for the 100th Anniversary of Becahi



Tom Vresics '81, Becahi's Advancement Director wrote...

"We had 15 people attend our #BECAHI100 October Meeting held in our Media Center, with seven people participating via Zoom and eight people attending in person. As you know, Bethlehem Catholic's Centennial Celebration will begin on one of the last two Saturdays in July 2025 and end just after our 100th Class graduation, with a Grand Finale on one of the last two Saturdays in June. Our next #BECAHI100 Team Meeting will be on Monday, January 8, and Tuesday, January 9. You can attend in person or by Zoom. Please email Tom Vresics at tvresics @becahi.org to let him know you are willing to help. Please Follow and Share Bethlehem Catholic's Centennial Plans using the hashtag #BECAHI100 on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn."

Here are a few more ideas that were floated for our 100th Anniversary celebration year... We're gonna need event leaders for these....

Whaddya think? Let me know and I'll pass your comments and ideas along...

- Masses at the Parishes
 - To "return to the home parishes" of many Becahi graduates (sound familiar? returning to Bethlehem?)
 - Contact the pastors, float the idea of increased attendance, publicize in weekly parish bulletins for parishioners, follow with donuts and coffee where feasible, advertise the events to the Becahi parish alumni in Tibings.
- Musicals
 - Invite former cast and crew members, Directors, Freddy Award nominees and recipients, former cast members from Sound of Music (first show on Dewberry and Madison) from 1965
 - o Special daytime matinee for alumni with reception at the school before or after
- Christmas Pageant / Candle Mass
 - o Invite alums to join in annual events
- National Honor Society Presents: The Alumni Valedictorians and Salutatorians
 - Witness the NHS Induction Ceremony, reception following at school
 - NHS project (great opportunity for networking)
- Monthly Alumni Masses in chapel
 - Regularly schedule alumni masses in morning (1st Fridays?)
 - Reception to follow offsite, perhaps?
- Happy Hours throughout the year at alumni-related places of business
- School Band Concerts with alums and for alumni band members and Directors
- Alumni Networking Receptions for...
 - o Educators
 - Healthcare Professionals



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- DI 1.4.4
- Dentists, Doctors, Pharmacists, etc
- Nursing Professionals
- Related areas, eg., PT, OT, Sport Training, specialized technical support, etc.
- Lawyers
- Sports
- Veterans
- Musikfest Reunion and Gatherings 2024 2026 (10-day event)
 - Opportunity to meet and greet current, past, future Hawks
- Potential Special Interest Groups and resources to support the 10-day event...
 - Admissions Office
 - Advancement Office
 - Teachers, Staff members
 - Board of Governors
 - Band
 - Sports Celebrities
 - Wall of Fame Members
 - Distinguished Grads
 - Alumni Reunion stop-overs
 - Thespians
 - Educators
 - Entertainment Professionals
 - Healthcare Professionals
 - Lawyers
 - Veterans

Thanks to all who have suggested these, and remember, any and all of these events will need the help from each of you. It could be something special, as our four years were.

Some Alums who checked in last month...

Gus Concilio '47, Kathleen "Boots" O'Connell Horwath '47, Sr. Regina Chassar, SSJ '53 Harry Mitchell '57, Anita Bianco Rothrock '59, Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, Betty Ann Gomboz Polaha '63, Liz Schoenen Casella '63, Yogi Eddinger '67, Trish Whitacre Huff '67, Mary Lou Andris Seigfried '68, Michele Eckenrode Lawler '68, Mike Lawler '68, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Elizabeth Talian '71, Kathleen Lynch Carcione '72, Sharon Bellizzi Friedman '73, Marianne Derr '73, John Fiorentino '73, Michael Kelly '73, Kate Kostelnick '73, Sally Kammetler '78, Dana Cantelmi '04, Kyle John '07

...and from my Class...

BobbyA, Tommy Altimare, Jackie and Jamie, Tony Bauer, Rosina, Dave Cech, Paul Grube, Mick Halbreiner, George & Betsy, Jeff & Col, Pat O'Connor Altier, Danny Perrett, Kathy Ripper Grasso, Tommy Sculley, Carl, and Eddie Ruyak (Honorary).



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Alumni Cited in this Month's Tibings

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>224 grads from 78 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".

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Nobel Prize Winner

Last month's Tivings recognized the accomplishment of Rosina Bierbaum '70 on her selection into the elite ranks of the American Philosophical Society. For 280 years, the oldest scholarly organization in America, founded by Benjamin Franklin, has recognized scholars across the world for "promoting useful knowledge." Back in 1970 the senior Physics class also recognized her nascent greatness.

Rosina wrote... "I think that Physics class taught me not to be afraid of being the only girl in the room - that happened so many times when I worked for the Congress and the White House, and I never really thought about being the lone female after that class!

If I ever find the "Nobel Prize" your class made me after I won the Lehigh Valley Science Fair that year, I'll send you a pic."

Please remember Yolanda Hartzell '70 Ahlum's husband in your prayers this month.

Paul Ahlum passed away on October 7th. Please also say a prayer for their son, James.



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November 11th, Veterans' Day

This month we honor those who have served or are currently serving our country through their military service. We thank them for this service to help keep us all safe.

This Veteran's Day, the Becahi's Military Veterans' Honor Roll will be sent to you so you can read the names of those graduates who have served.

In advance of that Honor Roll, I've put a matrix together to show you how many members (756) have served, by class (90) and decade. We salute them...

Bethlehem Catholic High School Military Veterans' Honor Roll November, 2023 Veterans by Class/Decade

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3		1	13	12	13	5	5	3	1	3		-
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5		7	11	13	13	12	13	7	5			
6		7	6	17	9	10	10	5	1	4		
7		12	15	15	26	17	7	6	5	5		Classes
8		4	9	14	17	19	12	7	5	7		90
9	2	8	10	9	11	11	2	8	6			Grads
_	2	56	103	117	152	119	79	50	37	37	4	756

This Honor Roll continues to grow, as expected!

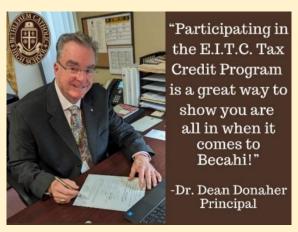
38 Vets were added to last year's honor roll! The additional names came from your correspondence proving the updates. Keep me current. I don't want to exclude anyone. - (JOB).





Becahi's Advancement Director, Tom Vresics '81 writes...

Last Year, Becahi Raised over \$750,000 Via the EITC Tax Credit Program! Can You Help Us Top \$1,000,000 This Year.



"This is the opportune time for all PA Individual Taxpayers to Apply for 2023 EITC Year End Tax Credits. If the State of PA takes as little as \$1,000 out of your pay, rental income, or any other income stream, you can make a \$1,000 gift to Becahi for \$100 or less. There is no limit to how much the State of Pennsylvania will send to Becahi through this program. For the past two years, we have had one donor who contributed over \$100,000 to Becahi each year using this program. The application is a simple one-page document.

You are only committed to the program once you send in your check by the due date on your acceptance letter from the PA State Agency overseeing the program. Email Tom Vresics ASAP at tvresics @becahi.org to get into this program ahead of people from other Private and Catholic Schools."

2022 - 2023 Annual Report of Giving



BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

AND LEPONT OF GIVENS

JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

Embracing the Challenge Together!

If you haven't read Bethlehem Catholic's 2022-2023 Report of Giving, Embracing the Challenge Together, use the QR Code below. There are stories about our current students, pictures of favorite teachers past and present, plus several tax-savvy ways to financially support Bethlehem Catholic besides making direct donations. Some of these ways include how to use your company's matching gift program to double your donation, and another is how to get Harrisburg to make a 10-to-1 matching gift to Becahi by redirecting the tax dollars you are already paying to Harrisburg through the EITC Program. Finally, see how many of your classmates contributed to Becahi's \$300,000+ Annual Fund

total last year. Our goal for the Becahi Fund for 2023-2024 is to reach over1,000 donors in preparation for our Centennial Celebration.





2022 – 2023 Annual Fund Alumni Contributors Thank You for Your Generosity

In September, the Advancement Office sent out the "Bethlehem Catholic High School Annual Report of Giving, July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, *Embracing the Challenge Together!*"

I unofficially reviewed the names within that report, identified (to the best of my ability) some 346 alumni from 62 classes who so generously contributed, and created a matrix of donors by class for you to peruse.

Thank you to everyone! You are helping to Shape the Future of Becahi.

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2022 / 2023 Annual Fund - Alumni Participation

from. Report 2023

Donors by Class and Decade

Decades >	40 s	50 s	60s	70 s	80s	90s	00 s	10 s	20 s	_
Year Ending										_
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1		2	5	16	11			1		
2		5	2	7	27	1	1			
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4		8	3	9	4	3			1	
5	1	4	5	10	4	1	1			_
6		3	8	9	3	1	2	1		
7	2	5	12	17	2	3	1			Classes
8	1	8	25	7	4	1				62
9	2	6	14	5	3	1				Grads
•	6	44	84	114	70	16	8	3	1	346
% Total	2%	13%	24%	33%	20%	5%	2%	1%	0.3%	100%
CUM %	2%	14%	39%	72 %	92%	97%	99%	100%	100%	

Here are a few more interesting items I pulled from the report: (I love turning data into stories.)

- There were 61 first time alumni donors in FY23 (9.1% increase)
- The top 5 classes who supported the fund...
 - 1. 1982 27 (13.3% of the living class members) 21 more than in FY22;

21 more than in FY22; '82 Class Reunion impact?

2. 1970 – 26 (11.6%)

3. 1968 – 25 (11.0%)

4. 1977 – 17 (7.9%)

5. 1971 – 16 (8.1%)

Overall: a JOB-estimated 3.1% of the living alums have contributed to the fund in FY23



Creating the Vision for the **NEXT** 100 years of Bethlehem Catholic

"Embrace the Challenge Together." – Dean Donaher, BCHS Principal

"Each evening, from December to December, Before you drift to sleep upon your cot, Think back on all the tales that you remember Of Camelot.

Ask ev'ry person if he's heard the story,
And tell it strong and clear if he has not,
That once there was a fleeting wisp of glory
Called Camelot.
Camelot! Camelot!
Now say it out with pride and joy!"

from Camelot...King Arthur to the "next generation" of knights

(Everybody) Tell the Becahi story.

The story doesn't end with graduation. It merely begins the next chapter! With close to 14,000 graduates, there are tens of thousands of stories to tell.

For example:

21st Century Valedictorians and Salutatorians

Post Becahi Graduation Pursuits (Oh the stories they could tell.)

They went to 35 Institutions of Higher Education

Boston College

Bowling Green State University

Bryn Mawr College Bucknell University Cabrini University

Carnegie Mellon University
College of the Holy Cross

DeSales University Drexel University (2)

Embry-Riddle Aeronautic University

Furman University

George Washington University

Georgetown University Hamilton College

Johns Hopkins University

King's College Lafayette College Lehigh University (4)

Includes 4 PhDs; 4 Physicians; 2 Lawyers.

Loyola University of Maryland (2)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Mount Holyoke College Northeastern University

Nova Southeastern University Penn State University (4)

Seton Hall University

St. Joseph's University (2)

Temple University
University of Chicago
University of Maryland
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania (5)

University of Scranton University of Toronto Vanderbilt University Villanova University (3)



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I heard from or read about...

Michael Dominguez '74, who graduated from West Chester University, is now a Realtor, Sales Agent for Jack Lingo Realty in Lewes, DE.

Mark Berkes '80, is the Owner of Mark J. Berkes Paperhanging & Painting in Kunkletown, PA.

Javier Diaz '93 is the Production Director at PBS39 WLVT in Bethlehem. - www.wlvt.org

Beth Ann Scharle '00, M.D. teaches at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. She ran the 5K, 10K last Saturday in Bethlehem and ran the half marathon on Sunday. She's run marathons in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago and she's hoping Bethlehem will expand to a full marathon next year. – **Mary Beth Makoski's '73** proud mother.

Save these Date(s)... for now...

November 2nd – #BECAHI100 Teacher Celebration, Clubhouse Grill, Time TBA (Tom Vresics POC)

November 22nd – Young Alumni Day, 11:00am – 1:00pm, Cafeteria

December 20th - The Candle Mass, Becahi Auditorium

January 8th, 9th 2024 – #BECAHI100 Team Meeting, ZOOM and Time TBD January 12th – 14th – Becahi performance of Neil Simon's *God's Favorite* January 16th – #BECAHI100 Teacher Celebration, Clubhouse Grill, Time TBA January 29th – February 4th - #BECAHI100 Distinguished Graduates and Fides et Scientia Awards announced.

March 23rd – The Golden Gala, live events at Becahi and The Event Center at Blue, 6-8pm April 5th – 7th – Becahi performance of Rogers and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music* April 18th – Distinguished Graduates Induction Ceremony

September 13th, 2025!!!! - Class of '85's 40th Reunion, TBD

Reunion News...

- Classmates of '58 meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at various restaurants in the Lehigh Valley. Marie Posipanko Spisak '58 sends e-mail reminders the Sunday prior to the luncheon to let classmates know when and where they will be gathering. Usually, the "where" is decided during the previous luncheon. Any of their classmates who are not on the e-mail list and would like to join them please contact Marie. Her address is mso462@rcn.com
- Class of '85's 40th Reunion
 - Save the date: Saturday, 9/13/2025 More information to follow!
 - Please reach out to Becahi Advancement Office and make sure that they have your current mailing address and email address. Thank you, Sherri Hines '85, Dave Feist '85 and Missy DaRe '85



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Reunion Recaps

Harry Mitchell '57 wrote...The class of '57 held their 66th reunion at Copperhead Restaurant on September 27th. The reunion was attended by 22 classmates with 5



George Lindenmuth, husband of Barbara Floyd Lindenmuth, Mike Polansky, Mary Polansky, Priscilla Farris Mitchell, John Dobrota, Sandy Balik, wife of Joe Balik (deceased), Joan Balik '58, sister of Joe Balik, Sandy Lindenmuth, and Mary Louise Repsher Koons.



Priscilla Farris Mitchell, Joan Kulanko Yasenchok, Barbara Demyan Kosa



Elizabeth Pittner Wonsidler, Patricia
Burkhardt, Dorothy Amend Radzelovage

A new group of volunteers pledged to run the reunion in future years. A big thanks goes out to our deceased organizers, **Joe Balik** and **Kay Fenerty Lynn** and to our interim committee of **Pat Burkhardt** and **Marie Pursell Carroll. Sr. Elaine Cullen** led a prayer for all our deceased, and every classmate's name (107) was read as a remembrance.

The new committee said they will try to hold the next re-union on the last Wednesday of September as has been our standard practice. We would also like to thank **Barbara Floyd Lindenmuth** for her generous donation of gifts for all that attended. She has provided Bud Vases with flowers, painted/lit wine bottles, bird houses, and this year Halloween ceramics.



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Forty-five Years Later...

Sally Kammetler '78 wrote... "The Becahi Class of 1978 held their 45th class reunion on Friday September 29th and Saturday September 30th. Friday evening began with a casual gathering at The Flying Pig in Bethlehem, with approximately 36 people in attendance. The night was full of food, drinks, conversation and lots of laughs.

Mass was celebrated late Saturday afternoon in remembrance of the deceased members of the Class of '78. On the altar, each deceased member was represented by a lit votive candle. The Mass celebrant was Fr. Bernard Ezaki, Becahi's President of Catholic Mission and Identity.. There were almost 20 people attending Mass. **Debra DeSanto**, a current teacher at Becahi and former graduate provided the music for the Mass with her talented guitar playing. Following Mass, the reunion took place from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. at The Steel Club in Hellertown.

There were 54 people in total in attendance. The Class of '78 and their guests enjoyed a variety of appetizers and drinks. A slideshow video played throughout the evening showcasing the events and interests of the Class of '78 during their time at Becahi.

The reunion provided us time to catch up, reminisce about our days at Becahi, lots of conversation and laughter. We are looking forward to our 50th"!



First Row: Regina Fioriglio Russo, Judith Kessler Mowrey, Marguerite Ferry Picucci, Kathleen Zelko Lund, Sally Kammetler, Marita Ripper Augello, Annemarie Shea John, Eileen Gillen Darlington.

Middle Row: Alan Augello, Marek Szkudlapski, Kevin Donovan, Jesse Ortiz, John Kopczynski, Kevin Craig, Juan San Miguel, Rafael Perez, Mary Minarik Weaver, Phillip Mello, Clare Camarda Ebner.

Top Row: John Campbell, William Cordero, Joseph Zaun, Joseph Carregal, Michael Anderson, Joseph Kamenar, William Zabrecky, Luis Cordero, Michael Estojak, Stephen Holecz, Karen Silvester Bartelt, Thomas Kvederis, Daniel Reisteter.

Missing from picture but was in attendance **Samuel Carrodo**.

PS... These "kids" were in my first class as a guidance counselor at Beca.



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The Reunion for the Class of '83 It was forty years ago! ... Can you believe it?

Karen Butryn '83 wrote... "We had a great time! The class of 1983 held their 40th Reunion on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at DeSales University. Forty plus class members and their spouses attended the event. Attendees enjoyed cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a delicious dinner buffet. Classmates had a great time reminiscing and connecting with each other! Everyone is looking forward to the next Reunion, with even more classmates joining us next time!"



The scholars of '83!

A holy card to the person(s) who can identify each class member in the picture. (Some are hiding from the camera.) Witness protection program members? I'll put it in a future newsletter.

PS. These little angels were freshmen in my last year as guidance counselor at Beca.





The 20th Year Reunion for the Class of '03

Mary Lucente '03 wrote... "We had a great time and turnout. ... Everyone commented on how nice it was to be together again, we have such a great class! Those not in attendance were bummed they couldn't make it as well. Here we are below... even a teacher showed up (to chaperone us.)"



Becahi Will Host A Young Alumni Day on Wednesday, November 22, from 11 AM until 1 PM in Our Cafeteria.

"If you or someone you know graduated from Becahi in the last ten years, tell them about our young Alumni Day, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, a traditional day for alumni to return to their alma maters. We will serve Pizza and soft drinks. Alumni who attend will receive a #BECAHI100 Mug. We will also begin recruiting professional mentors for the careers our recent alumni are interested in pursuing. If you want to be a mentor, email Tom Vresics at tvresics @becahi.org. If you are a young alumnus who wants to attend our Young Alumni Day, please email Tina Giordano at tgiordano@becahi.org." – Tom Vresics '81, Director of Advancement



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Now, about enrollment...

If there are less students in grade schools now than in the past, maybe we could try to get a higher *percentage* of the grads from *all* schools. One way could be...

Summer School

If many of the school classrooms are available/not used for most of June, July, and August.

There could be a 6-week session or maybe two 4-week sessions (or both).

What about a summer "bible camp" <u>for elementary school children?</u> What about summer classes for elementary school children?

- One wing of the school
- Religious activities and interest
- Remedial course work
- Classes that may be part of freshman curriculum
- Advanced coursework
- Other unique classes, such as:
 - English as a Second Language
 - Conversational Spanish
 - The Arts... (e.g., "Summer Stock", Band Camp, individual instrument and voice lessons, etc.)
 - Financial ideas and tips
 - Other ideas...

What about a summer "bible camp/retreat" for high school students? What about having summer classes for high school students?

- Becahi and Non-Becahi students
- One wing of the school
 - Summer Retreat activities
 - Remedial course work
 - Work-ahead...to free-up time for more classes in fall
 - Advanced Placement courses
 - The Arts... (e.g., "Summer Stock", Band Camp, individual instrument, and voice lessons, etc.)
 - Financial ideas and tips
 - Other ideas...



What about more regular and/or summer class suggestions:

- Introduction to Systems Thinking
- Introduction to Design Thinking
- Leadership Development
- Data Analytics
- Environmental Changes and Impacts
- Mental Health Issues and Impacts
- Cultural differences and acceptance
- Diversity in ethnicities, culture and thought
- Conversational Spanish
- English as a Second Language
- Financial Literacy
- Remote Learning environment
- Cybersecurity
- History of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Catholic
- Explorations of Bethlehem parishes origins and drivers in the 19th and 20th century (See "A History Lesson" later in the newsletter)
- What else can you think of?

If the ideas are good ones, then the next steps should be to identify HOW these ideas could work. Start with the positive...then list the roadblocks...then decide the course of action.

The time for imagination is now.

No idea expressed is a bad idea.

An idea not expressed is no idea at all.

Recognize that the sum is greater than the parts.

All spiritual, educational, athletic and artistic pursuits are interrelated. If they work together in a common cause, we cannot fail.

That calls for a strategic plan. If there is one, it would be good to share, so we could all work together.

Whaddya think? We'd love to hear from you!





A City of Bethlehem History Lesson...

...thanks to **Ronald J. Koach, Jr. '79,** Director of Ecclesiastical & Temporal Affairs, Pastoral Collaborator and Coordinator, Catholic Campus Ministry, Lehigh University.

SS. Cyril and Methodious Parish

Slovak immigrants came to south Bethlehem in search of jobs in local industries. Believing there was a need for a Slovak church, Monsignor William Heinen of Mauch Chunk purchased land from Lehigh University in 1891 and opened the Church of Saints Cyril and Methodius. The Monsignor sold off parcels of the remaining land to parishioners, creating a Slovak community on the Southside.

As immigration increased at the turn of the century, the congregation of Saints Cyril and Methodius began to outgrow the original church building. A new church was built on an adjacent plot and opened to the public in 1906 on Pentecost Sunday. The old building was converted into the parish school that opened three years later, and another larger school building was constructed in the mid-twentieth century to accommodate a growing population of baby boomer students.

In the 1970s and 1980s the school also incorporated students from other ethnic Catholic parishes as the Italian, Slovenian, and Hungarian parish schools closed because of declining enrollments. Saint "Cyril's", the first Slovak church in the diocese, actively preserved its ethnic culture in Bethlehem throughout the twentieth century. A Slovak mass was offered to parishioners until the church's closing in 2008 and the parish had a Slovak folk group, called Tatra Slovak, which was formed in 1977 and sought to preserve and celebrate Slovak culture in the form of dance, costume, and song.

The parish school also taught lessons in Slovak, with students learning the language from a reader called a chitanka. They were expected to greet their pastor in the language.

The church was known in the community for its adult choir, which was founded by Sister M. Clotilda in 1948. The choir sang at liturgies in both English and Slovak. Parishioner Nancy Hutt recalls that the choir was not just for adults. "When we were in sixth and seventh and eighth grade, we were considered the junior choir, so we would have to sing in the summertime, we had to sing in Latin, English or Slovak, and they would pull us out of school to sing at funerals."

Saints Cyril and Methodius was one of five churches that were closed and consolidated by the Diocese of Allentown in 2008, as the number of active members declined. That same year, the church building reopened as Incarnation of Our Lord, a blended parish made up of members representing five consolidated ethnic churches. http://incarnationofourlord.org/cemetery/

Between 1927 and 2008, there were over 500 Becahi grads who were members of Saint "Cyril's parish."



November: Remember the Saints in Heaven and the Souls in Purgatory

As we move into the final days of the year, let's remember and say a prayer for those fellow alumni who have gone to their heavenly reward in the past year.

Please remember and pray for the following...

- **⊕** Georgine Geary Case '40 (101 years young) 7/12/2023
- **Michael Maurer '41 (100 years young)** 3/27/2023
- **♦ Kathryn Reitmeir Fair '44** 1/4/2023
- ◆ Patricia Dwyer Bogar '48 10/3/23

- Dolores Mulzet Diefenderfer '53 4/20/2023
- **♦ Mary Ann Nemchick Kametz '53** 10/19/2022
- **† Constance Ammend Schubert '54** 3/21/2023
- ☆ Lucile Demyan Rich '55 11/11/2022
- **†** Maryann Kuchar '55 7/18/2023
- **♦ Suzanne "Sue" Molitorisz Egan '56** 6/26/2023
- ★ Kathryn "Kay" Fenerty Lynn '57 7/8/2023
- **☆ Kathleen "Kitty" O'Donnell '57** 2/25/2023
- **† Catherine Ortwein McShane '57** 3/31/2023
- ♣ Loretta Csordas Over '58 2/15/2023

- **Gus Garcsar '59** 8/19/2023
- **☆ Gilbert Stauffer '59** 1/11/2023
- **→ Joan Willey Thirion '59** 5/25/2023





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More Becahi Angels...

- **† Catherine "Fran" Dwyer Mies '60** 5/5/2023
- **⊕** Genevieve Martucci Hanchick '60 9/20/2023

- ☆ Harry Kirk '62 12/5/2022
- Programme Reilly Angerman '62 2/20/2023
- **† Edward Fertal '66** 5/26/2023
- **☆ Bruce Mayer '67** 8/13/2023

- ☆ Michael LaComare '68 5/8/2023
- **♣ Anne McCafferty Kenstowicz '68** 11/5/2022
- ₱ Paula Calvo Wilson '69 9/14/2023
- ♣ Rita Donegan Hicks '69 1/5/2023
- **†** Kathleen Gyorek Transue '70 6/30/2023
- ☆ James "Jim" Fink '73 7/3/2023
- ◆ Cynthia "Cindy" Walls Jenson '74 5/1/2023
- **☆ Kevin Murphy '75** 3/26/2023
- **☆ Gerald Finn '76** 7/24/2023
- ◆ Mary Beth Hudak Whitehead '82 9/5/2023
- ☆ Kevin Maga '86 3/31/2023
- ☆ Melvin Bachman '93 6/15/2023
- **♦ Sarah Lindsay Dudzic '02** 12/21/2022
- ☆ Gabriella Amato '23 4/3/2023



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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Patricia Dwyer Bogar	1948	10/03/2023	92
Maryellen Bush	1968	10/23/2023	72

Our Family and Friends Passings

- ₱ Paul Ahlum, husband of Yolanda Hartzell '70, on 10/07
- Helen Begany, mother of Stephen '73, David 77, and Diane '80, on 10/17
- ₱ Patricia Dwyer Bogar '48, mother of Maryanne Kostelnick '72, Joe Kostelnick '73, Patty Kostelnick '75, and the sister of the late Mary Dwyer Thomas '43, Generose Dwyer Carisio '46, and Barbara Dwyer Sullivan '61, on 10/03
- ₱ Maryellen Bush '68, sister of Eileen '65, on 10/23
- ♦ Veronica "Ronnie" Gorzelic, mother of James '82, on 10/01
- Roberta Heidecker, mother of **John '84, Rita '85, Annette '87** and Joseph, on 10/09
- Paul Kuehne, father of Tom '88, Jim, Peggy, and Jennifer, on 10/20
- → James McAndrew, father of Kelly '87 and Kim '92, and brother of Patricia '64, on 10/16
- ♣ Robert Stickle, father of James '07 and Dillon '10, and former Becahi football coach, on 10/29
- ... and please remember to say a special prayer for our classmates ...

Alice Finn Freeh (11/27/21) and Chris Gorski (11/13/72)

- ... who passed away during the month of November.
 - All I ask of you is forever to remember me as loving you.
 - ♪ Deep the joy of being together in one heart
 - and for me that's just where it is.
 - All I ask of you is forever to remember me as loving you.
 - As we make our way through all the joys and pain,
 - can we sense our younger, truer selves?
 - All I ask of you is forever to remember me as loving you.
 - Someone will be calling you to be there for a while.
 - Can you hear their cry from deep within?
 - All I ask of you is forever to remember me as loving you.
 - Laughter, joy and presence: the only gifts you are!
 - Have you time? I'd like to be with you.
 - All I ask of you is forever to remember me as loving you.

 - and then their shadows fade and disappear.
 - All I ask of you is forever to remember me as loving you.



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Sports Section

100 Years of Becahi Sports in 2026

Bethlehem Catholic High School Football 1926 - 1930

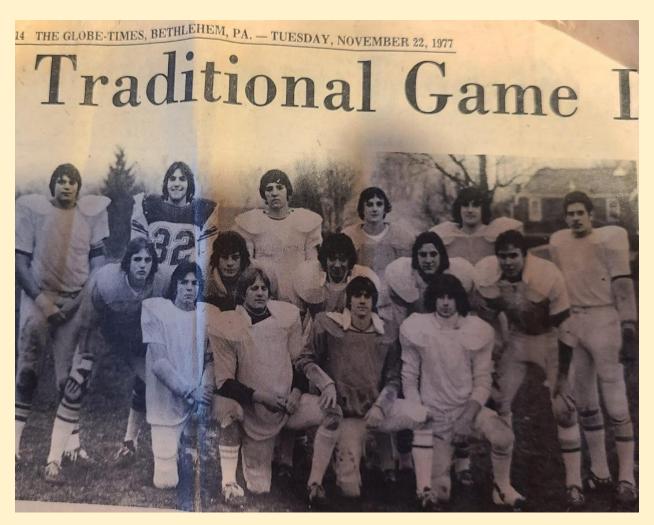
1926 -1930		0	utcom	ie	Po	oints	Avg Poir	nts/Game
Opponent	Games	Won	Loss	Tie	For	Against	For	Against
Allentown (William Allen)	2		1	1	6	42	3.0	21.0
Blythe Township	1	1			20	0	20.0	0.0
Catasauqua	1	1			12	0	12.0	0.0
Coaldale	2		1	1	6	8	3.0	4.0
Conshocken Catholic	1	1			13	0	13.0	0.0
Holy Spirit (Atlantic City)	2	1	1		38	18	19.0	9.0
LaSalle Prep	1	1			38	0	38.0	0.0
Mauch Chunk Catholic	2	1	1		68	9	34.0	4.5
Northeast (Phila) Catholic	2	2			54	0	27.0	0.0
Phillipsburg Catholic	3	1	2		68	21	22.7	7.0
Pottsville Catholic	3	3			110	6	36.7	2.0
Roman Catholic (Phila)	3		3		20	65	6.7	21.7
Salesianum (Wilmington, DE)	3		3		20	33	6.7	11.0
Shamokin	2	1	1		32	1	16.0	0.5
St. Jerome's (Tamaqua)	2	1	1		51	6	25.5	3.0
St. Joseph's Prep (Phila)	2		2		6	44	3.0	22.0
St. Mary's (Coaldale)	1	1			45	0	45.0	0.0
St. Matthew's (Conshohocken)	3	2		1	80	6	26.7	2.0
Tamaqua Catholic	1	1			6	0	6.0	0.0
West Catholic (Phila)	2		2		0	38	0.0	19.0
Totals 1926 - 1930	39	18	18	3	693	297	17.8	7.6
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John Rowe, Coach	1926	2	3	1	52	30	8.7	5.0
George Jacobs, Coach	1927	5	0	1	245	6	41.0	1.0
George Jacobs, Coach	1928	5	2	0	223	24	31.9	
John Conti, Coach	1929	2	7	1	71	123	7.1	12.3
John Conti, Coach	1930	4	6	0	102	94	10.2	9.4



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Alumni Sports Notables

Seniors from the Class of '78...



Top row L to R:

Mike Balik, Jim Bayer, Bill Dale, Gary Moritz, Steve Petrohoy, Luis Cordero.

Middle Row L to R:

Mike Laughlin, Steve Uliana, Rafe Perez, Spud Yasso, Jim Grube.

Bottom Row L to R:

John Cziraki, Dick Culligan, Pat McFadden, Mike DeAngelo.

The 1977 team, under Head Coach Rich Mazza, went 8-3, scoring 177 points and holding the opposition to 85 points, including 6 shut outs!



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Jordan Ellis-Lahey '23, a University of Northern Iowa freshman, led the Panthers with seven catches for 77 yards including a 39-yarder in a 27-20 victory over Indiana State in a Missouri Valley Conference contest on October 7th. He scored his first collegiate touchdown, a 2-yard reception, in a 44-41 upset victory over nationally ranked Youngstown State on September 30. – Morning Call, 10/13/23

2023 Fall Sports Season

Varsity Sports

Football

Tyler Ward, Head Coach, First Season!

Through 10/31: Won 5 – Lost 5, Next up: District XI Semifinals

Field Hockey Golf

Sarah Lumi, Coach, 3rd Season Mark Csencsits, Coach, 3rd Season

Season Complete: 2 Wins – 14 Losses Season Complete: 5 Wins – 10 Losses

Boys Soccer Girls Soccer

John Huhn, Coach, 3rd Season Brad Kratzer, Coach, 3rd Season Season Complete: Wins 3 – 15 Losses Season Complete: 11 Wins – 8 Losses

Girls Tennis Girls Volleyball

Dan Arkans, Coach, 1st Season
Season Complete: 6 Wins – 9 Losses
Through 10/25: 10 Wins – 7 Losses
District XI tourney underway

Cross Country

Krystyn Fenon, Coach, 1st Season

Boys Season Completed: Won 5 – Lost 6 Girls Season Completed: Won 1 – Lost 10



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... 642 graduates from 47 classes have been recognized so far this year in Tίθίπgs (see chart below), including 55 graduates from 46 classes in this Tίθίπgs edition alone! Find their stories at https://becahi.org/alumni/alumni-newsletter/

2023
BLinkedIn Names/Profiles and Classes Mentioned

Decades >	70 s	80s	90s	00 s	10 s	20 s	_
Year Endin	g						_
0		11	11	11	11		
1		11	11	12	11		
2		12	11	11	11		
3	18	22	22	22	23		
4	11	11	11	11	12		
5	11	11	11	11	12		
6	11	11	11	11	13		
7	12	13	12	11	14		Classe
8	22	22	23	22	31		47
9	11	11	11	11	6		Grad
	96	135	134	133	144	0	642

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").

Here's what I found this month...



Chuck Keeler '74, who studied IT at Northampton Community College and received a BS in Business Administration from Chadwick University, is General Manager, Managed Services for Ellucian, the worldwide leader of software and services designed for higher education, in the greater Philadelphia area.

Charles DiDonato '75, who received a BBA in marketing from Bloomsburg University, is Vice President at Energy Electrical Distribution, LLC in the Odessa/Midland Texas area.

Michelle Valentin Peterson '76, who received an MBA from Lehigh University, is Office Manager at H&R Block in Port Saint Lucie, FL.

Gerard Lewis '77, who received a BS in Business Administration from Kutztown University, is Vice President of Construction at MLP Builders, LLC in King of Prussia.

Marie Brockway '78, who received a BA in English from Mount St. Mary's University, is Senior Litigation Paralegal at Wolff & Samson, PC in Bethlehem.

Sonia Vazquez '78, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education from East Stroudsburg University, is a Principal in the Bethlehem Area School District.

Gerald Arth '79, who received his JD from Villanova University's Law School, is a Partner at Fox Rothschild LLP in Philadelphia.

Denise Caiazzo '80, who received a Bachelor's Degree from Dowling College and an MS in School Counseling from Long Island University, is an Elementary School Counselor at the Longwood Central School District in Sayville, NY.

Lisa Dale Fafard '81, who received a BA in Management from Moravian University, is a Senior Business IT Financial Analyst at Cobham Advanced Electronics Solutions in Lansdale.

Fran Holahan '82, who received a BS in Mathematics from Moravian University has experience as a UNIX Systems Engineer, Linux System Administrator, Storage Administrator, IT Support Specialist, and is currently looking for a new opportunity.

Lisa McMurtrie '83, who studied at Churchman's Business School and Allentown Business School, is Lease Administrator at Gallelli Real Estate in Easton.

Robert Smerdon '83, is now retired and living in Myrtle Beach. (Nice.)

Brian Slowey '84, who received a BA in Economics from the University of Pittsburgh, is National Account Manager of Alltrade Tools LLC in Carmel IN.



Christopher Lienhard '85, a U.S. Army Veteran, is a Security Technician at McDean in Harpers Ferry, WV.

Christine Milkovitz Gentilcore '86, who received a BSN from Penn State University, is Project Director at ICON plc, providing a full range of consulting, development, and commercialization services from a global network of offices in 53 countries, in Macungie.

Michael Toczek '87, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Theology from Loyola University, Maryland, is EFL (English as a Foreign Language) Teacher and Translator IT>EN (Italian to English), in Copertino, Apulia, Italy.

Robert Sicinski '88, who received a BS in Business Operations from Penn State University, and an MBA from the University of North Carolina, is Manager of Demand and Inventory Planning at CertainTeed Corporation/Saint-Gobain in Allentown.

Robert Zeller '88, who received a BS in Chemistry from West Chester University, is a Broker Associate at Re/Max Southern Shores, in Murrells Inlet, SC.

Darlene Edwards Mayernik '89, who received a BS in Economics from King's College, is a Broker Associate at Keller Williams Realty in Robbinsville, NJ.

Eric Dittemore '90, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science from Penn State University, is now employed at Merck.

Rae Ann Milisits Cook '91, who received a BS in Neuroscience from the University of Scranton and an MS in Quality Engineering from Lehigh University, is Vice President, Supply Chain Culture & Capability Development at Johnson & Johnson in New Brunswick.

Edward Tabor '92, who received a Bachelor's Degree in English Language from Kutztown University and an MA in English from Lehigh University, is an <u>English Teacher</u> at Becahi!

Matthew Link '93, who received a BA in Political Science from DeSales University, an MEd in Special Education from Lehigh University, and an EdD from Vanderbilt Peabody College, is the Superintendent of Northern Lehigh School District.

Melissa Olivi Williams '93, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing research from Cedar Crest College and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Gwynedd Mercy University, is 2nd Grade Teacher at St. Anne School in Bethlehem.



Tim Balshi '94, who received a BS in Economics and Spanish from King's College, is President of MillPress Imports, an Award-winning olive oil producer, importer, bottler, and distributor of the freshest, highest-quality bulk extra virgin olive oil and vinegar products, in Bethlehem.

Jennifer Hoffner '95, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Communication, Advertising from Rowan University, is a Freelance copy Editor with a demonstrated history of working in the publishing industry, in Allentown.

Brandon Csaszar '96, who received a BS in Business Management and an MA in Educational / Instructional Technology from Fairfield University, is Senior Therapeutic Specialty Representative at Gilead Sciences in the greater Tampa Bay area.

Andrea Carpency Janicki '97, who received a BS in Psychology and Biochemistry from Chestnut Hill College, is Group Project Manager at Almac Group in Collegeville.

Stacie Bendel Behme '98, who received a BS in Business Administration from St. Joseph's University and an MBA from Strayer University, is Business Intelligence Manager at Verizon Business in Basking Ridge, NJ.

Jennifer Tallarico Lasso '98, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education from Alvernia University and an MEd in Curriculum and Instruction from Moravian University, is Assistant Principal at Liberty High School.

John Lax '99, is a Licensed Real Estate Agent at Keller Williams in Bethlehem.

Daniel Meares '00, who received a BS in Business Administration and a Master's in Health Administration (MHA) from the University of Scranton, is a Hospital Contracting Executive for Humana in Doylestown.

Noel Panebianco '01, who received a BA in History from Villanova University and an MA in World History from New York University, is Events Manager, Institute of International Education in the Washington DC metropolitan area.

Matthew Bickert '02, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Math and Accounting from Wilkes University, is Chief Financial Officer at Greater Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce in Wilkes Barre.

Annie Boig McMullen '03, who received a BS in Marketing from Lehigh University and an MS in Higher Education Management from the University of Pennsylvania, is Head of Campus Recruiting at KKR & Co. Inc., a global investment firm investing across private markets in every asset class all over the world, in New York City.



Mary Lucente '03, who received a BA in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh, was General Manager of FoodFirst Global Restaurants, the parent company of Brio Italian Mediterranean and Bravo Cucina Italiana, in Whitehall.

Peter Donchez '04, who received a BS in Finance, Accounting from Lehigh University, is an Investment Specialist for JP Morgan in the greater New York City metropolitan area.

Matthew Kushner '05, who was a Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies Scholar from North Carolina State University, is International Account Manager for SCHOTT Pharma, designing solutions grounded in science to ensure medicines are safe and easy to use for people around the world, in Raleigh, NC.

Peter Houdek '06, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Athletic Training from Duquesne University and an MS in Exercise Science from California University in Pennsylvania, is an Athletic Trainer at UPMC, a world-renowned health care provider and insurer, in Pittsburgh.

Nicole DiRado '07, who received a BA in Cultural Anthropology and an MEd from Cedar Crest College, is Program Advisor/Coordinator of Data Science MS at Lehigh University.

Britney Castro Keim '08, who received a BS in Organizational & Community Leadership from the University of Delaware, is Marketing and Listing Coordinator at Don Wenner Team | eXp Realty, in the Lehigh Valley.

Bryan Campbell '08, who received a BS in Computer Science, Digital Art, from DeSales University, is a Software Engineer at PowerSchool Group LLC, the leading provider of cloud-based software for K-12 education in North America, in Bethlehem.

Lauren Xiques '09, who received a BSC in Physical Therapy from Saint Francis University, is a Physical Therapist at St. Luke's University Health Network.

Ivy Ochieng '10, who received a BA in Architecture from Lehigh University and an MBA from Cornell University's Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management, is Senior Associate at JPMorgan Chase & Co. in the greater New York City area.

Moe Woodward '11, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Integrative Media from Wilkes University, a Master's Degree in Digital Media and a PhD in Education from Drexel University, is an Assistant Professor (games and emerging technology) at Wilkes University.



Todd Yildiran '12, who received a BS in Finance from Penn State University, is Sales Director at Birlasoft, IT Services and Consulting, in Bethlehem.

Joshua Alpha '13, who received a BA in Business Administration from Kutztown University, is District Manager at Vector Marketing in Scranton.

Joseph Duda '13, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from Marywood University and a Master's Degree in Philosophy from the University of Mississippi, is a Graduate Assistant, working on his PhD at Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

Bianka Feher '14, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Psychology from East Stroudsburg University, is a Graduate Assistant in Human Resources at West Chester University.

Greg Dante '15, who studied at Northampton Community College and Kutztown University, is Loyalty Marketing Representative @ Wind Creek Casino Bethlehem.

Kristina Palmisano '16, who received a BS in Finance from Susquehanna University and an MBA from Lehigh University, is Senior Financial Analyst at B. Braun Medical, Inc in Bethlehem.

Jordan Catrombon '17, who received a BS in Environmental Biology from Towson University and an MS in Environmental Sciences and Policy from Johns Hopkins University, is Environmental Health Specialist for Worcester County Health Department in Salisbury, MD.

Nicholas Cenek '18, who received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Penn State University, is Associate Engineer at Naval Nuclear Laboratory in Bethel Park, PA.

Allison Toth '18, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from Penn State University, is a Graduate Recruiter for Lehigh University's College of Business.

Courtney Truskolasky '18, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Penn State University, is a Systems Engineer at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, VA.

Aidirelys Velez '18, who received an AA in Business Administration from Northampton Community College, is Member Experience Associate at First Commonwealth Federal Credit Union in Bethlehem. She is also actively looking for more career growth opportunities.



Margaret Benzing '19, who received a BS in Operations and Supply Chain Management from Drexel University, is an ambitious learner with a passion for the beauty industry and is a Global Supply Chain Associate at L'Oréal for Ralph Lauren in the greater Philadelphia area.

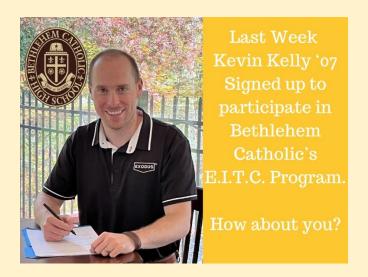
Megan Hoskins '19, who studied at Bloomsburg University and received an Associate's Degree in Marketing from Columbus Community College, is looking to start her first semester at the Ohio State University this fall to complete a Bachelor's Degree in Fashion Retail Studies.

From the Advancement Office Tom Vresics '81, Director

"Introducing the Bethlehem Catholic High School 2023 – 2024 Business Directory

The Becahi Business Directory is a great way to share business information within the Bethlehem Catholic High School family, as well as connecting with businesses throughout the wider school community. Thank you to our directory members and sponsors for sharing your information and for strengthening our school network. Copy the link below and paste it to your browser for more information."

https://becahi.org/advancement/becahi-business-directory/





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Reflection

Colors of the Wind written by Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz

- You think I'm an ignorant savage
- You've been so many places
- I guess it must be so
- But still I cannot see
- If the savage one is me
- How can there be so much that you don't know?
- You don't know ...
- You think you own whatever land you land on
- The Earth is just a dead thing you can claim
- But I know every rock and tree and creature
- Has a life, has a spirit, has a name
- You think the only people who are people
- Are the people who look and think like you
- ♪ But if you walk the footsteps of a stranger
- You'll learn things you never knew you never knew
- Or asked the grinning bobcat why he grinned?
- Can you sing with all the voices of the mountains?
- Can you paint with all the colors of the wind?
- Can you paint with all the colors of the wind?
- Come run the hidden pine trails of the forest
- Come taste the sunsweet berries of the Earth
- Come roll in all the riches all around you
- ♪ And for once, never wonder what they're worth
- The rainstorm and the river are my brothers
- The heron and the otter are my friends
- And we are all connected to each other
- In a circle, in a hoop that never ends
- How high does the sycamore grow?
- If you cut it down, then you'll never know
- And you'll never hear the wolf cry to the blue corn moon
- For whether we are white or copper skinned
- We need to sing with all the voices of the mountains
- We need to paint with all the colors of the wind
- You can own the Earth and still
- All vou'll own is Earth until
- You can paint with all the colors of the wind



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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...

If you have any stories, comments, concerns, opinions, etc., that you'd like to share, please let us know.

Previous Issues of the Tibings can be found on the school's website by copying the following link and pasting it to your browser... https://becahi.org/alumni/alumni-newsletter/

Sincerely, JohnnieO (John O'Boyle '70) jobisob1@yahoo.com

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