



As the last teams of the year get to the meat of their seasons we look back and marvel at how all of these athletes, coaches, team parents, managers, trainers and volunteers worked together to make athletics a reality for Charlotte Catholic this year. It was no easy feat, teams juggled schedules with quarantines, shared game and practice fields, and worked as hard as possible to be FLEXIBLE! We had thermometers at the gates, parent packs of tickets and live streaming as part of our everyday lives. Our normal worry of weather cancelations took a back burner to contact tracing and social distancing, but still we persevered and got it done because these kids want to compete! We have been blessed by this community and its leadership who worked diligently so that our student athletes had the opportunity to express their God given talents despite the pandemic and world we are living in.

While we were determined to have our athletes compete, we had the double challenge of lowered revenues and increased expenses. Our normal Friday night lights in the fall is a huge source of revenue that supports all of our teams, and this was greatly diminished due to limited spectators and the inability to sell season passes. Our facility rentals increased because we had teams with overlapping schedules and alas, just one field for home competition. Much of our funding comes from gates, passes, fees and fundraisers. Gratefully, last fall we had successful fall golf and tennis tournaments along with our annual brick sale that buoyed us into spring. Now we have 2 more events that can help amend our revenues for this year and we need your support!

1. Our Student Athlete Raffle is underway. **We are asking all student athletes to sell 10 raffle tickets, by registering [here](#).** Once they register, they will receive a link to send to family and friends asking them to support Athletics at Charlotte Catholic. We will draw 1 winner of 2-\$500 gift cars on 5/7. There are prizes for students that sell along the way, including top seller, and a random drawing from all the kids who sell 10 tickets. Teams with highest percent participation and highest sales will win milkshake parties. This is the how we ask our student athletes to help raise revenue that helps pay for their teams!
2. Our final home game for football is this Friday at 7:30pm in Keffer Stadium. We can be at 50% capacity which will do much for our revenue this year. But we need your help! Without volunteers to run the game, we will not be able to show how Charlotte Catholic and the Red Machine have become the legendary program they are. Please consider volunteering [here](#).

As always, we are grateful to this community for the support of our players, coaches, programs and facilities. We know that you are essential to our success although this year has been more than unusual, we have been able to field our teams and work together to be Charlotte Catholic Cougars!

Go Cougars,
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