

Dear Trojan Alumni,

This week Bishop Chatard is celebrating Homecoming, and while things look quite different than previous years, some things just never change. Students are showing their school spirit, both on campus and while learning virtually, by participating in dress up and theme days. Nominations & votes for Homecoming Court are being cast. And excitement for the Homecoming Football game is brewing. And although we can't all gather under the lights to cheer on the Trojans, I invite you to tune into our livestream on our school Facebook page ([@BishopChatardHS](https://www.facebook.com/BishopChatardHS)) to show your school pride and cheer on the team from afar.

The fall season is usually a bustling time of year when everyone comes together for athletic events, class reunions, fundraisers and more. Even though this fall is far from normal, every member of the Trojan Community has done an amazing job shifting gears and coming up with creative ways to keep moving forward.

Executive Director of Mission Integration, Steven Patzke, shared a few ways campus ministry has pivoted this Fall while continuing to focus on faith formation, Christian leadership and service.

“Campus Ministry has been innovating this new school year! Weekly all-school Mass has been reimagined, with a different class in the gym each week and a live stream that the remaining students watch from their classrooms or homes. Retreats have happened in person, too. The Freshmen Days of Reflection happened last week -- they planted their Class of 2024 tree in front of BCHS. The theme of the retreat was ‘rooted in faith.’ As our freshmen’s faith grows over the next four years, the tree grows, too! Then they can come take pictures with it at class reunions to mark the growth. Sophomore Retreats are in full swing with CYO Camp Rancho Framasa coming to BCHS to lead challenge course activities and ground-based initiatives for our students. We held a Prayer Service for Racial Justice a few weeks ago where our school community was challenged to teach about and to witness to the intrinsic dignity of the human person as an antidote to the grave sin of racism.”

[Click here to view the prayer service on Racial Justice.](#)

Another Fall tradition is our Annual Fund Dinner when we'd typically all gather together on campus to kick off the new school year and raise funds to support our teachers and students. This year, we went virtual with the event. Head over to our website to check out the video at www.bishopchatard.org/giving/annual-fund-dinner.

We hope you will generously support the work we do to provide the programs, resources, and facilities necessary to ensure each student's success by making a gift to the Annual Fund Drive. I would also like to congratulate this year's recipients of the Achievement Awards - Gary Pritts, Faculty and Staff Honoree; Kari Guymon, Volunteer Honoree; The Joe & Barb Krier Foundation, Alumni Honoree; and Ed Sahm & Sahm's Restaurant Group, Community Honoree. If you see them, please be sure to congratulate them on their hard work and dedication to Bishop Chatard's mission.

I hope you and your families remain safe and healthy. If the Bishop Chatard community can support you in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out. Trojans are better together!

Sincerely,

Kelly Stuhldreher, Coordinator of Alumni Relations