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# Youngstown Diocesan Confederation of Teachers

## President's Message

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Our annual Christmas brunch will be held on Sunday, December 4th, at 10:00 a.m. at Rachel's in Austintown. Hope to see many of you there.

Thanks to the Building Representatives and the Officers for all that they do.

We are very grateful!





# The Youngstown Diocesan Confederation of Teachers



Invites all Members and Retirees to our

## 31st Annual Christmas Breakfast

### Sunday, December 4, 2022

10:00 a.m. at Rachel's Restaurant  
54 Westchester Dr #23, Youngstown 44514



Please RSVP by November 18, 2022.

Complete the reply form below, & submit it to your building representative.

(Retirees should mail the form to the Confederation office:  
8090 Market Street, Suite 1, Youngstown OH 44512)

*Reminder: You can access our newsletters, this invitation, and other YDCT info at: [ydct.us](http://ydct.us)*

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The cost of the Confederation member's breakfast is compliments of the Confederation.  
Guests may attend at a cost of \$15.00 via check made payable to:  
Youngstown Diocesan Confederation of Teachers. (Check must accompany reply form.)

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I cannot attend.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I plan to attend.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am bringing \_\_\_\_\_ as my guest. (Please attach check.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to your building representative by Nov 18, 2022! Thank you!

# News From the Front

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



### St. Rose School

St. Rose welcomed Father Jordan Kelly, O.P. as the new pastor for St. Rose Church this year. We also welcomed a new principal Mr. Anthony Catale and new teachers Bob Gardner (PE & Health), Amanda Leone (Middle School Religion), Nick Mediate (Computers and Technology) and Olivia Tanner (4th grade). We started the year with a whole school mass to celebrate the feast day of St. Rose on August 23. Our students learned about the caring loving nature of our patron Saint. Our first service project- a penny drive to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society was a great success. Overall 750 pounds of change was collected and our Kindergarten class collected the most, 133 pounds, and won a pizza party with our principal! Our home and school hosted our first ever Family Tailgate before the Ursuline football game on September 30th. There was a DJ, food truck and games for the kids. Fun was had by all. Fall sports were off to a great start; and we look forward to a great winter season of sports and activities. May God Bless us all in the new school year!



# News From the Front

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

### St. James School

St. James school is off to a wonderful start. We welcome a new principal, Sandie Fusillo; as well as a new 2nd grade teacher, Allie Eyster. We just celebrated Grandparent's Day Friday, September 30th, and had an amazing turnout. Every student had a grandparent or special guest show. Kindergarten-6th grade students sang a few songs, showed their guests around the school and enjoyed donuts with them. Kindergarten-6th grade also went on a whole school field trip to Nickajack Farms, Monday, October 3. Students learned about how pumpkins grow, went on a hayride around the farm, played and of course got to pick a pumpkin to take home with them.



### St. Nicholas School

Students, staff and faculty of St. Nicholas School are off to a great start to the school year. Students are learning and growing academically. Students enjoyed learning about Constitution Day and participated in many activities with their classrooms, learning why we celebrate and the importance of the Constitution. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new pastor Father Rogers. Students love attending Mass and seeing him. As the leaves begin to fall and weather starts to cool, students are excited for the Fall activities ahead. We are blessed at St. Nicholas school.



### JFK Lower

Greetings from JFK Lower Campus! Happy Fall to everyone! We are Blessed to be enjoying a beautiful beginning to our new school year of 2022-2023. A sad "Good-Bye" to Krista Moltchan, and a "Warm Welcome" to Melissa Karman, our new Fourth Grade teacher at the Lower Campus. Congratulations to Anthony Catale, accepting the position of Principal at Saint Rose School. Welcome to new Junior High teachers Justin Prommersberger, Kathleen Studer, and Tara Bartosik. We are especially honored to be working with Dr. Wright in conjunction with our school Catholic Identity theme of "Honoring Mother Teresa", thank you for all that you have done for us. Have a wonderful school year everyone!

# John F. Kennedy Lower Campus - continued from previous page



### Holy Family School

Holy Family School has had a really busy start in 2022. Our sports teams have begun their seasons. This includes cross-country, football, cheerleading and 4th, 5th, and 6th grade basketball. HFS has many clubs. We have Beta Club, Student Council, and Newspaper Club to name a few. HFS also has had and will be having many activities. September 21-22 was Book Fair. Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on September 29. October 15 will be our Father/Daughter Dance. Spirit week will follow October 17-21. Monday is Superhero Day, Tuesday is Decade Day (dress in 50s, 60s, etc.), Wednesday is Sport Day, Thursday is Pajama day, and Friday is Mooney/Ursuline Day. October 28 is our Bonfire/Tailgate in the School yard. Our 7th and 8th graders are beginning to prepare for the English Festival. We will soon be starting our Penny Wars with Saint Charles School to collect money for childhood cancer. Our 6th graders are making plans to go to Camp Fitch November 9, 10, and 11. We are so blessed to be able to get back to all these activities.



### MIDDLE SCHOOL

### St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School



Our STA middle school is prepping for their first halloween dance on Oct 29th for the middle school students. The middle school student council has been working very hard on this dance and look forward to all the students that will be coming out in fun costumes this fall! STA is also starting to collect items for the

Homeless Care Kits where students and staff will donate gloves, hats, socks, soaps, etc. to help homeless people this winter.

**St. Thomas Aquinas High School**



Even though we are almost reaching the end of the first quarter, STA would like to welcome back all the Diocesan schools. We, at STA, would like to welcome Jennifer Jones and Tim Thieret to our teaching staff. Ms. Jones will be teaching art for us and comes with many years of prior experience. Mr. Thieret, a former fireman, has only had a few years in his new profession, but we thank him for his services in his first. He will be teaching in the Math department. With these two additions, we are still proud to say that our Union membership is at 100%. As the holiday seasons are approaching, we

all understand the need to help our fellow citizens in these trying times. We hope that all the Diocesan schools have great success in their efforts collecting items for each of the fundraisers that they hold. As we know, this is a tremendous help to those in need in the community and only shines a greater light on who we are and what our schools are about. This also instills a better understanding of service to our students.

Here at STA we have started the collection of items for our “Homeless Care Kits.” This is in large part due to Beth Frank who oversees these types of fundraisers. We have many more plans and will continue not only throughout the semester, but throughout the whole year.

Our sport’s season is about to end and another is preparing. Good luck to all the teams that are moving on to the postseason. Those that are finishing up the final contests, hopefully you had some success and growth throughout the season.

**Cardinal Mooney High School**

A very busy start to the new school year at CMHS!! We welcome several new faces to our building. Nick Beyer is in the dual role of President/Principal, Rick Shepas is new to the position of Assistant Principal as well as new teachers--Joyce Newell (English), Ashley Cunningham (English), Stephanie Chizmar (Music), Anna Cincinnato (Italian), Bob Osthoff (Math), and Tyrell Rodgers (Health/Phys. Ed). We are also welcoming back Sue Trewella as our Campus Minister this year as she graciously agreed to come out of retirement to help with the transition with our new administration.

Everyone is getting settled in as we head towards the festivities of Ursuline-Mooney week and as we end our first quarter. It is hard to believe how fast the time is going---don't blink, it will be Christmas!!

**Ursuline High School**

Ursuline High School was proud to open its doors for our 118th year to over 500 students, including over 140 freshmen! We are also excited to welcome a number of new faces to the teaching staff for the 2022 -2023 school year! Our new teachers include Marco Fiorante, Madeline Handel '18, Joy Huber, Kevin McLane, Tiffany Palermo '02, and Michael Rehm. We are also thrilled to welcome Janice O'Neill back from retirement! Ursuline also congratulates John DeSantis '05 and his wife, Lauren on the recent birth of their first child, daughter Mia Rose.

**Central Catholic High School**

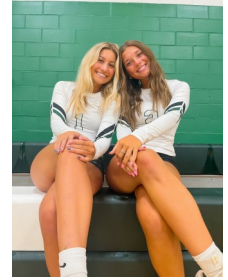
Central welcomed three new teachers; Angel Edgell, Marie Isner and Lane Knore. We are blessed to have them join the Central Catholic staff this year and pray they have a wonderful year. We also have a new dean of students, Nicole Singer and president, Father Donald King.



## Central Catholic High School - continued from previous page

This month seniors had their Senior Retreat at Camp Wanake and the underclassmen participated in a Community Outreach Day and went out into the community to help and serve at many different locations.

This week we lost junior Jacob Brown who died in a car accident. May he rest in peace. He will be greatly missed. We continue to pray for his family and friends and for all who have lost loved ones.



## Reminders:

### Check Your Pay

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We should all check our pay stubs to make sure the deductions are correct.

It is our responsibility to let our bookkeepers and the Confederation know of any changes affecting our benefits, etc. This includes changes of address.

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### Delta Dental

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Dependent children who are over age 19 will only remain covered if they are full time college students **and** are unmarried **and** are listed as dependents on the parental IRS form. Further, dental coverage only extends, even in all three of these circumstances, until the dependent is age 25.

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**"Trade unions have been an essential force for social change, without which a semblance of a decent and humane society is impossible under capitalism."  
Pope Francis**



*Among the basic rights of the human person must be counted the right of freely founding labor unions.*

*These unions should be truly able to represent the workers and to contribute to the proper arrangement of economic life.*

*(#68, Gaudium et Spes, Vatican II)*



# YDCT Executive Board

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