



NEWS FROM THE NEST

Homecoming 2025



Royalty crowned at GACC School

Members of the GACC Homecoming Court are, from left, front: King Isaac Guenther and Queen Josie Ritter; back: Dereck Pena Romero, Maverik Smith, Breckyn Haase and Ava Knobbe.

Scholarships available

Are you in college?

Do you have a son, daughter or grandchild in college that graduated from Guardian Angels Central Catholic?

Alumni Scholarships are available for Spring of 2026 as the Louis and Abby Faye Dinklage Foundation continues their commitment to Cuming County and education.

The Louis and Abby Faye Dinklage Foundation of Wisner will make available 44 \$1000 scholarships for alumni (sophomores, juniors, and seniors in college) of Cuming County who are full-time college students.

An application form is required for this scholarship even if students have received it in previous years. These scholarships may be applied to vocational training programs or a bachelor degree program where students are enrolled full time.

They are not applicable for second bachelor degree or master degree programs. Also, if students have received four previous awards, they are no longer eligible. Students who are a non-traditional student and working on a first degree may be eligible for an alumni scholarship.

To get an application, go to gaccbluejays.org - high school - school counselor - alumni scholarships. Applications are due Friday, December 10.

There are a limited number of scholarships, and preference is given to early applicants.

BIRTHS

Logan '18 & Alyssa Kreikemeier, daughter, Willa Jo, DOB 6/10/25

Isaac '15 & Rachel Kreikemeier, daughter, Claire Nicole, DOB 7/10/25

Chelsea (Franzuebbers) '08 & Taylor Werner, son, Bo Timothy, DOB 8/1/25

Joe '10 & Sierra Knobbe, daughter, Ivy Rae, DOB 10/1/25

WEDDINGS

Josh Jansen '21 married Paige Rolf '21 on 7/26/25

Jared Seeman '09 married Raegan Anderson on 8/30/25

DEATHS

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Dennis Stalp '51, DOD 7/23/25

Steven Throener '72, DOD 7/24/25

Edward Eusterbrock '62, DOD 7/29/25

Douglas Peterson '72, DOD 8/19/25

Bernice (Stalp) Hassler '45, DOD 8/22/25

Jacob Wiechman '01, DOD 8/24/25

Elizabeth (Randel) Watson '76, DOD 10/5/25



GACC's Enrichment camp

Pumpkins were flying in the elementary Pumpkin Catapult Enrichment Camp held during October.



New staff joins GACC School

New teachers at GACC School are, from left, Morgan Peatrowsky, Nina Bradley and Emma Haberman.



‘Snack and chat’

GACC’s 3rd Grade studied elements by reading a story; they then used a story rope to review the parts of the story through “snack and chat.”

4th Annual Jay Run a success

Once again, Bluejay Nation stepped up (pun intended) and raised \$17,407.01 during the Booster Club Jay Run on October 1.

These funds will be used for upgrades of the basketball hoops in the Activity Center big gym, as well as helping to support other activities. Thank you to all donated to our Jay Run!



Top Left: Enjoying a walk in the park during the Jay Runs is, from left, Isabella Onate, Isabella Nesladek and Weldon Johnson.
Above: Running is Paisley Jacobsen.
Left: Braxton Schmader gives it his all.



GACC MISSION

To prepare all students to reach their fullest potential by learning and leading through Christ.

As the NEW SCHOOL YEAR kicks off, we would like to give an update on progress of the **GACC Capital Campaign**. As a reminder, we have a two-phase, \$9 million goal. Phase One is to help with increasing teachers' salaries and campus infrastructure upgrades. We are thrilled to have had **\$4.4 million pledged** to the campaign with \$2.9 million of that collected so far. Our dedicated teachers and staff are the cornerstone of a great Catholic education and the campaign is committed to increasing salaries to retain and reward staff with competitive pay. Some of the campus infrastructure improvements that have been made possible from those donations are new HVAC systems in the Elementary School and Activity Center, new boilers in the High School, and a new security door on the south side of the High School. Thanks to Jayfest funding, two bathrooms in the High School were able to be remodeled. The project of replacing the roof on the GA Auditorium is next on the list of maintenance upgrades.

This year we were fortunate enough to receive the Lavigne Grant. It will match new donations made in the year 2025 (money that has already been pledged prior to 2025 doesn't count towards it) up to \$200,000. **We are currently at \$130,000.** If you haven't made a donation yet, please consider a donation by the end of the year so we can raise another \$70,000 to be able to fully utilize this grant for the school.

We are pleased with the success of Phase One and getting ready to roll into Phase Two – additional classroom space. The facilities committee has been working very hard to get a campus master plan put together. We expect to have a rendering done to be able to lay out the vision for the new school space before the end of this year.

It's exciting to see so many big projects get crossed off the list and see a path for the future start to take shape. Thank you to everyone that has donated and supported this campaign. If you haven't made a donation yet, please consider helping to invest in the future of GACC. Information on how to donate can be found at gaccbluejays.org, contacting **GACC President Andrew Bradley** at andrew.bradley@gaccbluejays.org or **(402) 372-5326 x115**, or reaching out to any of the Capital Campaign members that are listed on the back.

It's a GREAT DAY to be a BLUEJAY!

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