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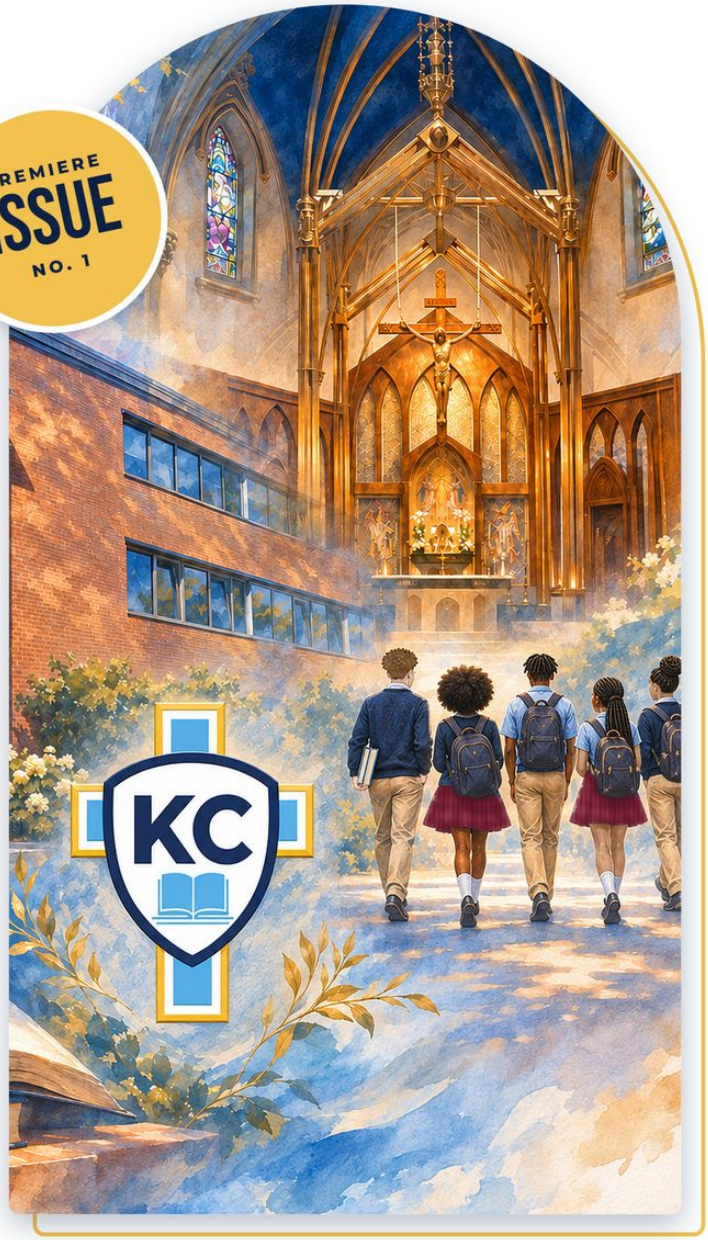
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A busy, *grateful* first quarter



The Class of 2027 in their first picture together as seniors, in front of the cathedral.

Dear Kolbe Cathedral Prep Family,

I hope you all are enjoying our beautiful gift from God! The colors are all magnificent and the temps have made any time outside so bright and comfortable.

Here at school, we have had a very busy first marking period, which ended on Friday, and you can view report cards through your parent portal. Please remember to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions about grades received. Again, I am reminding you that the Success Center is an excellent resource for tutoring and any other extra help that is needed. The Center is open until 4:00 each day. Additionally, teachers are available after school as well.

The Gillis Literacy Center had its formal opening celebration on October 30th. This beautiful space will provide the training needed for teachers to enhance reading skills in their classrooms. We are so grateful for this gift from Mr. & Mrs. Gillis.

All fall sports have ended and we are preparing for the winter schedules in girls and boys basketball, indoor track and bowling. Parents, please remember how important it is for students to be a part of an activity after the school day ends. There are also multiple clubs available; please go to the school's website to see the full menu of offerings. The Pop Choir is still accepting students who want to sing and represent the school in the community!

Just a word about attendance: students should remain home when they are sick. If they go to see a healthcare provider, please give us that documentation. We closely monitor attendance, and please expect outreach from your child's counselor when days out of school reach an unacceptable level.

Parents, as we come into the holiday season, I want to tell you again of my gratitude for sending your child to our school. I, along with our faculty and staff, work every day to serve the needs of all of our students. I urge you to keep in contact with us when there are things you need to share or issues we can assist you with.

Please be sure to view our new and spectacular website!

With gratitude each day,

Camille Figluizzi
PRINCIPAL

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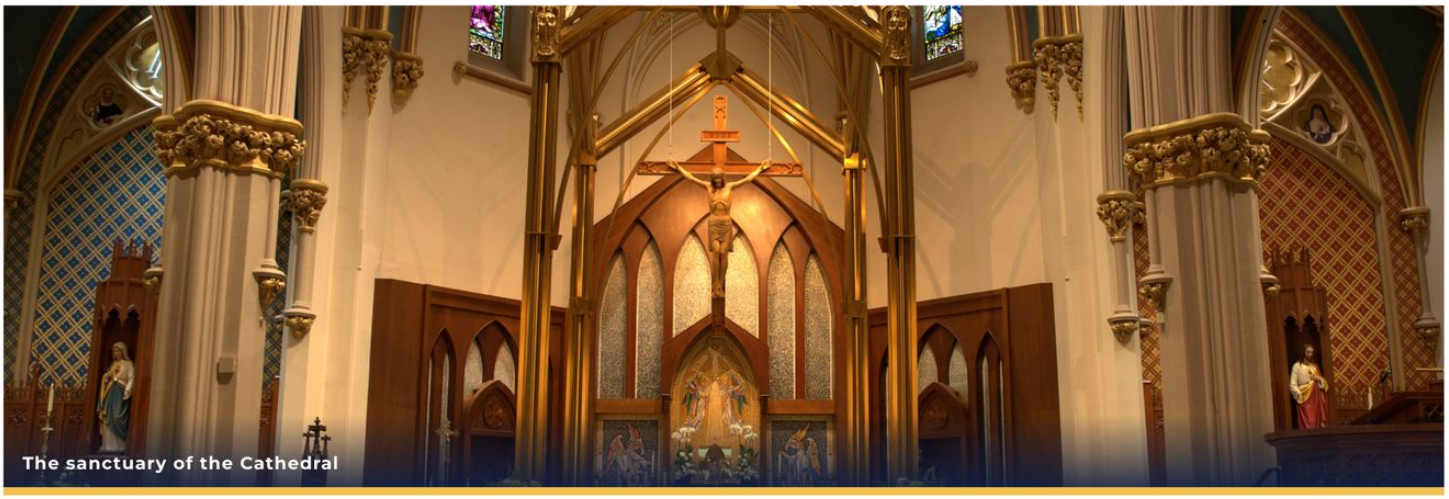
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CAMPUS MINISTRY

A year begun *in faith*

BY FATHER GREGORY



The sanctuary of the Cathedral

The beginning of our new academic year was marked by the celebration of the Mass of the Holy Spirit on September 16. The whole school community, students, teachers, and staff, attended this special liturgy, accompanied by the beautiful hymns of the Kolbe choir, the great service of our altar servers, and a message from the celebrant on using the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The school community is off to a great start with the Lord's blessing.

Retreat days

Between September and October, our freshmen, sophomores, and juniors attended spiritual retreats at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Trumbull. The seniors will make their retreat in April 2027. With meaningful reflections from our retreat teams, the celebration of the Mass, and free time filled with games and laughter, students experienced a special day of prayer and community while reflecting on their relationship with God.

Looking ahead

We look forward to our next school Mass in November, and we continue to gather each class for weekly Masses. We are excited to involve students in more faith-related activities proposed by our newly established Campus Ministry, and to prepare for the start of Advent as we look ahead to Christmas.

UPCOMING LITURGIES

NOV 18	School Mass
NOV 29	First Sunday of Advent
DEC 2	Advent Reconciliation, grades 9 and 10
DEC 7	Advent Reconciliation, grades 11 and 12
DEC 14	School Mass
DEC 21	Lessons and Carols in the Cathedral
JAN 6	School Mass for St. Maximilian Kolbe, our patron saint
JAN 27	Catholic Schools Week Mass

A PRAYER FOR FAMILIES AT THE END OF THE DAY

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Heavenly Father, we come together as a family at the conclusion of this day. We thank you for the many times you have blessed and guided us. Your protective and mighty hand helps us through the moments of our day. Thank you for keeping us together, granting us moments of joy, and walking with us through challenges. We entrust to you all our prayers and intentions, and ask you to watch over our loved ones and grant us rest and peace through the night.

OUR NAME

Why we call it *The Max*

Our newsletter is named for our school's patron saint, a friar who ran a magazine, a publishing house, and a radio station.

Every school paper needs a name. Ours comes from the saint whose name is on our school.

St. Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish Franciscan friar who believed the press could carry the Gospel to ordinary people. In 1922 he launched a monthly magazine, the *Knight of the Immaculata*. Five years later he founded Niepokalanów, a friary outside Warsaw that grew into a major Catholic publishing center, and in 1938 it went on the air with its own radio station. He held an amateur radio license himself, call sign SP3RN.

In 1941, as a prisoner at Auschwitz, he volunteered to die in the place of a man he did not know, a husband and father. The Church canonized him in 1982 and honors him as a patron of journalists, families, and prisoners.

So *The Kolbe Max* carries his name and his standard: tell the truth, tell it well, and use it to bring people together.

HIS MEDIA LIFE

1922	Launches the *Knight of the Immaculata*, a monthly magazine
1927	Founds Niepokalanów, a friary and publishing center near Warsaw
1938	Radio Niepokalanów goes on the air
1941	Gives his life at Auschwitz in place of another prisoner, August 14
1982	Canonized by Pope John Paul II, October 10

Join us for our school Mass in his honor on January 6.

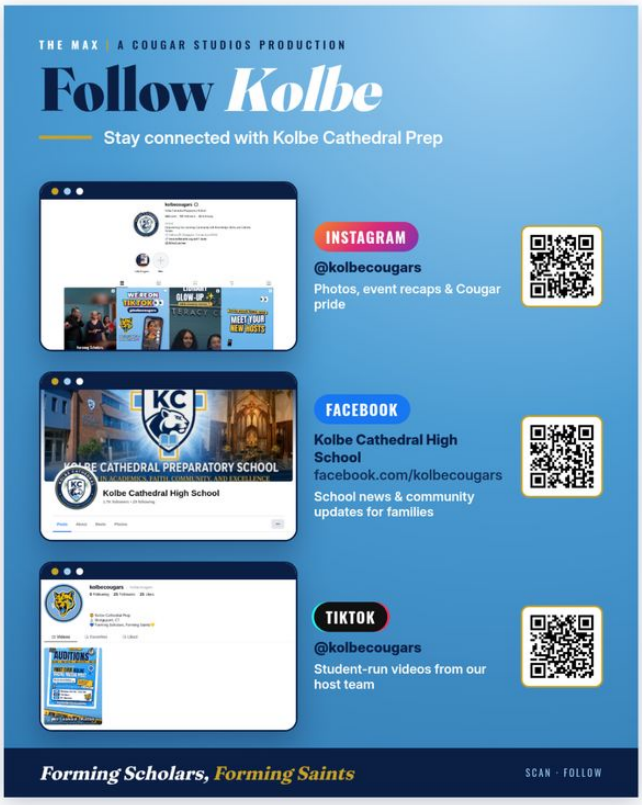
COUGAR STUDIOS

Kolbe is live on *every screen*

This fall Kolbe launched Cougar Studios, the name for everything our school creates: the new kolbecaths.org, our Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok accounts, and the newsletter in your hands. Student hosts, filmmakers, and writers are joining the crew, so expect event recaps, student-run videos, and school news as it happens.

INSTAGRAM	**@kolbecougars**
TIKTOK	**@kolbecougars**
FACEBOOK	**Kolbe Cathedral High School**
WEB	**kolbecaths.org**

STUDENTS: WANT IN?
Hosting, filming, photography, writing, and design. See Mr. Norman to join Cougar Studios.



FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

Your Bridge *to Success*



Dr. David P. Hill, EdD
DEAN OF STUDENTS

A bridge is an engineering marvel designed to span chasms, waters, and obstacles, seamlessly connecting where we are to where we are meant to be. As Kolbe Cathedral's motto, "Your Bridge to Success" represents our core mission as a Catholic institution.

THIS QUARTER

This first quarter brought a powerful moment of growth: students began standing up for our core values and holding each other accountable to the spirit of Kolbe Cathedral. It is inspiring to see our students take true pride in how our school is seen in the community, recognizing that their everyday actions shape the culture we build together.

01

Built on a Sacred Foundation

Every enduring bridge requires a firm, stable foundation. Ours is Jesus Christ. Guided by the Great Commandment, "love one another as I have loved you," His teachings shape our educational philosophy, school expectations, and daily culture. Drawing inspiration from Mary, Mother of God, and our patron, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, we model a life of deep faith, selfless service, and unwavering devotion.

02

Anchored for Growth

A bridge carries us forward. At Kolbe Cathedral, this journey nurtures the whole person: spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and socially. Here, students deepen their relationship with God while acquiring the knowledge, confidence, and character required to navigate the world as faithful disciples.

03

Redefining Success

True success extends far beyond personal achievement. We define success as graduating individuals of high integrity, profound faith, and compassionate service. Equipped with a firm moral compass, our graduates leave ready to embrace life's opportunities, overcome its challenges, and share their unique, God-given talents to enrich the world.

BRIDGE TO SUCCESS · INTERNSHIPS

Cohort four is *at work*



Carmen Whitten at her internship with Bismark Construction

Bridge to Success launched this year's internships on September 21. It is our third year running the program, and we are now starting our fourth cohort of student interns. More program details are on the Bridge to Success page of the school website.

2027–28 COHORT · NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Apply by November 30

- Apply on kolbecaths.org under the Bridge to Success tab
- Open to juniors and seniors only
- A parent orientation is required before your student can interview
- No applications accepted after November 30

Questions about eligibility, the orientation, or the timeline: Brianna Baker, Program Manager · bbaker@kolbecaths.org

GRAND OPENING · OCTOBER 30

The Gillis Literacy Center *is open*

A $6.3 million, five-year gift brings Science of Reading support to more than 1,000 Bridgeport Catholic school students, and Kolbe's center is the first of five.



Bishop Frank J. Caggiano, Dr. Margie Gillis, and Kolbe students cut the ribbon

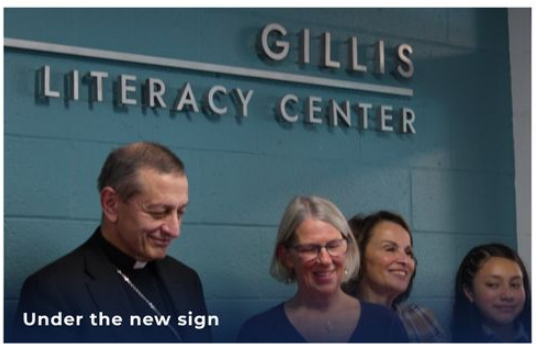
$6.3M	2030	1,000+	1 of 5
FIVE-YEAR GIFT VIA FIE	PROGRAM RUNS THROUGH JUNE	STUDENTS, PREK–12	LITERACY SPACES: KOLBE IS FIRST

Kolbe Cathedral Preparatory School opened the Gillis Literacy Center on Friday, October 30, with a ribbon cutting and grand opening in the school's renovated library. Bishop Frank J. Caggiano, benefactor Dr. Margie Gillis, diocesan and school leaders, faculty, and students filled the space to celebrate.

The center is the hub of a five-year, $6.3 million literacy initiative given by Dr. Margie Gillis and her husband, Chip, through Foundations in Education (FIE). The initiative will serve more than 1,000 students, PreK through grade 12, at Kolbe Cathedral and the four Catholic Academy of Bridgeport campuses: St. Andrew, St. Ann, St. Augustine, and St. Raphael.

Grounded in the Science of Reading, the program runs through June 2030 and provides teacher coaching, literacy screening, and one-on-one help for students. Steven Velardo, president of Foundations in Education, hosted the program.

Kolbe's center is the first of five literacy spaces planned across the participating schools. What was once the school library now holds soundproof, standalone tutoring and study pods.



Under the new sign



Guests fill the renovated library



Ribbon cut!

GILLIS LITERACY CENTER · IN THEIR WORDS

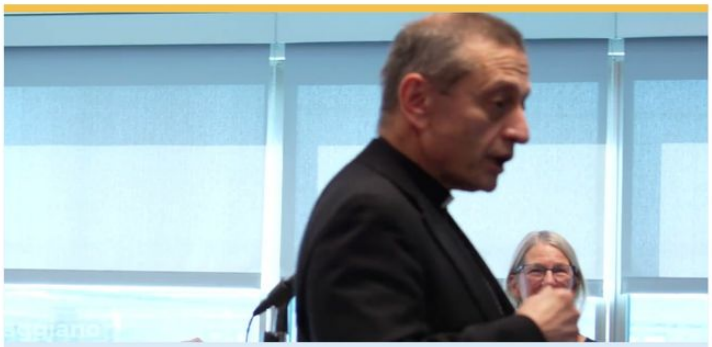
"A *collective* effort"



"God called me to do this work, and I was probably seven years old, and I watched my brother struggle to learn to read."

DR. MARGIE GILLIS, BENEFACTOR

She thanked Bishop Caggiano and the many partners who helped shape the project: "This is a collective effort."



"God is asking you to be great, and to find your place in society."

MOST REV. FRANK J. CAGGIANO, BISHOP OF BRIDGEPORT

The Bishop called literacy "a human right," and noted that "many people dream dreams that remain dreams." This one has become reality.

"The Gillis family has helped us turn many of those 'if onlys' into 'now we can.'"

DR. STACIE STUEBER
SUPERINTENDENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

"Over a thousand students across inner-city Bridgeport will now have access to personalized one-on-one intervention."

STEVEN VELARDO
PRESIDENT, FOUNDATIONS IN EDUCATION

"Readers are leaders."

ANGELA POHLEN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CATHOLIC ACADEMY OF BRIDGEPORT



One of the new soundproof pods

INSIDE THE CENTER

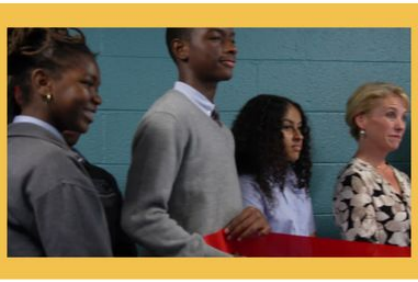
The pods are open

The soundproof tutoring and study pods are open now on a first-come, first-served basis. Teachers, literacy specialists, math specialists, interventionists, and all faculty members can also schedule them.

Principal Camille Figluizzi and the Kolbe faculty are putting the space to daily use: quiet, focused places for tutoring and study, and new tools to help every reader grow.

Thank you, Dr. Margie and Chip Gillis

The Kolbe Cathedral community extends its deepest gratitude to the Gillis family and to Foundations in Education for their generosity and their belief in our students.



KOLBE AT 50

Fifty years, and one *record* night

The 50th Anniversary Gala became the most successful fundraiser in Kolbe Cathedral's history, a night of extraordinary generosity. Two days later, alumni from five decades came home.



THE GALA · OCTOBER 1

250	Record	22	100+	43
GALA GUESTS	NIGHT OF GIVING	CHOIR VOICES	ALUMNI HOME	JO-ANNE'S YEARS

On October 1, a capacity crowd of 250 filled The Country Club of New Canaan for Kolbe Cathedral's 50th Anniversary Gala: honorees and their families, Board members and friends, corporate sponsors, family foundations, the Diocese of Bridgeport, parish guests, faculty, staff, and alumni.

Life-sized cutouts of current students welcomed guests at the door. A video featured many more, and our 22-voice student choir sang three songs. Kolbe alumnus and Connecticut television personality Kevin Hogan emceed, and His Excellency, the Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, offered remarks.

Honoree Jo-Anne Jakab, who gave 43 years to Kolbe Cathedral as teacher, administrator, principal, president, and Board member, remembered the posthumous honorees J. Paul Rodriguez, Leo Van Munching, Jr., and Jonathan O'Herron, Sr., Kolbe's "Holy Trinity," as their families stood to be recognized.

After dinner, four voices told Kolbe's story: Principal Camille Figluizzi, senior Susana Seabourne, young alumnus Tay'vian Laing, and parent Grace Cadeau. Former Board Chair Terry O'Connor closed the night with a lively auction and paddle raise.

The 50th Birthday Bash

On Saturday, October 3, more than 100 alumni from the 1970s through the 2020s filled our gymnasium. Principal Figluizzi and Jo-Anne Jakab welcomed everyone home, Jersey Mike's provided lunch, and the 50th birthday cake did not last long.



Paddles up at the Gala



Our students, in cardboard



Birthday Bash · October 3

Thank you to every sponsor, guest, volunteer, and donor who made this milestone possible.

FACES OF KOLBE · STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Meet *Josiah McCalla*



Josiah at the Gillis Literacy Center

> ***"Not everything comes easy."***
>
> JOSIAH, ON THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON HE LEARNED AT KOLBE

CLASS OF
2027

PLANNED MAJOR
Nursing

TOP COLLEGE CHOICES
Southern Connecticut State University · University of Scranton · University of New Haven · Drexel University

HOBBIES
Writing comics, theater acting, video games, and anime and TV shows

Favorite subject at Kolbe?

AP US History. The most engaging class ever at Kolbe, even though it was very, very challenging. Mrs. Mysliwiec paced the material for us, prepared us for the AP exam, and made it all fun too.

Best experience at Kolbe?

The Harvest Party. Seeing all the Kolbe students together was so much fun. Having the bonding experience with the entire school present made it very special to me.

The most important life lesson?

Before Kolbe, I could easily get good grades without trying very hard. At Kolbe, I actually had to learn to work hard for my grades, which prepared me for my next phase, going to college. And I found that working hard for good grades was much more rewarding.

FACES OF KOLBE · NEW TO THE COUGAR FAMILY



Welcome, *Mr. Reyes*

SPANISH AND ACCOUNTING

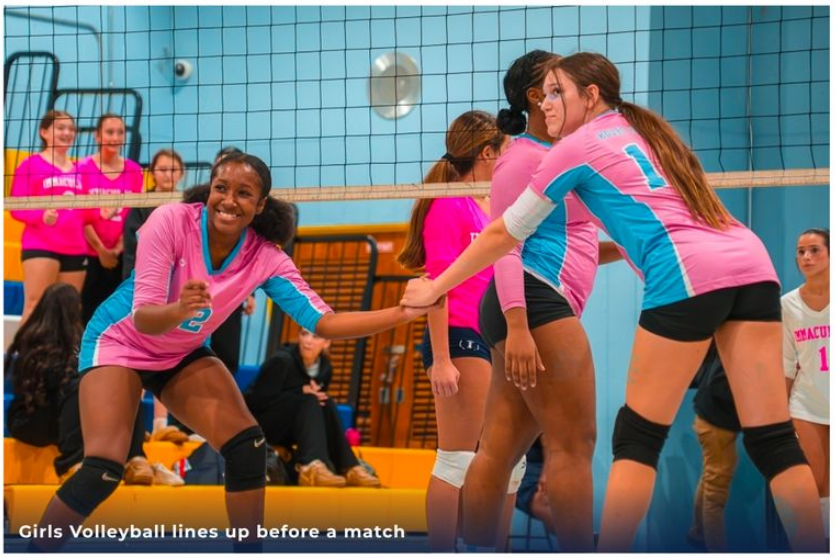
"Greetings! Mr. George Reyes here. I am a native of Bridgeport with two siblings who graduated from Kolbe. I attended Sacred Heart University, and after graduation I began my career in the IT industry. After a bit I was given the opportunity to go back to school, focusing on Human Services, while substitute teaching full time in a bilingual program. I then spent several years working for a nonprofit. I am very excited to join the Kolbe family and looking forward to an exciting year."


Mr. Reyes in his classroom

ATHLETICS

A fall season to be *proud* of

Two All-SWC honors, a rivalry win, and a soccer roster that keeps growing.



Girls Volleyball lines up before a match

ALL-SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE



FIRST TEAM · BOYS SOCCER

Bryan Pigoretti

Senior



SECOND TEAM · CROSS COUNTRY

Victoria Portillo

Sophomore

Girls Soccer

The roster grew to close to twenty players this season. The biggest win: 5–2 over Harding.

Boys Soccer

A season of resilience, capped by a 4–0 win over Notre Dame Prep. Senior Bryan Pigoretti was named All-SWC First Team. **Full story, page 11.**

Cross Country

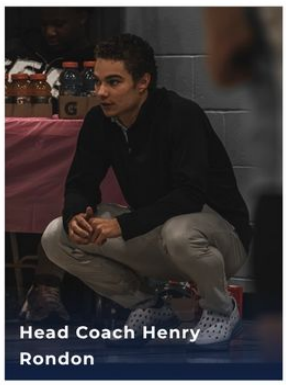
The boys and girls teams kept improving all fall. Sophomore Victoria Portillo earned Second Team All-SWC honors.

Girls Volleyball

With just one senior on the roster, the team battled hard every match and recorded a four-game win over rival Bassick.



Sa'niya Bines



Head Coach Henry Rondon

VOLLEYBALL · SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

One senior, one team

Sa'niya Bines was the only senior on this year's Girls Volleyball roster, playing for Head Coach Henry Rondon on a young team that battled hard all season. Congratulations, Sa'niya.

COMING UP

Winter season

- Boys & Girls Basketball
- Boys & Girls Indoor Track
- Bowling
- Cheerleading

Preseason training is underway, and first practices begin after Thanksgiving. Get ready physically and complete all required forms before the season starts.

ATHLETICS · BOYS SOCCER

A season of *resilience*

Injuries and tough breaks could not stop this team from competing, and it closed with a statement win.



The 2026 Kolbe Cathedral boys soccer team and coaches

2–11–3	3	2	4–0
FINAL RECORD	TIES, ALL VS. SWC PLAYOFF TEAMS	ONE-GOAL GAMES VS. SWC TOP-EIGHT TEAMS	WIN OVER NOTRE DAME PREP

The Kolbe Cathedral boys' soccer team wrapped up its fall season in October with a 2–11–3 record. While the numbers tell part of the story, they don't capture the team's resilience and determination.

Early-season injuries and a series of tough breaks made for a challenging fall, but the team continued to compete. All three of its ties came against teams that qualified for the SWC playoffs, while two additional games against top-eight opponents in the league were decided by just one goal.

The season's highlight was a commanding 4–0 victory over Notre Dame Prep, marking Kolbe's first win over the Lancers since 2013!

Congratulations to seniors Bryan Pigoretti, Jacob Sanchez, and Andres Lopez, who served as team captains this season. Their leadership helped keep the team focused and fighting through a challenging year.

SEASON HIGHLIGHT

4–0

over Notre Dame Prep

Kolbe's first win over the Lancers since 2013.

2026 TEAM CAPTAINS

Bryan Pigoretti

Jacob Sanchez

Andres Lopez

ALL SENIORS

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

A strong start for the *Class of 2030*

Orientation, a career panel, and a new baseline to measure growth all year.

Freshman Orientation

We had an incredible start to the school year with our mandatory three-day Freshman Orientation for the Class of 2030. Designed to help our newest scholars adjust to high school expectations, build community with their peers and teachers, and lay a solid foundation for academic success, orientation was filled with team-building events like the “Escape to Gerstner” challenge, teacher rotations, and essential workshops.

Rising Stars Panel

On Friday, October 16, the freshman class gathered in the gym for the KC Prep Rising Stars Panel Discussion: Navigating College, Career & Identity. Students heard from three emerging BIPOC leaders. The panel let our young scholars see real-world career paths, connect with relatable leaders, and picture their own futures beyond high school.



The Rising Stars panel, moderated by Chase Dunlap, October 16



Deanna Crevecoeur
Founder & Creative Director, Coeur · FIT graduate



Mekhi Barnett
Police Officer, Town of Orange · SCSU graduate



Jalen St. Fort
Inside Sales, Boston Celtics · Tulane graduate

Next up: growth on NWEA MAP

Our students recently completed their first NWEA MAP assessment of the 2026–2027 school year. Next quarter, the Student Success Center will use these baseline scores to measure learning progress, set personalized goals, and track each student’s growth through the rest of the year.

What families can do: review MAP results with your student when they are shared, encourage consistent study habits, keep in touch with teachers, and follow your child’s progress.

FAMILIES

Book a 30-minute progress meeting

Meet with Chase Dunlap, Director of Student Success, to review your child’s NWEA Math and Reading results. Scan to choose a time.

Chase Dunlap
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SUCCESS

MEET THE INTERVENTION TEAM

Ms. Anne Lapera
Math and science support

Mr. Jimmy Norman
Literacy Interventionist, reading and writing across all subjects

Ms. Dana Skawinski
Special Education teacher

The team works with scholars during the school day and in the Student Success Center every afternoon until 4:00 PM.

SCHOOL COUNSELING

Four classes, *four* next steps

MR. WALT SIGNORA AND MS. SARAH MASTRONE, SCHOOL COUNSELORS

2027 SENIORS

Our seniors have been channeling incredible focus into finalizing their college applications and personal essays as we enter peak admissions season. To expand their horizons, Kolbe Cathedral has hosted **more than 30 colleges and postsecondary programs** right here on campus, giving students direct access to admissions counselors. To keep everyone on track and minimize winter stress, **our goal is for every senior to submit applications before Thanksgiving.**

Financial planning is the next critical step. The FAFSA is now open, and we strongly encourage families to complete it as soon as possible. Students should also pursue outside scholarships, including the national College Board BigFuture Scholarships and the local Deeley Foundation Scholarship for Kolbe seniors.

2028 JUNIORS

Our juniors took a major step forward by completing the **PSAT**, and we look forward to reviewing their individual score reports when they are released in **mid-November**. Right now, the best preparation for the college process is a strong focus on academics and active involvement in community service or extracurricular activities.

To jumpstart career exploration, we will host a **Healthcare Career Fair on Friday, November 13**, introducing juniors to high-demand pathways in medicine, nursing, allied health, and healthcare administration. Come ready with questions!

2029 SOPHOMORES

Our sophomores are a talented class who proved themselves last year, and they are off to a strong start. This fall we welcomed **13 transfer students** to the Class of 2029. Sophomores took the PSAT on October 16 as part of Kolbe's college planning process, and Mr. Signora will meet with students to review their scores this month. Go Cougars!

2030 FRESHMEN

Mr. Signora has been honored and glad to get to know so many wonderful new Cougar freshmen! This quarter he has been orienting them to high school expectations, the new FACTS system and grades, and all the Kolbe resources available for their success: teacher tutoring sessions, the Student Success Center, and our school social workers. They all know our school motto: "Work Hard and Be Nice!"

DATES AND LINKS FAMILIES NEED

Nov 13
Healthcare Career Fair for juniors

Mid-November
PSAT score reports released

Before Nov 26
Senior goal: all college applications submitted

Open now
FAFSA
studentaid.gov

Ongoing
BigFuture Scholarships
bigfuture.collegeboard.org

Dec 31
Deeley Foundation Scholarship deadline
kolbecaths.org/deeley-foundation

KOLBE CONNECT SPEAKER SERIES **NOW LAUNCHED**

Bob Scinto's first rule: *be likable*

The Development Office's new speaker series opened on October 23 with a Bridgeport native who built one of Connecticut's largest real estate companies.





Friday, October 23

On Friday, October 23, Bridgeport native and entrepreneur Bob Scinto visited Kolbe Cathedral Prep to share his story and career journey with a group of students.

His path to success was anything but conventional. Bob graduated high school at a fourth-grade reading level, having struggled through school with a speech impediment. He went to work for his father as a plumber, earning $93.50 a week. His work ethic caught the attention of Mrs. Schultz, the owner of a rooming house, who helped him secure a mortgage and buy his first rooming house at age 22. That first investment eventually grew into R.D. Scinto, Inc., one of Connecticut's largest privately held commercial real estate companies.

Throughout his talk, Bob emphasized the values his father instilled in him: treat everyone the same, be generous, and avoid prejudice. He believes success begins with how we treat others, and he encouraged students to make that their first priority.

> ***"Your first job is to be likable. Once you are liked, everyone wants to do business with you."***
> BOB SCINTO, TO KOLBE STUDENTS

He reminded students that life can be difficult, but that mistakes and suffering can lead to wisdom. In hard times, his faith has been a source of strength. He closed with a reading of Rudyard Kipling's poem "If." His visit was more than a success story: it was a lesson in perseverance, character, faith, and respect.

THE THREE PILLARS THAT GUIDE HIS BUSINESS AND HIS LIFE

Service
Be of service to others.

Imagination
Envision a better version of yourself, and then work to become that person.

Compassion
Learn to see things from another person's perspective.

FROM THE TALK

Six habits for real connection

1. Smile.
2. Use a person's name.
3. Learn to listen.
4. Find out what people enjoy, and get them talking about it.
5. Make others feel important.
6. Show genuine interest in the people around you.

BOB'S READING LIST

How to Win Friends and Influence People
Dale Carnegie

The Road Less Traveled
M. Scott Peck

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People
Stephen R. Covey

ADMISSIONS

Applications open for the *Class of 2031*

MS. ANTONNEA ROBINSON, DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS



33 Calhoun Place, Bridgeport

30+	5	12	50+
SCHOOLS CONNECTED WITH	HIGH SCHOOL FAIRS	MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS	FAMILIES AT THE FALL OPEN HOUSE

The Admissions season is off to a robust start in its recruitment for the 2027–2028 school year. Kolbe Cathedral welcomes freshman applicants for the Class of 2031 and transfer applicants looking to join the Cougar family. This season has been busy, with the Admissions Department connecting with staff members and students of over 30 different schools, participating in 5 high school fairs, and giving personal presentations to a dozen middle schools. Our Fall Open House hosted over 50 families, who enthusiastically toured our campus and learned more about the wonderful offerings of our school.

Kolbe welcomes parents to schedule personalized campus tours, to schedule Shadow Days so their student can see what a "day in the life of a Kolbe Cathedral student" entails, and to visit the Kolbe Cathedral website for upcoming Information Sessions and Open House dates.

Applications for the 2027–2028 school year are open on a "rolling" admissions basis: we accept applications until each grade reaches capacity. The Entrance Exam for the potential Class of 2031 is Saturday, November 7, at 8:00 AM. We encourage families to apply early, online or by paper, to take advantage of the wonderful scholarship and grant opportunities that Kolbe Cathedral has the blessing of providing.

ENTRANCE EXAM

Saturday, Nov. 7

8:00 AM. Applications are rolling, so apply early for the best scholarship and grant opportunities.

SEE KOLBE FOR YOURSELF

Tours and Shadow Days

Schedule a personal campus tour, or a Shadow Day for a day in the life of a Kolbe student.

KNOW A FAMILY?

Spread the word

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Mark your *calendar*

NOVEMBER 2026
THROUGH JANUARY 2027

November

7	**Entrance Exam, 8:00 AM**
10	Early dismissal 11:15
13	Healthcare Career Fair
18	School Mass
25	Harvest Party, early dismissal
26–27	**Thanksgiving Break**
30	Senior portraits
30	**Bridge to Success applications close**

December

1	Senior portraits
2	Advent Reconciliation, grades 9–10
3	Q2 progress reports
7	Advent Reconciliation, grades 11–12
8	**Immaculate Conception**
10	Safe Environments training
14	School Mass
21	**Lessons and Carols in the Cathedral**
23	Early dismissal
24–Jan 3	**Christmas Break**
31	**Deeley Scholarship deadline**

January

5	Early dismissal 11:15
6	**School Mass for St. Maximilian Kolbe, our patron saint**
13–14	Semester 1 finals, early dismissal
15	Finals make-up day
18	**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
25–29	**Catholic Schools Week**
27	Catholic Schools Week Mass

Red: no school. Full and current calendar: kolbecaths.org/calendar. Winter sports practices begin after Thanksgiving.

FAMILY REMINDERS

Good to know this quarter

- ☐ First-quarter report cards are posted in the parent portal. Reach out to your child's teacher with any questions.
- ☐ Students should stay home when sick. If they see a healthcare provider, please send us the documentation.
- ☐ The Student Success Center is open until 4:00 PM every day for tutoring and extra help.
- ☐ Uniform: only tights or leggings under skirts; young men wear a button-down shirt and tie, tucked in all day.
- ☐ Winter athletes: complete all required forms before the first practice.
- ☐ The Pop Choir is still accepting students who want to sing.

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