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## OUR MISSION

The Mission of Holy Name Catholic Elementary School is to educate children of diverse backgrounds to be academically prepared, compassionate towards others and rooted in the Catholic Christian Community

## HOLY NAME SCHOOL

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## LETTER FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

### Dear Holy Name Alumni and Parish Members,

My name is Chris Segrell and I'm the interim principal at Holy Name Catholic School for the 2023 – 2024 school year. I retired in 2022 as principal after 20 years at Christ the King Catholic School and while on my first year of retirement, I received a call about filling in as Holy Name interim principal. Holy Name Parish and School have such a strong history and I'm absolutely honored to be part of this amazing community. Since the start of my time at Holy Name in July, I've been running into both alumni and parish members who have shared some great stories with me about the past when they attended as a student and so I thought I'd let you know some of the exciting things taking place in the school this year.

Our teachers and staff members this year are amazing and they all have a passion for working with our Holy Name students. This year we have 18 teachers who teach students in preschool through 8th grade and 12 support staff members that help us meet student needs related to academics and providing social and emotional support. The staff and I have adopted the theme **"Go Make a Difference"** this school year and we're doing everything possible to truly make a difference in the lives of our students and their families.

It's a pleasure and an honor to be part of the Holy Name Catholic School community and if you're a Holy Name alumni or parish member who hasn't been in the school for many years, I'd be very happy to take you on a tour and show you around. Just feel free to contact the school office at (402) 451-5403 and we'll see if we can set up a tour time.

CHRIS SEGRELL  
INTERIM PRINCIPAL, HOLY NAME SCHOOL



## Professional Learning Communities

This year, we've formed three "Professional Learning Communities" (PLCs) within the school to focus on improving student "Reading Skills", improving student "Math Fact Skills", and improving student and staff awareness of good "Health and Wellness" practices. Each PLC consists of teachers and staff members who meet several times per month to develop best practice strategies, to track progress through regular assessments, and to make any adjustments as needed. As of the end of the first trimester, we've seen some incredible gains related to reading, vocabulary, and knowledge of basic math facts. This has been really encouraging and we're all very excited to see the anticipated continued improvement throughout the remainder of the school year!

## Accreditation

This past October, a team of educators visited Holy Name, All Saints, and Sacred Heart to evaluate our school improvement process and to look at how we meet the many accreditation requirements. The visit took place over a three-day period and the team was very impressed with the entire CUES School System. Noted by the team during the visit was the strong support of students and families and the creativity and strong effort by the entire staff to overcome obstacles in order to make a difference related to meeting student learning needs. It was a great experience hosting the accreditation team and receiving so many positive comments on all the great work going on at Holy Name. The accreditation was a success and all three schools are accredited until this takes place again in five years.

## Mentoring

A wonderful program we're continuing for this school year at Holy Name is the Faith Families program. Once per month, students in mixed groups of kindergarten – 8th graders come together with teacher team leaders to work together on various activities. This gives upper grade students the opportunity to know and mentor younger students and for all to work together as a team. I sat in on some of the groups and was so impressed with how students were living our Catholic faith, getting to know each other, and bonding together in such positive ways. In September, our Faith Families participated in sharing sessions to break the ice and get to know each other; in October, students prayed the Rosary together; and in November, students discussed things in their life that they were thankful for.

## Other Programs

A couple of other exciting programs going on this year include an "OnCue" experience for students in 5th – 8th grade. They are performing "The Lion King" on February 15th at 7PM at Mercy High School. They also have opportunities to take a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) elective class where a STEAM teacher combines these key subject areas into hands-on activities designed to prompt higher level thinking.

# HOPE CENTER



The Hope Center provides a safe after-school and summer program where children can take part in academic support, youth development, and faith-based learning opportunities. It all started with a vision in the heart of the late Pastor Ty Schenzel who saw the need for hope in the lives of kids who could not see beyond their circumstances.

The Hope Center provides a STEAM based after-school program that includes a robotics program and a coding class. Their primary objective is to provide the students at Holy Name with an introduction in possible college studies and/or careers they can pursue in their future. They have a flight simulator, a driving simulator, and drones for the kids to use. This year the kids took apart computers and learned how to build them all on their own! They also learned how to use the 3D printer and made lots of fun crafts.

This coming semester the Hope Center is excited to announce that they will be helping the kids to make news clips using our green screen to be shown in the school at the beginning of school and before dismissal. Bible study happens throughout the week to help teach the kids about the Word of God and apply it to their lives. usually something going on in their lives that the Word of God can be applied to it. During the after-school program they also help the kids with their homework. They work closely with the school in ensuring that students complete their requirements in IXL Math and Lexia Reading during that time.



## CUES NEWS



### About CUES:

The CUES Fund secures financial support through private donations to fully fund the CUES School System. The fund provides centralized leadership and governance to three grade schools: Sacred Heart, All Saints, and Holy Name. The CUES Fund is a non-religious, non-profit organization overseen by a Board of Directors.

### About CUES Schools:

The CUES School System is a bold educational initiative providing centralized leadership and governance to three East Omaha elementary schools: Sacred Heart, All Saints, and Holy Name.

We combine innovative instructional methods with comprehensive student and family support in a Catholic, faith-based environment to create and sustain excellent and measurable outcomes that not only impact the students we serve but also the entire community.

The CUES School System is rooted in Catholic faith and values. We share God's love, kindness and excellence.

### FAST FACTS (2022-2023)

100% of our schools qualify for free and reduced meal programs

100% of our students qualify for financial education assistance.

92% of our students are students of color.

94% of CUES alumni graduated from high school.

38% of CUES Students are Catholic



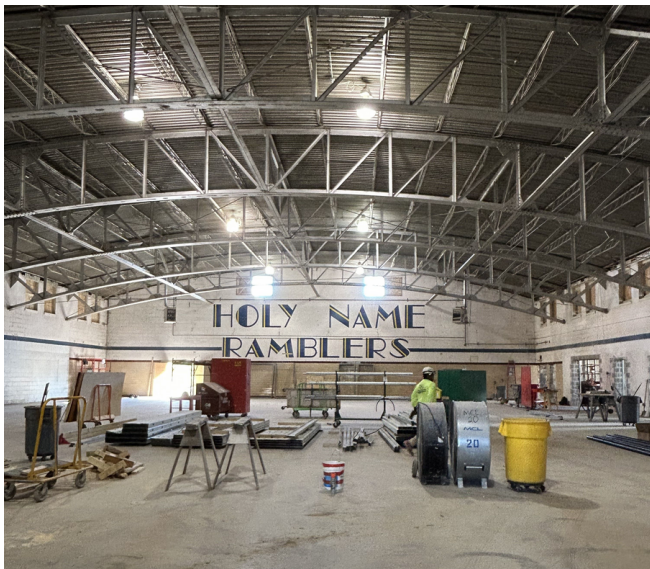


# ***RESTORE THE GLORY CAMPAIGN***

## **A HOLY NAME MEN'S CLUB PROJECT**

Holy Name has been a part of our past, is a part of our present and will be a part of our future. The campaign for the Field House renovation is successful because of you! The work continues and it is a dream come true to watch this iconic building come back to its intended glory.

The project is expected to be completed sometime in late spring of 2024. We are grateful for our partnership with Holy Name School, The Hope Center for Kids, Holy Name Parish and CUES as we move forward to provide an operations plan that will meet the needs of this community and neighborhood. The goal is to balance the needs of the community with opportunities to receive rental income from other activities.



Your support of this campaign has brought us to this success, and we are grateful! If you would like to support the renovation of the Holy Name Alumni Field House, please visit our website at: [www.hnmensclub.org](http://www.hnmensclub.org) or contact

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