

# BC HIGH Alumni Newsletter

September 2023



# On the Boulevard



### First Day of School

Earlier this month, BC High welcomed students back to school and began the 2023-2024 academic school year! The House System is in its second year, and we welcomed 23 new faculty and staff, including 1 alumnus, Kurtis Wetzel '09 (Mathematics) to the community.

We are thrilled to welcome the newest additions to our BC High community. This talented group of faculty and staff will accompany our young men find their way through the many opportunities BC High has for them. We wish them well as they inspire, form, and empower our students this year!

### **Mass of the Holy Spirit**

On September 7, members of the Board of Trustees, students, families, faculty and staff joined together in celebration of the Mass of the Holy Spirit. It was a wonderful way to center the community as we take on this new academic year!

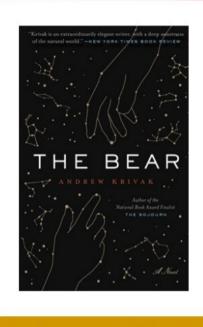
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# CORCORAN LECTURE SERIES

First established in 2007, the Corcoran Living Library Lecture Series is made possible by the generosity of the late Joseph E. Corcoran '53 as part of his donation to the BC High library. The speaker series fulfills Corcoran's goal to create a "living library," bringing noted contemporary authors and speakers to campus and talk with students face-to-face.

This year's speaker is Andrew Krivak P'27. Andrew is a the author of three novels, two books of poetry, and two works of nonfiction. One of his novels, The Bear, was this year's all-school read. BC High will be welcoming Andrew to campus this fall to speak to our community our the themes found in The Bear.



Grab a copy of The Bear

### **Formation Opportunites**

Join us on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 for Ignatian discussions

September 27 - Pope Francis, the Synod, and the New Style Church

Oct. 11, Oct. 25, & Nov. 8: Three-part series on the Autobiography of Ignatius of Loyola

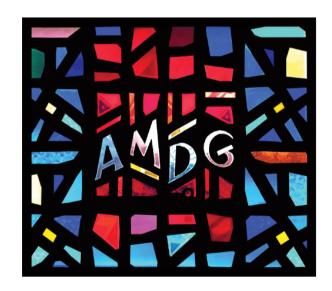
"A Pilgrim's Testament: The Memoirs of Ignatius of Loyola" (BC, Jesuit Sources)

Click here for Zoom: Meeting ID: 859 4819 2450 :Passcode: 755679

## Saturday morning Arts-spirituality Gathering

On Saturday, October 14 from 9:00-11:00 a.m., we will gather in Cadigan Room 103, an arts classroom, to create watercolor paintings of pumpkins. Bring a small photo of a pumpkin that you can use as a model for a watercolor painting. If you have supplies, bring them.

If you have any questions, please contact Fr. John Predmore, S.J. at jpredmore@bchigh.edu





Join the Jack Shields '79, P'06 Center for Innovation virtually on Tuesday, October 17 at 12:00 p.m. to learn how you can support BC High students in building their innovation mindsets. You'll learn more about upcoming programs, our focus on artificial intelligence this year, and alumni volunteer opportunities.

Sign up as a Shields Innovation Advisor today or register here for the information session.

Questions? Please contact Joe McNamara '12, Director of the Jack Shields '79, P'06 Center for Innovation, at jmcnamara@bchigh.edu





### Have you heard the exciting news?

On behalf of the BC High Alumni Council, we are delighted to announce that Grand Reunion will return to an evening format on Commencement Weekend, 2024. With enhanced opportunities to connect with current students, former faculty, and fellow Eagles, and the evening festivities you know and love, you won't want to miss your BC High Reunion!



Register Here!



Veterans Day Concert

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On Thursday, November 9, we invite the members of our BC High Veterans Alumni Network and members of our community to campus for the annual Veterans Day Breakfast & Concert. After a performance by the concert choir, a short speaking program and breakfast will take place.

**Register Here** 



Each year, The BC High Athletic Hall of Fame honors alumni who embody the ideal characteristics of a BC High student-athlete. From the thousands of student-athletes who have come through our school, the Hall of Fame Committee has identified seven individuals and three teams who best exemplify what it means to wear the Maroon and Gold of Boston College High School.

Join us on campus **Tuesday, November 21** to honor this remarkable group of Eagles!

**Register Here** 



We are delighted to invite our Golden Eagles back to BC High for our revitalized Golden Eagle Reunion. The celebration will begin with a Mass followed by lunch and fellowship. Our Golden Eagle Reunion is an opportunity for connection and brotherhood centered around all classes who have surpassed their 50th reunion.

We are especially looking forward to welcoming the following classes who are celebrating milestone reunion years.

Class of 1953: 70th Reunion Class of 1958: 65th Reunion Class of 1963: 60th Reunion Class of 1968: 55th Reunion

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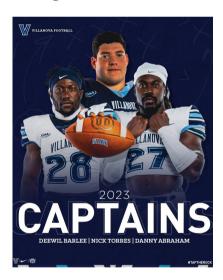
Please join us on Thursday, December 7, for BC High's second annual BLSU Reunion! Enjoy a night filled with food, drinks, and a chance to connect with current BLSU students and fellow BLSU alumni.

Register Here

### Tom Kelley'56

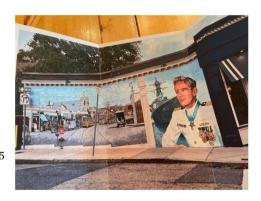
On Thursday, September 7, Captain Tom Kelley was commemorated with a mural in West Roxbury. Captain Kelley's lifelong dedication to public service is reflected in his resume, including 30 years in the United States Navy, 12 years as the Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans Services, and years of volunteer service with Boston College High School, the College of the Holy Cross, and Operation Home Base, in addition to his time as President of the Medal of Honor Society.

Captain Kelley received his Medal of Honor in May 1970 for his courageous actions while serving in the Vietnam War, and is one of 65 living Medal of Honor recipients. Captain Kelley is a model of what it means to serve as someone with decades of service to both the Commonwealth and the United States. The City of Boston commissioned this mural by local artist Laura DeDonato Wiatt. It depicts Captain Kelley and the U.S. Navy Arleigh-Burke Class Destroyer that was recently named in his honor, ensuring that Captain Kelley's story and legacy can continue to serve as an inspiration for generations to come.



### Danny Abraham '18

Danny Abraham '18 was named captain by Villanova Football. While he was at BC High, Danny was a two-year varsity captain and helped lead BC High to a Catholic Conference championship. He set the single-game rushing record with 385 yards. As a senior, he was named a first team all-state selection and was named the Catholic Conference. After BC High, Danny continued his academic and athletic career at Harvard University. Congratulations, Danny!



Watch the Unveiling Here



### Become a BC Hire Host Employer!

Many of our students and young alumni are searching for jobs and internship opportunities. If you or your classmates have employment opportunities for our young men, please reach out to Kenny Delino '16 at kdelino@bchigh.edu to inquire about our BC Hire program.







