



**CENTRAL CATHOLIC
VIKINGS HOCKEY
SENIOR NIGHT
2023**



**CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2023 • FEBRUARY 15, 2023
ALPHA ICE COMPLEX • PITTSBURGH, PA**





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50TH ANNIVERSARY CLASS OF 2023

Senior Night
February 15, 2023
Alpha Ice Complex

5:00 - 6:20 pm

SENIOR RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Congratulations to the 18 seniors that are the Vikings Hockey Class of 2023.
The largest group of graduating seniors in club history!

Opening Prayer - CCHS Principal Bro. Michael Andrejko, FSC, '86
National Anthem

Special Remarks - CCVHC Head Coach Bill Connelly
Ceremonial Puck Drop - Fred Jacob (A), '73

6:30 - 7:50 pm

ALL SENIOR GAME

Vikings Hockey seniors take on the Fox Chapel Hockey Club.

8:00 - 10:00 pm

POST-GAME CELEBRATION

Stop by Primanti Bros. to celebrate the
Class of 2023 and 50 years of Vikings Hockey

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50TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

For nearly 100 years, Central Catholic High School has been guided by the educational principals of St. John Baptist de La Salle. The school strives to provide a challenging, relevant, and diverse program of studies and extracurricular activities in an environment that fosters a life of faith and learning and develops leaders rooted in the Gospel values of integrity, respect, service, justice, and peace. Seeking always to exemplify the Central Catholic promise, "to inspire boys to become Men of Faith, Scholarship and Service," the Central Catholic Vikings Hockey Club has been an integral part of the local hockey community since 1972. Now celebrating its 50th season, Vikings players, alumni and coaches have continually strived for excellence, not only for themselves, but for those around them.

GAME ADMINISTRATION

OFFICIALS

Jack Sabo, '23; Todd Hendry, FCHS, '04.

EMT

Kellie McCambridge

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Central Catholic Vikings Hockey Club

ALL SENIOR ROSTER

OFFENSE

22 Sam Gaffney (A)
24 Daniel Donahue
34 Clayton Kepperling
36 Joel Fabian
39 Dante Scalise (A)
41 Dante Talerico
43 Alex Sarkis
45 Joey Silvaggio (C)
46 Aaron Krackow

DEFENSE

4 Tyler Gaffney (A)
7 Antonio Moret
8 Beckam Alger (C)
11 Ethan Pievach
17 Ricky Castracani
26 Rocco Salvitti (A)
42 DJ Burek (A)

GOALIES

1 Jake Dold
40 Patrick Lettieri

COACHES

Bill Connelly, Varsity Head Coach
Mike Johnson, JV-1 Head Coach
Jamie Eller, JV-1 Asst. Coach
John Beiber, JV-2 Head Coach
Bro. Paul Avvento, JV-2 Asst. Coach
Mike Petrella, Varsity Asst. Coach
Mike Lamison, Varsity Asst. Coach

TEAM MANAGERS

Todd & Robin Moline, Varsity
Pam Silvaggio, JV-1
Robin Hammer, JV-2



Fox Chapel Foxes Hockey Club

VARSITY ROSTER

OFFENSE

6 Mason Heininger (C) - Senior
9 Nathan Sarra
11 Sam Smith - Senior
16 Alex Macek - Senior
17 Killian Kissane
22 Quentin "Q" Miske (A) - Senior
25 Liam Wiseman
62 Dominic Casile
91 Danny Downey (A) - Senior
95 Grady Cullen
97 Isaac Jacobs

DEFENSE

3 Porter Hill
4 Max Kaizer
5 Trip Goehring
19 Hayden Strittmatter
47 Tyler Goldstein
53 Dylan Work
64 Dylan Byersdorfer

GOALIES

80 Grant Watson
83 Joe Rattner

COACHES

Cameron Raidna, Head Coach
Jon Gratton, Asst. Coach
Cullen Raidna, Asst. Coach

**Thank you to the Fox Chapel
Hockey Club Board, Coaches,
Players and Families for helping
us celebrate our CCVHC seniors
and joining us for this fun
evening!**



BECKAM ALGER

Wearing the Central Catholic jersey since 9th grade, Beckham will be attending college at either the University of Tennessee or Penn State University. He thanks his parents for allowing him to play hockey at a high level and for the support of his Central Catholic Hockey family. Beckham would like to remind underclassmen that ***"Success comes from dedication to each other and hard work as a team! Stick together and believe!"***



DJ BUREK

DJ started with Vikings Hockey during his freshman year. He thanks Coach Johnson and Coach Eller and advises underclassmen to "work hard, play hard." After graduation, DJ will attend a four-year college.



RICKY CASTRACANI

Wearing the CCVHC crest since 7th grade, Ricky will be studying civil engineering & marine sciences at the University of Miami in Miami, FL. He hopes to play club hockey. He thanks his family and Coaches Eller and Johnson for supporting him on and off the ice, and "for putting up with me for four years!" Also, thank you "to all my CCVHC brothers who have made these last four years so memorable."





JAKE DOLD

Jake has played Vikings Hockey 7th Grade. In addition to thanking Pop Pop and Aunt Katie for their support, to his parents he says, "Thank you for helping me make my dream a reality." His message to the underclassmen, ***"Have each other's backs, never point fingers, and always remember to have fun because it will be over before you know it."*** After graduation, he will be majoring in marketing at the University of Dayton and plans to play hockey for the Dayton Flyers.



DANIEL DONAHUE

Joining CCVHC in 11th grade, Daniel plans to study business in college and play golf. He thanks his family for showing up to the games and always supporting his hockey career. He advises the younger players *"to always show up to practice and work your hardest to be a leader on the team."*



JOEL FABIAN

Joel, a member of CCVHC since 9th grade, plans to study business in college and play hockey. He encourages next year's Vikings to "enjoy every minute, listen to the coaches and play to win!" Joel thanks his parents for always supporting him, and his sisters and girlfriend, Kate, for cheering him on. He also thanks his coaches.





SAM GAFFNEY

A member of CCVHC since 9th grade, Sam plans to major in business in college and hopes to play hockey or golf. He thanks his parents for guiding him to become who he is today. He also thanks his teammates: "I couldn't have chosen a better group of guys to spend these four years." Sam's advice: ***"Your time flies, so try and savor every moment you can have the best experience possible. Work as hard as you can every time you step onto the ice, and you will not regret anything."***



TYLER GAFFNEY

A Viking hockey player since 9th grade, Tyler wants to study business in college and play hockey. He thanks his mom for "making sure I am always ready for everything" and his dad for "making me into the player I have become." Tyler's reflections: *"I can't believe how quickly high school hockey went. Truly cherish the memories and time you have wearing this jersey, and work as hard as you can every time you're out on the ice."*



CLAYTON KEEPERLING

A four-year member of CCVHC, Clayton plans to study computer science in college. He thanks his parents for their time and dedication to him and thanks his brother and sister for their support. He encourages younger players to work hard and have fun as it will help you bond together as a team.





AARON KRACKOW

Wearing the Central Catholic crest since 10th grade, Aaron plans to attend college. He encourages underclassmen to always try their best. He thanks his parents, coaches, and teammates for their encouragement and support.



PATRICK LETTIERI

Patrick has been in net for CCVHC since 9th grade. In the fall, he will be pursuing a degree in business at the University of Pittsburgh. He thanks his family and God for helping and supporting him and also Coach Johnson and Coach Eller for taking a chance on him when he'd never played the game and pushing him to get better every single time he was on the ice. Underclassmen, ***"Always be willing to go beyond what you think you can do."***



ANTONIO MORET

A Viking since 7th grade, Antonio plans to study business at Penn State or the University of Tampa. He thanks his parents for the opportunity to attend CCHS and play hockey. He thanks Coaches Johnson and Eller for teaching him to not only be a better player, but a better young adult. *"Have fun, enjoy all the memories and people you meet since high school flies by ..."*





ETHAN PIEVACH

Ethan, a four-year member of CCVHC, will attend Miami University of Ohio. He plans to major in finance and economics. He also hopes to play club hockey. Ethan thanks Mr. Eller for always being there for him "especially outside of hockey." Underclassmen, *"enjoy your time on the hockey team while you're there, it goes by fast."*



ROCCO SALVITTI

Rocco has been a part of CCVHC since 6th grade. He plans to attend the Mendoza School of Business at the University of Notre Dame and play Division 1 golf. He thanks his parents for supporting him and Coach Billy for the guidance and help over the 7 years as his coach. A note from Rocco: ***"To the underclassmen and future leaders of the team, have fun and enjoy being a part of the program. Be a leader and play for the crest on the front of the jersey."***



ALEX SARKIS

Alex has been wearing the Vikings hockey jersey since 9th grade. He would like to thank his coaches and family for supporting him and motivating him to work hard. Alex reminds the underclassmen to *"always be the hardest worker. Hard work is more important than talent."* He will be attending the University of Tennessee in the fall.





DANTE SCALISE

Dante has played Vikings Hockey since middle school. He wants to thank his family and coaches who have supported him throughout his youth hockey career. Dante's words of wisdom: *"Don't take penalties in the playoffs."* After graduation, he plans to major in finance at a four-year university.



JOEY SILVAGGIO

Joey has played for the Vikings since 7th grade. He thanks God first and foremost, then his parents for the constant support. He thanks all of his coaches for all of the opportunities to play hockey. Joey reminds underclassmen to ***"enjoy every moment because time flies and next thing you know you're filling out the senior survey."*** He plans to study biomedical engineering and then possibly attend medical school.



DANTE TALERICO

Returning to the ice in 12th grade, Dante thanks his parents and coaches for supporting him during the season and in life and encourages the underclassmen to ***"work hard and have fun."*** Dante will attend St. Vincent's University to study business and marketing. He will be playing golf in college.



CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, MEN OF

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VIKINGS HOCKEY 1972 - 2023

ROLL VIKES

CENTRAL CATHOLIC

Class of 2023
The Seniors



L-R (standing): Ethan Pievach, Clayton Kepperling, Dante Scalise, Tyler Gaffney, Alex Sarkis, Beckam Alger, Sam Gaffney, Aaron Krackow, Dante Talerico, Joel Fabian, Ricky Castracani, Daniel Donahue, Rocco Salvitti.

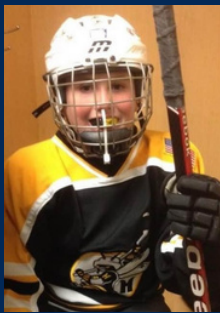
L-R (kneeling): Patrick Lettieri, Antonio Moret, DJ Burek, Joey Silvaggio, Jake Dold.



Guess the Vikings hockey player!

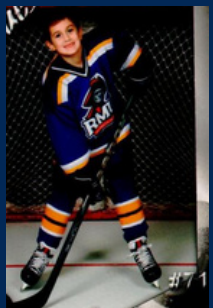
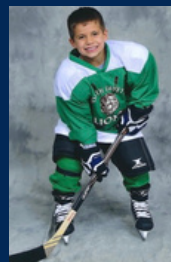


TOP ROW (L-to-R): Jake Dold, Joel Fabian, Beckham Alger, Alex Sarkis, Doug Burek. 2ND ROW FROM TOP (L-to-R): Ricky Castracani, Antonio Moret, Ethan Pievach, Dante Scalise, Clayton Kepperling. 3RD ROW FROM TOP (L-to-R): Joey Silvaggio, Patrick Lettieri, Rocco Salvitti, Daniel Donahue, Tyler Gaffney. BOTTOM ROW (L-to-R): Aaron Krackow, Sam Gaffney, Dante Talerico.



You have brains in your head. You
have feet in your *skates. You can
steer yourself any direction you
choose. You're on your own. And you
know what you know. And YOU are
the one who'll decide where to go...

— DR. SEUSS, "OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO"





Central Catholic Vikings Hockey thanks the members of the 1972-73 inaugural season team! We wouldn't be here without you!



We were honored to welcome three players from the 1972-73 season at a varsity game on Nov. 21, 2022. Thank you, Captain Bob Arturo, Alternate Fred Jacob, and Steve DiGiacomo for the stories and inspiration.

Front (L-to-R): Fred Jacob (A), Greg Kramer, Steve DiGiacomo, Dave "Chip" Lewandowski, Ralph Massaro, Tom Hile. Middle (L-to-R): Tom Hoover (Statistician), Jeff Balogh, Paul Fischione, Jack McKeating, Al Zangrilli, John Marburger (A), Mark Doerfler (A), Rich Brown, Sam Maiorana (Statistician), Marty Teague, Bob Botzer (Team Manager). Back (L-to-R): Brother Pat (Head Coach), Jim Bente (G), Alex Sanchioli, Larry Wenko, Bob Arturo (C), Joe Bucci, John Ehrentraut, Dave McKinney (G), Bob Zepfel (Team Trainer). Missing: John Murphy, Chris Barton.

THANK YOU!

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Todd & Robin Moline
Carolyn Weber

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ALPHA ICE COMPLEX

Thank you to Dan Gunde and Alpha Ice Complex for your support with respect to the ice scheduling and the hosting of this event.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC

Thank you to the many faculty, staff and administrators who have provided guidance and assistance in supporting CCVHC's activities throughout the season.

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SALUTE TO CCVHC'S FUTURE

The Class of 2023 offers encouragement to the club's current 11th graders and future leaders, the Class of 2024!

Evan Benscoter
Douglas Berthold
Nathan Cox
Anthony D'Orazio
Benjamin Jackson
Nicholaus Jesso
Josh Moline
Aidan Morgano
Jake Ochwat
Adam Sarkis
Aaron Williams
Christian Zavacky

Congratulations to the club's current 8th graders on their upcoming matriculation from the CCVHC middle school team. We hope to welcome them to the hockey club as members of the CCHS Class of 2027!

Henry Barmen
Shane Berthold
Nicholas Boden
Collinson Burgwin
Ryder Jackson
Brendyn McGurk
Luca Petraglia
Jeffrey Stipetic
Malachi Stahlsmith
Santino Strobel
Massimo Sunseri



The National Anthem will be performed by **GRACE GOUWENS**



Grace Gouwens is a freshmen at Fox Chapel High School. She is active in schools plays, musicals, and choirs. When not performing, she is usually at rowing practice or taking classes at CLO Academy. She is also a part of the FCHS Busking Club and Cheese Club.

She is honored to celebrate the Central Catholic Vikings Hockey Club's 50th Anniversary seniors and to represent Fox Chapel's music department tonight.