

# COUGAR NEWS

CARDINAL MOONEY  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH 2024



"Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return."

Ecc1 3:20

*Cougars*  
**Ash Wednesday**

# IMPORTANT INFO



## Upcoming Dates

### Important Semester Deadlines

- Late work deadline is (first 9 weeks) March 8
- Senior Late work deadline (second 9 weeks) May 8
- Underclassmen Late work deadline (second 9 weeks) May 17

### No School

Monday, February 19th  
in observance of  
President's Day



### Alumni News for the Now & Then Alumni Magazine

### Course Selection Information

Parents, Guardians, and Students,  
The FACTS Family Portal will close at midnight on Monday, February 19th. During the past two weeks, CMHS guidance counselors visited Theology classes to introduce the online course request process. Each student received a paper course request form for reference. Re-enrolled students need to submit their course requests during this period, as some courses have limited seats available.

#### The Family Portal:

One final word on the Family Portal: both students and parents can access the Family Portal. If your child has lost his or her login information, you may log in using your parent login information.

Website: [FACTSMGT.COM](http://FACTSMGT.COM)

- \* Click "FAMILY LOG IN"
- \* Click "FACTS Family Portal"
- \* District Code: CMHS-FL
- \* Enter login credentials
- \* Click "STUDENT" button and LOG IN
- \* Click the down arrow next to STUDENT on the left menu
- \* Click "COURSE REQUEST"
- \* Select courses using the dropdown menus.
- \* Continue until all of your courses are selected.
- \* MOST IMPORTANT - CLICK "SAVE" to record your selections

PORTAL CLOSING  
MONDAY FEB. 19TH

### 2024-2025 Curriculum Guide

### We Would Love to Hear from You!

Are you the parent of a recent Mooney graduate? Are you an alumni with news? Do you know a former Cougar who is doing some cool stuff? We are looking for interesting updates that we can share with our Mooney Alumni in the Now & Then communication. Whether it is about an interesting career, an important milestone or major accomplishment, we want to know about it! Please send your stories, news updates and photos to Caroline Melby in the Advancement office.



# ACADEMIC SERVICES

*Congratulations!*

**ALEXANDRA  
MUSSEY**



**NATIONAL MERIT  
SCHOLARSHIP FINALIST**



## Calling all Seniors

Scholarship Opportunities  
through the Diocese of Venice  
deadline approaching! Apply  
online at:

[www.ccfdioceseofvenice.org/scholarships](http://www.ccfdioceseofvenice.org/scholarships)



## NHS HOMEWORK HELPERS

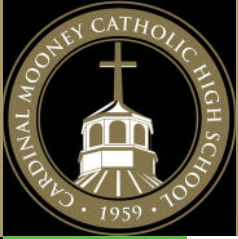
Any student looking for assistance  
with homework or prepping for a  
quiz or test? We offer National  
Honor Society Homework Help  
Monday – Thursday in room G105.  
This free service begins at 2:40  
and ends at 3:10. No appointment  
necessary. For any information  
please contact Mr. Scheuer at  
[sscheuer@cmhs-sarasota.org](mailto:sscheuer@cmhs-sarasota.org)



## Save the Date Parents and Students!

FAFSA PARENT INFORMATION  
SESSION for Seniors  
Wednesday, February 21 at  
6:00pm  
Location TBA



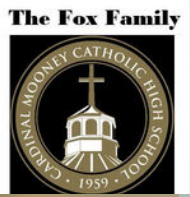


# GALA

*Time*



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WEDDINGS & EVENTS



## 2024 Gatsby Gala

Benefitting Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School  
Live and Silent Auction ♦ Dinner ♦ After Party

Don Your bowties and beads as we  
step back in time!



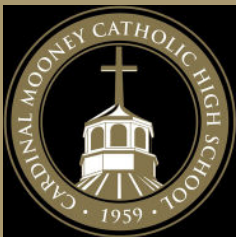
Best Dressed Contest - 1920s inspired cocktail attire encouraged

Tickets are Selling Quickly  
click  
here!

Michael's On East  
1212 S. East Avenue, Sarasota  
Saturday March 9, 2024  
6:00pm  
Tickets \$200 per person

Sisters of Notre Dame  
Distinguished Individual Award  
Recipient: Kelly Howard

MICHAEL'S  
ON EAST



# GALA

## We Welcome You to Create your own Silent Auction Basket!

- Kitchen equipment, baking essentials
- Backyard bonfire: fire pit with s'mores kit.
- Cookout: BBQ grill with accessories.
- Fun in the sun: Beach chairs and tent, towels, water bottle, sunscreen, flip-flops.
- Tailgating: Cooler filled with snacks and team gear



## Freshmen

The Freshmen class basket theme is "Lucky Duck"  
Any denomination of scratch off lottery tickets  
or cash to buy them



## Sophomore



The Sophomore class basket theme- "That's Entertainment!" a sports package (ie. Lightning, Rays, Bucs, Orioles), movie tickets, restaurant gift cards, tours & sightseeing, arts & culture, hotel stays, escape room vouchers, etc. are great!

Amazon link of suggested contributions which will be delivered directly to Mooney:

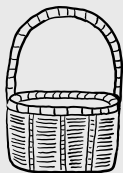
<https://a.co/OjeHmdN>



## Junior



The Junior class basket theme this year is "Travel & Adventure" Any donations such as, gas cards, day trip experiences, hotel stays, boating excursions, water sports, adventure backpack/outdoor gear, Yeti coolers, portable phone chargers, wireless headphones, Camping, hiking, road trip essentials, etc. are great! You may also use the following Amazon link of suggested contributions which will be delivered directly to Mooney: <https://a.co/iYTKdMM>



## Senior



The Senior class basket theme this year is "College Dorm Essentials" Any donation suggestions: smart book, back pack, gift cards, air purifier, office and desk supplies, organization supplies, shower caddy, flip flops, bath towels, alarm clock, lamp, electronic wireless charger station, bedding, etc. are great! You may also use the following Amazon link of suggested contributions which will be delivered directly to Mooney: <https://a.co/c2Twc00>





# FAITH & SERVICE

Junior Class Retreat

## Transforming Hearts





# FAITH & SERVICE



## Friday Morning Mass

Join us for **Daily Mass each Friday in Lent** beginning **next** Friday, Feb. 23rd at 7:15 AM in our chapel. Enjoy this extra opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist during the Lenten season. All are welcome to attend including students, parents and teachers. We hope to see you there.



## Eucharistic Conference

March 16, 2024



**Steven Ray, Keynote Speaker**

English and Spanish Sessions!

Bishop Verot High School  
5598 Sunrise Drive  
Fort Myers, Florida

QR Code to register!

For more information contact:  
Jim Gontis, 941-486-4754  
gontis@dioceseofvenice.org



[dioceseofvenice.org/  
eucharistic-conference-2024](https://dioceseofvenice.org/eucharistic-conference-2024)



**Bishop Frank J. Dewane**

## Cardinal Mooney Rice Bowl Collection:



Catholic Charity Rice Bowls will be distributed to all students this week during Theology Class. Please consider this opportunity as part of your family Alms Giving.

Each Lent, Catholic and non-Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe and our diocese overcome hardships like hunger and climate change, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.



# FAITH & SERVICE

## Diaper Drive



Collections will take place starting Wednesday, February 14th  
ANY SIZE DIAPER  
OR WIPES, PULL-UPS  
until Tuesday, March 26th

Contact Mr. Scheurer

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MEMORIAL  
HEALTH CARE SYSTEM



All School Ash Wednesday Mass

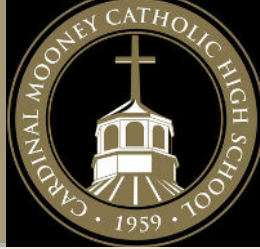
## Community Service

LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES TO COMPLETE YOUR CARDINAL MOONEY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS?

The All School Module found on Canvas has a routinely updated community service link. Opportunities current and yearlong are all posted at this link. Verification forms our school requirement letter are also posted for easy access. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Scheuer at [sscheuer@cmhs-sarasota.org](mailto:sscheuer@cmhs-sarasota.org)







# STUDENT LIFE

## Music to Our Ears!

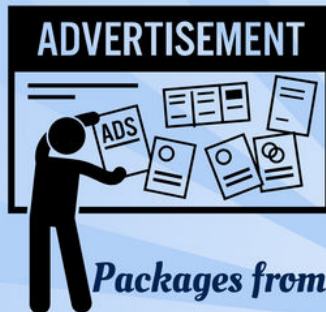


Joey Seifert is a senior at Cardinal Mooney who is truly a well-rounded student. Joey is inducted into the Honors Math Club, Alpha Mu Theta and received a “5” on the AP Calculus exam. Joey earns a “Superior” rating at the FBA Solo & Ensemble Festival for his saxophone solo. He recently signed at Florida State College in Jacksonville to play Baseball, as a center fielder.



## Trying to expand your business?

The CMHS Theatre Department is selling ad space in their program for their upcoming production of MAMMA MIA!



want your business information to reach hundreds of people?

want to give your favorite performer a shout out?

contact Miss Watkins by 2/23 for more information :)

[rwatkins@cmhs-sarasota.org](mailto:rwatkins@cmhs-sarasota.org)

*Packages from \$25*



**Seniors!**  
few tickets remaining



**GRAD  
BASH**  
UNIVERSAL  
ORLANDO





# STUDENT LIFE

## MR. Mooney 2024

### THE CONTESTANTS:

JOHNNY ANTONUCCI  
JACK CALLAHAN  
CHRISTIAN DIGIOIA  
GEORGE LEIBOLD  
HARRY MELBY  
TALAN MURPHY

DREW ROBERTS  
JAMES ROWAN  
JOEY SEIFERT  
SANTINO TRINA  
LORENZO WALLS  
VINCENT WREN

WATCH THESE 12 SENIORS  
SHOW OFF THEIR CREATIVITY,  
STYLE, AND TALENT TO  
COMPETE FOR THE TITLE ON  
**APRIL 26TH**







# ATHLETICS

Sports blurbs written by student: Darling Bergstrom



**Boys Basketball:** The Cougars are 18-8 and are District Champions! They beat Bradenton Christian in overtime last Saturday to win the district. They are headed into the Regional tournament with a 4 seed. Senior Connor Heald still leads the team averaging 19.1 points per game.

**Girls Basketball:** The girls basketball team won the District Championship last Friday night against Bradenton Christian. They also won their first Regional game Tuesday night 67-32, giving them a home game Monday against Tampa prep. Kali Barret leads the team in points, averaging 14.2 points per a game.

**Boys Lacrosse:** The boys lacrosse team went 3-0 this past weekend at the Joey Powers tournament this weekend. They face Steinbrenner (2/15) and travel to Plant next Tuesday for their first away game of the year.

**Girls Lacrosse:** The girls lacrosse team went 4-0 this weekend at the Joey Powers tournament. They suffered two losses early this week to Academy of the Holy Names and Lakewood.

**Girls Weightlifting:** The girls weightlifting had a successful run at the Regional Championships. Shelly DiLorenzo, Zoe Kirby and Valentina Rue will be moving onto States next weekend Lakeland, Florida.

**Boys Lacrosse:** The boys lacrosse team kicks off their season this weekend at the Lax Against Leukemia preseason tournament. Next week, they host their first regular season game on Thursday against Steinbrenner.

**Boys Baseball:** Preseason games kicked off with a strong start. Cougars beat Manatee High School, the Clyde Metcalf Classic. Looking forward to the first Home Game next Tuesday 2/20 at 4pm. Young players have stepped and adjusted well. Looking forward to a great season on our new field.

# COUGARS

**Headed to States**



## **Lady Cougars Weightlifting**

**Shelly Di'Lorenzo**

**Zoe Kirby**

**Valentina Borchert**

**Saturday February, 17th**



Visit the CMHS  
Ticket page!



Cougar Fans live stream athletic events from our HOME stadium and gymnasium through CMHS Athletics' YouTube channel.  
**Subscribe today!**



# COUGARS

**Feb 19- Feb 23**

**Saturday**

**Girls States Weightlifting Competiton  
Lakeland, FL**

**Monday**

**Varsity Girls Basketball Regional Semifinal Game vs. Tamps Prep: HOME, 7pm**

**Tuesday**

**Varsity Baseball vs. Bradenton Christian: HOME, 4pm  
TBD - Varsity Boys Basketball vs. TBD: AWAY**

**Wednesday  
No Games**

**Thursday**

**Varsity Girls Lacrosse vs. Bradenton Christian: HOME, 6pm  
TBD - Varsity Girls Basketball Regional Game vs. TBD: HOME, 7pm**

**Friday**

**TBD - Varsity Boys Basketball vs. TBD: AWAY**

For more Athletic Updates,  
highlights & try-out info  
follow:  
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on Instagram



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