

CENTRAL CATHOLIC VIKINGS HOCKEY

# SENIOR NIGHT 2024

Thursday, February 8, 2024



Alpha Ice Complex  
PITTSBURGH, PA





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## CLASS OF 2024

Senior Night  
February 8, 2024  
Alpha Ice Complex

6:00 - 6:45pm

### SENIOR RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Congratulations to the 11 seniors that are the Vikings Hockey Class of 2024.

Opening Prayer - Brother Mark Engelmeyer  
Special Remarks - Vikings Head Coach James Eller  
Guests - Central Catholic President Matthew Stoessel  
Principal Kevin Sheridan  
Assistant Principal James Donahue

7:00 - 8:50 pm

### CENTRAL CATHOLIC VS. CANON MCMILLAN

The Vikings take on PIHL rival The Big Macs

9:00 - 11:00 pm

### POST-GAME CELEBRATION

Players and families are invited to Gino's Brothers Pizzeria  
to celebrate the Central Catholic Hockey  
Class of 2024



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# The History and Tradition of Central Catholic Vikings Hockey

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 51st season, Vikings players, alumni and coaches have continually strived for excellence, not only for themselves, but for those around them.

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# Central Catholic Vikings Hockey Club

## SENIOR ROSTER

- 10 - Nathan Cox (C)
- 21 - Josh Moline (A)
- 23 - Anthony D'Orazio
- 28 - Christian Zavacky
- 29 - Evan Bencoter (A)
- 38 - Douglas Berthold
- 48 - Jake Ochwat
- 49 - Aaron Williams
- 51 - A.J. Morgano
- 59 - Nic Jesso
- 61 - Adam Sarkis (A)

## COACHES

James Eller, Head Coach  
Mike Johnson, Assistant Coach

## TEAM MANAGER

Crystal Ochwat

# To the Class of 2024 ~ from Vikings Head Coach James Eller

Gentleman, it has been an honor to watch you grow both on and off the ice over the last four years, and I am extremely proud of the young men you have become.

Collectively, this group exemplifies the pillars of Central Catholic. They are truly men of faith, scholarship, and service and I am humbled and blessed to have had the opportunity to be a part of their high school journeys. I am excited to see what the future brings for each of you. Stay focused, stay passionate, and remember the attention to details.

Thank you all for your commitment and contributions to both the hockey program and Central Catholic High school. You will all be greatly missed but your impact will never be forgotten.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for everything you have done for this team, organization, and the Central Catholic community.

Roll Vikes and God Bless.

## Coach Eller

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## EVAN BENSCOTER

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Wearing the Central Catholic jersey since 11th grade, Evan has been a great addition to the varsity squad. He serves as alternate captain and was a 2024 PIHL All Star. Evan would like to thank his parents and his brother for making countless sacrifices so he could continue to play the game he loves. Evan's advice, ***“Work as hard as possible every time you step on the ice and have fun because it’s over before you know it.”*** Evan plans to go to college to study engineering and play club hockey.



## DOUGLAS BERTHOLD

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Douglas started with Vikings Hockey during his freshman year. One of his favorite memories is scoring his first goal during a varsity game. He would like to thank everyone who has supported him over the years and says it is greatly appreciated. His advice, ***“Always work hard and never give up.”*** After graduation, Douglas plans on attending a four year college.



## NATHAN COX

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Wearing the Vikings crest since freshman year, Nathan now serves as the captain of the varsity team. He thanks God for giving him the ability to play the game and his parents for their countless sacrifices that allowed him to continue playing. He also thanks his friends and siblings for their unwavering support. Nathan's advice to underclassmen, ***“Always try your best. It’s better to fail than to wonder what could have been.”*** He'll study pre law in college.





## ANTHONY D'ORAZIO

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Anthony has played Vikings Hockey since 9th grade. "I want to thank all of my coaches over the last 4 years of playing hockey for Central Catholic. I appreciate your dedication to our teams. I want to thank my teammates for coming together even after tough losses. I especially want to thank my mom, dad and grandmother - thanks for taking me to practices and always supporting me at my games. I love you guys!" His advice: ***"Continue to work hard on and off the ice. Have fun and enjoy every moment, it goes by quickly."***



## NIC JESSO

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Joining Vikings Hockey freshman year, Nic's favorite memory is winning the junior varsity championship during the 22-23 season. He thanks God, his parents, and his coaches for being so supportive over the years. His advice to underclassmen is simple: ***"Work hard"***. After graduation, Nic plans to go to college and study accounting.



## JOSH MOLINE

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Josh, a member of Vikings Hockey since 9th grade, serves as an alternate captain this season. His favorite part of playing hockey has been meeting some of his best friends and creating bonds that will last a lifetime. His advice: ***"always put the work in, there are no shortcuts. Always give 100% both on the ice, in the classroom, and in life."*** After graduation he will be attending Penn State Navy ROTC.





## A. J. MORGANO

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A member of Vikings Hockey since 6th grade, A.J.'s favorite memory is scoring two goals for a win! He wants to say thank you to his family, friends, and coaches. A.J.'s advice to the underclassmen: ***“Work hard towards your goals and chase your dreams.”*** After graduation, he plans to study criminal law in college.



## JAKE OCHWAT

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A Vikings hockey player since 9th grade, Jake's favorite memory is getting to be a part of a championship winning team last year when the junior varsity 1 team clinched the PIHL Championship for the 2022 -2023 season. He thanks his mom, dad and coaches who pushed him along in hockey and encouraged him to work hard to be a better individual. His advice: ***“Take a minute to slow down and look at the little things in life because before you know it the little things in life won't be there and you will miss it when they are gone.”***



## ADAM SARKIS

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A four-year member of Central Catholic Hockey, Adam serves as alternate captain this season. His favorite memory is winning the PIHL Junior Varsity Championship in the 2022 -2023 season. He thanks his parents, siblings, relatives, coaches, teammates, friends and everyone who supported him at games over the years. Adam's advice to underclassmen: ***“Be a good teammate first, it has more of an impact on others than you think.”*** He will attend college to study journalism.





## AARON WILLIAMS

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Wearing the Central Catholic crest since freshman year, Aaron's favorite memory is winning the PIHL Junior Varsity Championship in 2023. He would like to say a special thank you to his parents, who have driven him to countless practices and games over his 4 years. Aaron shares this advice: *"Always trust your teammates, your coaches, and most importantly, trust yourself. Also, put the work in during practice and it will pay off in games."*



## CHRISTIAN ZAVACKY

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Christian has been a member of Vikings Hockey since 7th grade. He would like to thank his parents for giving him the opportunity to attend Central Catholic and play hockey. He would also like to thank Coach Eller and Coach Johnson for helping him grow as an individual and being patient with his reoccurring shoulder injuries. Christian's words to live by: *"Work hard and don't take the time at Central for granted. Time flies by very quickly. Persevere through any obstacles you face and it will make you a better person."*

## GOD BLESS THE CLASS OF 2024

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Dear God, bless the **Class of 2024** and fill them with the Spirit of your love. We pray that as they go forth to set the world on fire, may they remember you are in all things and all people, and share the fruit of their knowledge.



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VIKINGS HOCKEY 1972 - 2024

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*The Seniors*



L-R (front row): Aaron Williams, Christian Zavacky, Anthony D'Orazio, Josh Moline, Nathan Cox, Evan Benscoter

L-R (back row): Nic Jesso, Jake Ochwat, A.J. Morgano, Douglas Berthold, Adam Sarkis



Thank you to the Class of 2024

# Seniors







# Remember When...

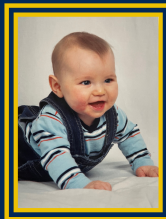




**PIHL Junior Varsity Champs**  
**Tuesday, March 28, 2023**  
Ice Castle Arena



## Guess the Vikings Hockey player!



TOP ROW (L-to-R): Christian Zavacky, A.J. Morgano, Adam Sarkis. 2ND ROW (L-to-R): Anthony D'Orazio, Evan Benseoter, Nathan Cox. 3RD ROW (L-to-R): Jake Ochwat, Josh Moline, Doug Berthold. BOTTOM ROW (L-to-R): Nic Jesso, Aaron Williams



#23



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#61



#59



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# Salute to the Future

**The Class of 2024 offers encouragement to the club's current 11th graders and future leaders, the Class of 2025!**

Luke Nuzzo  
Matthew Weber  
Thomas Puhalla  
Phineas Hammer  
James Zdarko  
Ben Balla  
Jack Marcello  
Thomas Lavelle  
Noah Hritz  
Billy George, Jr.  
Jay Donahue  
Luke Jesso

**Congratulations to the club's current 8th graders! We hope to welcome them as members of the CCHS Class of 2028!**

Evan Cardiff  
Jacob Litz  
Felix Aderholt  
Bailey Donahue  
Timothy Shannon  
Dominic Schork  
Domenic Ventura  
James Donahue  
Brayden Wilhelm  
Isaac Sarkis  
Maxwell Basista

# The CCHS Promise

*"To inspire boys to become  
Men of Faith, Men of  
Scholarship, Men of Service"*



# Thank You!

## SENIOR NIGHT COMMITTEE

Amy Balla  
Robin Moline  
Ann Kelton  
Karen Zavacky  
Carolyn Weber  
Tammy Nuzzo  
Susan Sarkis

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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 Vikings Hockey activities throughout the season.

## VIKINGS HOCKEY BOARD

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