



Transforming lives through the teachings of Jesus Christ within the Catholic tradition

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Dear Parents and Families,

Did you know that 100% of Bishop Hartley graduates are accepted to college? And that the Class of 2023 earned \$33.26 million in academic scholarships? These don't happen by accident, or luck. Bishop Hartley offers a college preparatory curriculum based in Catholic teaching; and our graduation requirements meet and exceed state standards. This success lies in part with our Comprehensive School Counseling program.

With an expansion of academic course offerings and an increase in student enrollment, we are excited to announce some changes we are making to our School Counseling team.

About School Counseling

Upon entering their freshman year at Bishop Hartley, all students are assigned a School Counselor, with whom they work with for the duration of their high school career. This continuity allows for the counselor to get to know the students and their interests.

With a student to counselor ratio of 233:1, our Comprehensive School Counseling program is structured to serve students in academic, social, emotional, and vocational capacities. Over the years, classroom developmental curriculum has included college and career assessments and research, a mental health support program through Nationwide Children's Hospital, and a Freshmen Focus program to help our students transition into high school, just to name a few. The counselors meet one-on-one with students to discuss strategies for becoming more successful in their educational experience.

What's Changing, and What's New

Our School Counseling team will continue to provide three full-time School Counselors to students, assigned based on the first letter of the student's last name.

- **Lauren Gruenwald** will continue as Director of School Counseling as well as School Counselor to students with last names H-N.
- **Doug Franz** will also continue to serve as School Counselor to students with last names A-G.
- New to the team is alumna, **Megan Trinh**. Mrs. Trinh has previously taught at Bishop Hartley, and is returning to serve as School Counselor to students with last names O-Z.
- **Liz Collette** is assuming a new role in the School Counseling program, in the position of *College and Career Counselor*. In this role, Ms. Collette will have the opportunity to continue to deeply expand the college and career experience for all students. In the ever-changing college and career landscape, Ms. Collette will be able to specifically focus on increasing the number of college representative visits per year, offer campus visits for students, collaborate with parents on the application and scholarship process, expand test preparation resources, and develop partnerships with multiple colleges, universities, and businesses to provide students more opportunities.

Mrs. Trinh and Ms. Collette will work together to ensure a smooth transition. Learn more about our School Counseling team and access resources [here](#). We have an exciting and impressive group of students in our building ready for a year filled with opportunities to grow in mind, body, and spirit. We are blessed with the ability to build our team to provide a quality Catholic school experience that will prepare our students even more so for the future.

God Bless and Go Hawks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Kowalski".

Christopher Kowalski, Principal