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## A Recap of October 2023 at Bergen Catholic

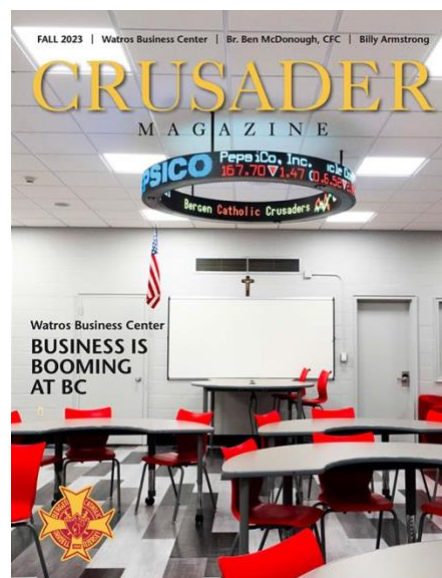


The following are some notable news and events from October 2023:

### ***Crusader Magazine* Relaunched with Fall 2023 Edition**

The relaunched *Crusader Magazine* spotlights the great works performed by BC students, alumni, faculty, families & friends and shows how the BC Brotherhood has a positive impact around the world.

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### **BC Finishes Top 3 in Nation in Missions Collection**

Recently at the 2023 Edmund Rice Action Leadership Retreat held in Kearny, NJ, Bergen Catholic was honored as one of the Top 3 Christian Brothers schools in the nation in regards to missions collection.

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### **BC Biology Students Run Food Donation Drive**

Bergen Catholic's commitment to serving the local community was seen in Mr.

McCloskey's biology class, which hosted a food drive and donated their proceeds to the Franciscan Community Development Center in Fairview & St. Anne's food pantry in Fair Lawn.



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### **BC Soccer Runs Halloween Costume Donation Drive**

The Bergen Catholic Soccer program recently ran a successful Halloween costume donation drive, collecting over 100 Halloween costumes for children in need, thanks to a partnership with the non-profit, *Jersey Cares*.

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### **Noah Sim '24 Gives Back to Youth Baseball Program in Dominican Republic**

Bergen Catholic senior Noah Sim '24 recently traveled to the Dominican Republic where he helped collect and donate hundreds of pieces of baseball equipment to help serve youth baseball players in need.

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### **BC Entrepreneurship Students Compete in Virtual Competition**

Students from Bergen Catholic Entrepreneurship classes participated in a virtual competition hosted by the University of Delaware's Horn Entrepreneurship program. Bergen Catholic was one of ten high schools from the east coast to participate in the virtual competition.

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### **BC Hosts Jam-Packed October Open House for Over 210 Families**

In one of the largest October Open Houses in recent history, Bergen Catholic welcomed over 210 families to the Oradell campus to promote the Bergen Catholic experience.

The last Fall Open House will be held on **Sunday, November 5th from (1-3 pm)**.

For more info, please visit the BC Admissions page **[HERE](#)**

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### **Dr. Wayne Tinsey Speaks at Bergen Catholic**

Bergen Catholic welcomed Dr. Wayne Tinsey to speak to the entire school community on Friday morning. Dr. Tinsey is a Global Ambassador for *Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders* and provided a presentation about mission, Blessed Edmund Rice, and the Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brothers education.

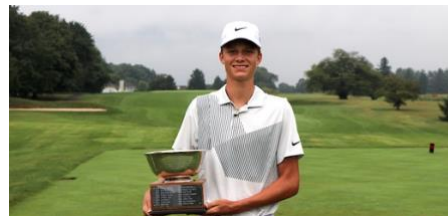
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### **Jack Pelzar '26 Named Orange County Citizen of the Month**

Bergen Catholic sophomore Jack Pelzar '26 was recently named as Orange County, New York's "Citizen of the Month" for the month of September for his contributions and dedication to his local community as an Eagle Scout.

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### **Ryder Hodgson '24 Dominates NJ Summer Golf Circuit**

Bergen Catholic has its own version of the Ryder Cup, as senior Ryder Hodgson '24 has collected a jaw-dropping amount of championship golf hardware this past spring & summer as he prepares for his final season of high school at BC.

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### **BC Runs to Another League Title & Top Overall Seed**

Bergen Catholic Football, the top-ranked team in New Jersey, ran past #2 St. Joseph Regional (28-23) in a thrilling showdown in front of over 2,000 fans in Oradell as part of 2023 BC Homecoming Weekend.

The win assured the Crusaders a league championship and the top-overall seed in the upcoming 2023 Non-Public A state playoffs. The Crusaders are the two-time reigning Non-Public A state champions and the road to MetLife Stadium will once again run through Crusader Stadium!



### **BC Soccer Wins League Title & Earns Top-10 State Ranking**

Bergen Catholic Soccer completed an extraordinary regular season, going (14-1-3) overall and won the Big North United Division in the process, going unbeaten in their 8 league contests.

The Crusaders are ranked #5 in the state, and earned the #3 seed in the North Non-Public A sectional playoffs, a section that includes 3 of the top 5 ranked soccer teams in the state.

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### **BC Freshman Cross Country Team Wins State Championship!**

The Bergen Catholic Cross Country program is having another solid Fall season, and being led by their fantastic freshmen. The Crusader freshmen team captured the 2023 NJCTC State Championship, one of 6 different races that the BC runners have won this season. Congratulations to Coach Josh Powers and the entire freshman team on this incredible accomplishment, as the future is certainly bright for the BC Cross Country program!

And to keep updated on everything BC sports-related, please visit the BC Sports Information page, run by Mr. Joe Haemmerle '86:

**[READ MORE HERE](#)**



### **BC Rugby Competes in Fall Season**

The Crusader Rugby team, the youngest of all the sports offered at BC, competed against fellow Catholic schools during their first rugby sevens Fall season.

### **2023 BC Homecoming Weekend & Alumni Golf Outing**

We thank all the Crusader alumni who came back home to Bergen Catholic this month to support their alma mater as part of the 2023 BC Homecoming Weekend & BC Alumni Golf Outing.

We loved seeing you back in Crusader Country, and no matter where you are, Bergen Catholic will always be your home!



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### **Br. Ray Vercruysse Celebrates Golden Jubilee**

Congratulations to Br. Ray Vercruysse, (pictured in the middle & to the left of Dr. Mahoney), who celebrated his 50th year as an Edmund Rice Christian Brother!



### **BC Partners with Arthur Groom & Co on Scholarship Program**

Bergen Catholic is proud to partner with Arthur Groom & Co to create a new *Bergen Catholic Collection* of customized BC pendants, cufflinks, money clips & drinkware, and 10% of all purchases will go to a scholarship established with Bergen Catholic.

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### **Halloween Fun in Crusader Country**

Bergen Catholic students certainly got into the Halloween spirit when some elected to dress up for the spooky holiday. It's not often when you'll find a 6'8 Michael Myers hanging out with a juicy cheeseburger and the Pope, but anything is possible on Halloween at BC!

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## **Check Out Our New 2023 Bergen Catholic Open House Video!**



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## **Buy Your Tickets for the 2023 Crusader Gala!**

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