

**December 1, 2023** 

# A Recap of November 2023 at Bergen Catholic



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

# **Bergen Catholic Football Completes Crusade for a Three-Peat**

Congratulations to the Bergen Catholic Crusader football program on winning their 2023 Non-Public A state championship, following a thrilling (24-14) win over Delbarton on a cold Tuesday evening at MetLife Stadium on November 28th.

The Crusaders won their third consecutive state title, the first time accomplishing that feat since (1991-1993), and brought home the 20th football state championship in school history back to Oradell.

Congrats to head coach Vito Campanile, his entire coaching staff, all the BC student-athletes, and our entire BC Brotherhood who share in this championship season. Deus Vult!





# BC Students Take Immersion Service Trip to Brownsville, TX

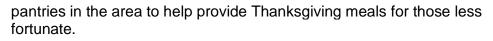
BC students traveled to Brownsville, TX from November 4th-11th for a service immersion trip where they worked with fellow Edmund Rice Christian Brothers schools to help the needy and were educated on the challenges posed by immigration at the Southern border.

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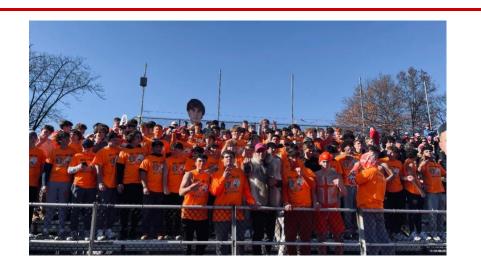
#### **Crusaders Give Back to Provide Thanksgiving for the Needy**

Members of the *Crusaders for Christian Action* club ran a Thanksgiving Food Drive and donated their bus-full collection of food to the Center for Food Action in Mahwah, NJ.

BC senior **Jack Tenaglia** & junior **Tommy Hunt** also got into the giving spirit and helped deliver 500 turkeys and 500 side dishes to various food







# **Crusader Crazies** Raise Donations to Honor Kyle Egan '20

The Bergen Catholic *Crusader Crazies* cheering section created customized orange t-shirts prior to the football team's state semifinal playoff game on November 18th to honor the memory of **Kyle Egan '20** and to raise awareness and money to combat leukemia.

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Bergen Catholic's **Ryan & Tristan Ruffino** raised over \$2,000 for *Wreaths Across America*, a non-profit who helps place wreaths at the graves of veterans across the country, and planted flags on the BC campus for Veteran's Day.

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For more info to help support *Operation Santa: Sam's Soldiers* please visit:



#### https://gofund.me/01a37e75



# BC Students Raise Over \$43,000 in *Sleep Out* Event

More than 200 Bergen Catholic students participated in the annual *Sleep Out* event to raise money and awareness for Covenant House, a shelter for kids experiencing homelessness and trafficking.

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# **BC Medical Club Runs** November Blood Drive

Thank you to all the members of our Bergen Catholic Brotherhood that participated in a November Blood Drive on November 13th, sponsored by the BC Medical Club in the school library.





#### **Class of 2027 Experience First Freshmen Retreats**

The Bergen Catholic Class of 2027 began to experience their first school retreats run by the Bergen Catholic Campus Ministry office in early November, as these Crusaders came together for a day of reflection, prayer, meditation, and team-building while at The Church of St. Anne in Fair Lawn.



# Living Legends Return to Crusader Country

Bergen Catholic was honored to welcome back some living legends of Crusader history to Oradell for their annual Thanksgiving and Retirees Breakfast and school Mass on Tuesday, November 21st.

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#### **BC Soccer Produces Championship Double**

Both the Bergen Catholic JV and Freshman soccer teams won Bergen County championships this November, as the JV squad knocked off Don Bosco Prep (2-1) at Jack McGovern Field, and the freshman team capped off an undefeated (26-0) season with a (4-1) win over Ramapo in the county final!

The Crusader varsity soccer team finished a great season ranked #6 in the state.





#### Seven BC Student-Athletes Honored at November Commitment Day

The Crusader student-athletes who were honored included:

Parker Day (Bucknell lacrosse), Ryan Ford (Rutgers wrestling), Doyee Kim (Army West Point Swimming), Joe Lee (Lafayette Soccer), Ryan Marchina (Mount Saint Mary's Baseball), Chris Nucifora (Bucknell Wrestling) & Cosimo Tristani (Fordham Soccer).

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#### Thanks for Supporting the 2023 Crusader Gala!

Thank you to everyone who attended or supported the 2023 Crusader Gala! It was a terrific night of entertainment provided by our incredibly talented Masked Singers, and was all for a great cause to support the Bergen Catholic Student Tuition Assistance Fund, making a Bergen Catholic education possible for future Crusaders!



# Enjoy our New Bergen Catholic Open House Video!



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