

Significant Events

St. Francis Academy/ St. Bonaventure/Scotus Central Catholic

- 1878 First established as a primary school by the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate on Nov. 4. It was non-denominational.
- 1884 Named St. Francis Academy serving primary through 10th grade (boarding school) & run by the Sisters of St. Francis Seraph of Perpetual Adoration
- 1899 Chapel wing erected. By 1900 the school had 65 boarders
- 1909 West wing was constructed (top floor was girls dorm)
- 1910 Offered all 12 grades
- 1912 First accreditation from Nebraska State University
- 1915 First alumni association was established. Original building's 3rd floor burns in fire
- 1925 Purchased by St. Bonaventure Parish and named St. Bonaventure School serving all 12 grades at no tuition. No longer a boarding school.
- 1931 First basketball team. We were known as the "Shamrocks"
- 1936 Coach Paul "Dutch" Ernst started as head basketball coach (unpaid)
First school newspaper "Bonaventure" then later that year "Venture"
- 1939 The "barn" was remodeled into a gymnasium
- 1941 North Central Assoc. of Colleges and Secondary Schools accreditation,
First year of 6-man football, track. First year of girls' sports, First year boy's track.
- 1946 First year of 11-man football
- 1951 Elementary grades move to new parish elementary school. (1952) First year of hot lunches
- 1956 Science wing constructed and dedicated on 9/8/1957
- 1958 Memorial Hall was opened and dedicated on 5/3/1959
- 1959 First Annual Athletic Banquet
- 1963 Northwest addition was opened (art, music, and shop)
- 1964 New corporation formed to establish a central Catholic HS w/9 parishes on Nov 25
- 1965 Last class to graduate from St. Bonaventure HS
New 20-classroom facility opened. School name changed to Scotus Central Catholic on July 1
- 1980 Activity Center Opened and dedicated on 11/23/80; new Chapel dedicated
- 1992 Media Center opened, and hallway to Memorial Hall converted
- 2000 McLaughlin Activity Field dedicated, web site launched
- 2001 New cafeteria sound system, new intercom/phone system connecting all offices & classrooms
new bus purchased, purchased house on 15th street for possible expansion plans
- 2002 Received \$250,000 Vincent and Lorraine Feik Technology Fund gift for the endowment,
purchased 2nd house to the north of school, courtyard was renovated
- 2005 East activity field renovated. SiPS program installed. Begin to offer courses for college credit through CCC, grant received to provide SiPS in the elementary schools. (Now PowerSchool)
- 2006 Installation of new boilers, purchased 3rd house North of school, added new security system
- 2008 Legacy Campaign, Installation of New HVAC system, remodel of locker rooms and more.
- 2008-09 Celebrated School's 125th Anniversary as a Catholic High School
- 2009-10 Volleyball wins 14th state title, \$374,853 donated to the endowment
- 2012-16 3 National Merit Finalists in 4 years, varsity wrestling, new classroom desks & parking lot

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