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SHILOH SKYLIGHT

CONNECTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY



*Academic
Excellence on a
Christian
Foundation -
Teaching Students
to Know, Love, and
Serve God.*



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2026



>>> BJ BUCHMANN, HEAD-OF-SCHOOL

Each graduating class leaves its own mark on Shiloh Christian School, and the Class of 2026 is no exception.

As we celebrate this group of graduates, we also celebrate the many different paths God is calling them toward. Some students are pursuing four-year universities, others community colleges, trade programs, military service, ministry opportunities, athletics, workforce careers, and other unique next steps. While their destinations vary, what stands out most is the intentionality with which they are stepping into the future.

Every student is uniquely created by God with individual gifts, talents, passions, and callings. Part of Christian education is helping students not only prepare academically, but also discover who God created them to be and how they can use their lives to serve Him and others.

One of the unique blessings of a small Christ-centered school community is that students are truly known. Through relationships built over years in classrooms, activities, chapels, mentoring opportunities, and counseling conversations, our staff has the opportunity to walk closely alongside students as they explore their interests and pursue future plans.

That individualized guidance is made possible through the investment of teachers, coaches, parents, mentors, and staff members like Mrs. Bobbie Jo Young, our MS/HS counselor, who faithfully works with students as they navigate decisions about academics, careers, college planning, scholarships, and future direction.

Of course, plans may change over time as God continues to lead and direct each graduate's journey. Yet having the confidence to take meaningful next steps, while remaining grounded in Christ, is a gift worth celebrating. On the following pages, you will find both the future plans of the Class of 2026 and an adapted portion of this year's graduation address from Pastor Paul Nather. His message serves not only as an encouragement to graduates, but as a reminder for all of us to remain grounded in God's Word, led by His Spirit, and committed to reflecting Christ in the world around us.

Congratulations, Class of 2026. We are proud of you, we are praying for you, and we look forward to seeing how God continues to work through your lives in the years ahead.

BJ Buchmann

CORE VALUES

Serve - 'Gifted to Give' (1 Peter 4:10) We honor God by pursuing our purpose with passion while using our gifts to impact others.

One 'United in Faith' (Ephesians 4:2-6) We build each other up in love and grow stronger by showing humility, patience, and kindness.

Aware 'Identity in Christ' (Ephesians 2:10) We graciously both give and receive feedback and hold ourselves to a high standard.

Respect "Walk Humbly, Act Kindly" (Micah 6:8) We treat everyone with respect, reflecting the love and fairness that God calls us to.

BE STRONG. BE GOOD. BE LED. BE JESUS.

A MESSAGE FOR ALL TO HEAR

>>> ADAPTED FROM THE 2026 GRADUATION ADDRESS BY PASTOR PAUL NATHER

Graduates, you made it. Some might say you survived it.

One of Shiloh's core values in the SOAR acronym is Aware. The heart behind this value is that Shiloh would be a place where you could discover your true identity — not in the world, not in achievement, not in comparison, but in Christ. That's one of the greatest challenges for teenagers today: to discover and live into the person God created you to be.

Throughout middle school and high school, you hear people say, "Don't let anyone tell you who you are." But as you step into this next season of life, let me point you instead to God's Word to tell you who you should be.

Be Strong and Courageous

The book of Joshua begins with a powerful moment where God comes to Joshua and says, "Moses my servant is dead. Now you are going to lead." Joshua had big shoes to fill. He was stepping into uncertainty, responsibility, and the unknown. And God tells him: "Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night..."

The world in front of you is big. Opportunities are endless, but so are the unknowns. But you do not have to be anxious or fearful, and you do not have to manufacture boldness on your own. If you ground yourself daily in God's Word — if you let it shape your mind, direct your decisions, and anchor your life — you can move into the future with faithful expectation and courage.

Be Good

This week I walked the halls of Shiloh and counted the graduates who have gone before you. As the Class of 2026 crossed the stage, you joined nearly 1,000 alumni who once sat in these same classrooms and walked these same hallways. And you are in good company. We have Shiloh graduates serving as business owners, military pilots, software designers, mechanics, teachers, artists, medical professionals, pastors, parents, and community leaders. One graduate helped design instant replay software used by the NFL. Others have flown military aircraft serving our nation. Some are quietly serving their communities every single day through faithfulness in their homes, churches, workplaces, and relationships.

But more important than titles or careers is this: Shiloh exists to help students love Jesus and live like Him. The greatest legacy of this school is not found in accomplishments alone, but in graduates marked by courage, integrity, humility, service, discipleship, and faithfulness. You are in good company. Now go and be good company for those who come after you. And wherever God leads you next, be a good neighbor. Build. Serve. Invest. Pray for the people and communities around you. Bring light into the places God calls you.

Be Led

Right now, you are seniors. You made it to the top. But very soon, many of you will become "the freshman" again. Instead of spending your life trying to prove yourself or fight your way to the top, stay humble and learn to let the Holy Spirit lead you. The greatest lives are not simply driven by ambition — they are led by the Spirit of God. Let Him guide your decisions. Shape your character. Direct your plans. Convict your heart. Strengthen you when temptation rises. Give you peace when life gets difficult. "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." — Galatians 5:25

Be Jesus

Ultimately, all of this can be summarized in two simple words: Be Jesus. Not because you are the Savior, but because the world desperately needs people who authentically reflect Him. The world does not need more critics, more noise, or more imitation. It needs people who genuinely walk like Jesus — people who love like Him, serve like Him, care like Him, and point others toward the hope and peace only He can give. Stay so close to your Savior that your life begins to resemble His.

Class of 2026, we are proud of you. We will continue praying for you, cheering for you, and reminding you who you are. You are equipped and ready to soar. "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" — 1 John 3:1

A PURPOSE. A PLAN. A FUTURE.

>>> ADAPTED FROM THE BACCAULUARATE ADDRESS BY BOBBIE JO YOUNG

For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you hope and a future.' - Jeremiah 29:11

As the Class of 2026 steps into the next season of life, we celebrate the unique ways God has gifted and called each student. From universities and trade schools to military service and workforce opportunities, each graduate is pursuing a path shaped by their interests, talents, and sense of purpose. While plans may evolve over time, we are grateful for the opportunity to walk alongside students as they prepare for what comes next.

- Tarynn Backman — Business Management, Grand Canyon University
- Xavier Balkowitsch — Finance, Grand Canyon University
- Riley Bendigo — United Tribes Technical College; plans to pursue mechanical engineering or astrophysics
- Celia Brandt — Physical Therapy, University of North Dakota, with a goal of working in geriatric physical therapy
- Cole Buchholtz — Business, Bismarck State College
- AJ Dragswolf — Fire Science, North Dakota State College of Science
- Bridger Duckwitz — U.S. Navy career with the goal of becoming a Navy SEAL
- Hannah Fitzcharles — Occupational Therapy, Union Adventist University; serving as a summer camp counselor
- Ivey Grinnel — Psychology, Bismarck State College, with plans to become a psychiatrist
- Jordan Grosz — Moody Bible Institute, pursuing ministry and street evangelism
- Brooke Hauser — Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences, Minnesota State University Moorhead
- Kaleb Helgeson — Automotive & Diesel Technician program, Bismarck State College
- Sophia Heringer — Exercise Science and chiropractic studies, University of Mary; continuing volleyball
- Ethan Johnson — Wealth Management, Grand Canyon University
- Reese Klein — Esthetics training at Josef's School of Hair, Skin & Body Care
- Philip Kuntz — Auto Technology certificate, Bismarck State College
- Thomas Marquardt — Electrical Engineering, North Dakota State University
- Jaxson Maulding — Welding, Bismarck State College
- Makowa Packineau — Continuing education at United Tribes Technical College
- Carson Quam — Finance, Minnesota State University Moorhead; continuing football
- Daisy Roaming Wolf — Clinical Psychology, University of North Dakota
- Danielle Schlag — Biology/Pre-Med, University of North Dakota, with plans to become a radiologist
- Emily Schuette — Physical Therapy, University of North Dakota
- Mason Seifert — Completing associate degree at Bismarck State College before pursuing accounting
- Paxton Shaffer — Business, Grand Canyon University
- Jordan Stahl — Biology and future medical studies in sleep medicine, University of North Dakota
- Josh Steingrueber — Workforce experience before pursuing Electrician Technician studies at Bismarck State College
- Noah Stockdill — Physical Education & Elementary Education, Valley City State University; continuing golf
- Macie Thompson — Business, North Dakota State University, with plans to pursue real estate
- Allison Throlson — Elementary Education and Library Media & Information Sciences, Mayville State University
- Landon Unger — Workforce and exploration of an electrical apprenticeship
- Diane Westlund — Graphic Design & Communications, Bismarck State College; plans to become a 911 dispatcher
- Jack Wonnenberg — Business Management and Entrepreneurship, Grand Canyon University
- Harper Wrigley — Biology/Pre-Dentistry, Concordia College; continuing volleyball with plans to become a pediatric dentist

As it is written, 'In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight' - Proverbs 3:6

WORK BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

➤➤➤ **BOBBIE JO YOUNG, MS/HS COUNSELOR**

Work-based learning internships connect classroom learning with real-world experience. Throughout the 2025-26 school year, students stepped into professional environments across a variety of industries, gaining valuable hands-on experience while exploring potential career interests and developing practical skills. These internships not only help students better understand future career pathways, but also provide opportunities to grow in responsibility, communication, professionalism, and confidence.

Thank you to the local businesses, organizations, and mentors who invested in our students this year by opening their workplaces and sharing their expertise. Their partnership helps equip students to pursue their God-given gifts and interests with purpose and preparation. The following students completed work-based learning internships during the 2025-26 school year:



NOAH STOCKDILL, SHILOH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
TEACHER EDUCATION, FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE



PHILIP KUNTZ, ACE 24 HR TOWING & BERGS 24 HR TOWING
TRADE & INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION
COOPERATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE



PAXTON SHAFFER, RDO EQUIPMENT
AGRICULTURE COOPERATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE



JORDAN GROSZ, GRACE POINT CHURCH
FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE
COOPERATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE



ETHAN JOHNSON, BRAVERA
BUSINESS COOPERATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE,
WEALTH/BANKING



KALEB HELGESON, PEAK AUTOMOTIVE
TRADE & INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION
COOPERATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE



ALLISON THROLSON, SHILOH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
TEACHER EDUCATION,
FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE



KATHY RING, JOANNE DREVLOW, KAETLYN RING
CELEBRATING FAMILY, LEGACY, AND SERVICE

A FINAL BOW FOR JOANNE DREVLOW A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

This spring's production of *The Little Mermaid* marked the final Shiloh musical under the direction of Joanne Drevlow. For years, Joanne has faithfully invested in students both in the classroom as an art teacher and on the stage as musical director. From designing sets and sewing costumes to directing productions and encouraging students behind the scenes, Joanne has helped students grow in confidence, creativity, teamwork, and the courage to use their God-given gifts.

This year's musical beautifully reflected that legacy as students came together to bring *The Little Mermaid* to life through music, acting, stage production, and teamwork. We are deeply grateful for Joanne's faithful service and the lasting impact she has had on generations of Shiloh students. Her influence will continue long after the curtain closes.



SCAN TO WATCH THE KX NEWS
'SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW'
FEATURE ON JOANNE!

CLASSROOM EXPANSION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

FAITHFUL TO THE FINISH

BY THE NUMBERS

REMAINING BALANCE
ON PROJECT: \$2,000,000

MONTHLY INTEREST PAYMENT: \$20,000

Having opened just before the start of the 2025-26 school year, the classroom expansion meant that all our students were able to learn, grow, collaborate, and build community within the walls of Shiloh this year - without the need for portable classrooms. **Yet this campaign has never simply been about a building.** It is about sustaining a mission that has impacted generations of students and families through Christ-centered education, discipleship, mentorship, and community.

Every page of this Skylight reflects that mission in action. From graduates stepping into unique callings and future plans, to students participating in work-based learning experiences, to fine arts, athletics, and spiritual formation - these moments are possible because generations before us sacrificed faithfully to invest in Christian education. **Now it is our turn.**

The expanded classrooms and learning spaces are already being used every day to support students academically, spiritually, creatively, and relationally. The work God is doing at Shiloh continues to grow, and we remain committed to stewarding that mission faithfully for future generations. As we continue moving toward retiring the remaining debt, we are deeply grateful for every family, alumni, donor, and supporter who has prayed, encouraged, and given sacrificially along the way.

Those before us were faithful to begin. Together, we now seek to be faithful to the finish.

GROWING THROUGH GENEROSITY

FAITHFUL SUPPORT OF SHILOH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

>>> LAURIE EISENBEIS, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

As another school year comes to a close, we are continually reminded that Shiloh Christian School is strengthened through the faithful generosity of families, alumni, grandparents, local businesses, and supporters who believe deeply in Christian education. Tuition alone does not fully fund the mission and ministry of Shiloh. Annual giving to Shiloh's general fund helps create opportunities for students to be known, challenged, disciplined, and equipped for the future.

Charitable Contributions	Projected	As of 5/31/2026	Difference over/under
Skyhawkktion	\$250,000	\$371,805	\$121,805
Giving Hearts Day	\$20,000	\$29,648	\$9,648
Community Partners	\$150,000	\$115,000	(\$35,000)
General Donations	\$150,000	\$42,825	(\$107,175)
Friends of Shiloh	\$150,000	\$225,122	\$75,122
Designated Donations	\$29,000	\$15,400	(\$13,600)
Total	\$749,000	\$799,800	\$50,800

GIVE TODAY

To support the Faithful to the Finish Campaign or Shiloh's annual giving needs, please use the enclosed envelope or connect with Laurie Eisenbeis at 221-2104 or laurie.eisenbeis@shilohchristian to learn more about opportunities to partner with the mission of Shiloh Christian School.

We are deeply grateful for the many individuals who continue to pray for, encourage, and financially support the mission of Shiloh Christian School.

Your generosity is helping shape lives today while strengthening the foundation for future generations of students.

Together, we continue moving forward trusting God's provision and celebrating the work He is doing through this school community.

The Little Mermaid Musical Cast



NORTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL STATE TRACK



MCKENLEY GIESE
8TH PLACE DISCUS



LAYLA THOMPSON
2ND PLACE HIGH JUMP



JORDAN STAHL
3RD PLACE LONG JUMP



JORDAN STAHL
STATE CHAMPION TRIPLE JUMP



**JORDAN STAHL - JOY AFOAKWA
IRELYN DUFFY - LAYLA THOMPSON**
4TH PLACE 4X100 RELAY



**NOAH KREITER - AYMS MELIN
CAIDEN GETZLAFF - BRIDGER DUCKWITZ**
NEW SCHOOL RECORD 4X200



Scan the QR code for this year's Track & Field school records and state qualifiers

The Inspiring Minds Ricochet Robotics Team traveled to Houston, TX to compete in the FIRST Championships Worlds competition!



Inspiring Minds Ricochet Robotics FIRST Tech Challenge

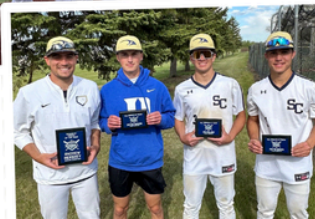
Kade Rennich | Eli Hatlestad | Jordan Haider | Michael Budd



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Region Champs!
2026



The Skyhawks returned to the State Baseball tourney finishing in 6th place. Justin Bosch threw a no hitter in game two to rally after a hard loss in the first round. Bosch and Jack Pelham were named to the All-State team.



The Skyhawk Boys Golf team had a great season - winning several invitational, taking the Region 5 Championship, placing second at Super Regionals, and then capping the season with a 3rd place finish at State. Xavier Balkowitsch was named to the All State and All Tourney Team.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Community Partners are businesses that have committed to annually supporting our school. This continued giving provides long-term stability and growth in education, programs, and activities for all Shiloh students.

For more information on our Community Partners program visit <https://shilohchristian.org/community-partners/> or connect with Laurie Eisenbeis, Development Director at laurie.eisenbeis@shilohchristian.org



HAPPY 4th of JULY

CELEBRATING OUR FREEDOM AS A NATION AND IN OUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AS OUR SAVIOR

JOIN OUR TEAM

NOW HIRING

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS &
2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR POSITIONS

FACULTY, COACHING, &
SUPPORT POSITIONS



Visit shilohchristian.org/employment for a list of open positions and how to apply.

THANK YOU

IMAGE PRINTING

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BECAUSE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS.

Friday night games. Classroom celebrations. Field trips. Concession stands. Teacher support. Fundraisers. Mentoring. Hospitality. Prayers. Encouragement. Countless unseen moments.

Behind the scenes are parents, grandparents, volunteers, PTO members, Booster Club supporters, board members, and community members faithfully giving their time, talents, resources, and hearts to serve our students.

Your willingness to step in, show up, support, organize, encourage, and invest helps make Shiloh Christian more than a school - YOU are what makes Shiloh a Christ-centered community where students are known, loved, challenged, and encouraged.

Many of the moments celebrated throughout this Skylight simply would not happen without you. Whether you volunteered publicly or quietly served behind the scenes, your impact matters deeply.

Thank you for faithfully partnering in the mission of Shiloh Christian School and investing in the lives of the next generation.

***ALWAYS GIVE YOURSELVES FULLY TO THE WORK OF THE LORD,
BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LABOR IN THE LORD IS NOT IN VAIN.***

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

Thank
You!

