



# **CLASS OF 2017**

## **CRUSADER OF THE MONTH**

### **Chase Michael Mastella**

**MONTH HONORED: January 2017**

**Chase Mastella was selected by Mr. Erin Johnson**

It is my pleasure to nominate Chase Mastella for January's Student of the Month. I have had the privilege of getting to know Chase over the past four years as his physical education and conditioning teacher. I am proud to say that he strives for personal excellence on a daily basis, while demonstrating what it truly means to be a student at Muskegon Catholic Central.

I have had the opportunity to engage Chase in many conversations on many different topics. From these conversations, I have learned that Chase is a well-rounded young man who is truly passionate about his family and his athletics. Chase has a strong desire always to come out on top no matter the sport or game. I've also found that he has a wonderful sense of humor and is a kind and thoughtful person. Chase doesn't complain, approaches his work with a positive attitude, and is a genuine all-around nice guy.

He has been described by one teacher as "a responsible, conscientious student who always completes his assignments with quality and has a sharp, articulate mind. He has an amazing ability to make all feel comfortable in his presence." Another teacher goes on to say that "he always has a smile to share with the class. He has a great spirit and because of this, his presence in class is really missed on days when he is not there. He is a good student who cares about the well-being of others."

Chase has also made his mark beyond the classroom through numerous extracurricular activities. He has represented MCC through his participation in both hockey and golf. Outside of MCC, he loves to play golf and spend time with his family and friends.

Even though his college plans are undecided at this time he does plan to pursue a degree in Business.

Congratulations and best wishes to Chase as he continues to strive for excellence!

Chase is the son of Steve and Karen Mastella and is a member of St. Francis de Sales Parish.



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### **Kevin Michael Vanderwest**

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**Kevin Vanderwest was selected by Mr. Jerry Mabrito**

To quote the Student of the Month selection criteria, "Character isn't inherited. It builds daily by the way one thinks and acts, thought by thought, action by action. People of character are marked by moral strength and class. They seek what is good, just, and true and consistently act on these principles without being conceited or judgmental." These words describe Kevin.

Kevin consistently demonstrates these qualities to everyone he comes in contact with. He is always willing to help and to do the right thing, no matter what the cost is to himself. When asked about Kevin, Mr. Russick said, "Kevin is a parishioner from Our Lady of Grace where I attend, and I have known him since he was a little boy. Kevin is a gifted individual with a heart of gold and a great intellect. Kevin is always friendly, kind, and considerate to all. He has assisted me many times this year and in the past with technology. He always lets me know... 'Feel free to call on me if you need anything, and I will help you!' He is a young man of amazing character and talent." I couldn't agree more. Anyone who knows Kevin knows that they can count on him to help in any way he can.

Outside of school Kevin continues to exhibit the desire for personal improvement and his commitment to the well-being of others. He is a member of the White Lake FIRST Robotic team, volunteers at his parish Our Lady of Grace, and provides computer repair and advice for many. Kevin has also assisted in many construction projects at MCC which have added to the elegance of the trophy displays and the prestige of the various plaques that honor student achievements.

Kevin's interests include astronomy, computers, science, and math. Kevin would like to attend the University of Michigan or Case Western Reserve University to study Aerospace Engineering. With the intellect that Kevin has displayed and his commitment to academic excellence, Kevin is likely to accomplish this and much more.

It is for these reasons and many, many more that I have chosen Kevin as the Senior Student of the Month.

Kevin is the son of Mark and Patricia Vanderwest.