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**HOMECOMING
2008**
Friday, Sept. 26
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
AND PLAN TO JOIN US!

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Please send nominations to the Alumni Association. Forms are on the web site at www.sha.net. The Award is given annually to the Alumnus who demonstrates the ideals of his/her Christian education through outstanding contributions to church, parish, school and community.

FOUNDATION

The Association has received some requests to provide our mailing list for some fund raising purposes but the governing board has agreed that the Sacred Heart Academy Foundation is the only entity that we will share with. We respect your privacy but also realize the efforts required to operate an outstanding educational system on a very limited budget. The Foundation contributed over \$200,000 last year and has now provided over two million dollars to the school since it's inception in 1976. We obviously accept donations to the Alumni Association to help defray our expenses and encourage consideration for support of the Foundation.

WWW.SHA.NET

The new website is still under construction but should be up and running soon. We hope to expand on the categories we now have represented and have new information posted including school newspapers and past editions of the Alumni News. It will still be www.sha.net.

2008 GIRL'S BASKETBALL



Go Irish!

The 2008 Irish Girl's Basketball team became the first team in school history to advance to the State Championship game. Kelsey DeNoyelles became the girl's all time leading scorer during the season and was named the Michigan Class D Player of the Year. Pictured are (kneeling) Maureen Riley, Rachel Jaksa and Jenna Fox (daughter of Joe '78 and Deb McDonald Fox '81, granddaughter of Harold '39 and Vada Simmer Fox '44); (standing) Sigourney Seybert (granddaughter of Earl '37), Emily Thering (daughter of Bob '76, granddaughter of Russell '38), Lauren Briggs, Kelsey DeNoyelles, Chelsea Mills (daughter of Mark '79, granddaughter of Carolyn McKenna Mills '60 and Sue Hovey Schafer '58) and Elizabeth Ebright. The girls completed the season with a 25-2 record and were ranked number #1 for a number of weeks in the season.

Congratulations!

WELCOME CLASS OF 2007

We'd like to welcome thirty-three members of the Class of 2007 to the Association. The class includes Sarah Cardon (Carolyn Strauss '79, Anne McConnell '54), Chris Fitzpatrick (Mike '82 and Nora Natzel '82, great grandson of Joe '31), Sara Myler (Bill '76), Catherine Newman (Mike '77), Alicia Rudoni (Dana '83) and Caleb Simons (Dan '70).



REUNION NEWS

CLASS OF 1957

The Class of 1957 celebrated their 50th reunion the weekend of September 15, 2007 combining some activities with the class of 1962 and including a trolley ride through town and a Sunday memorial Mass followed by a tour of the school while sharing "First Friday" donuts and chocolate milk. The class made a donation to the Academy's "Wish List" Fund with money collected at the reunion to show their appreciation for the education they received. They also noted that they had so much fun that several of them plan to attend the Annual Homecoming receptions every year.

SCHOOL ADDITION

Plans are moving ahead to renovate the Elementary School to add two classrooms and a media center/ computer room. The school was built in 1964 and currently remains as original except for a small office addition. The project is scheduled to be completed by the fall and will allow the Parish to sell the old convent to help generate funds.

The convent has been used for pre-school and developmental kindergarten programs over the last several years. Those programs will be housed in the elementary building when construction is complete.

FIRST CLASS!

Yes these ladies were *first class* and THE first class, graduating in 1893: Lillian Flood McMahan, Kathryn Kaiser, Louise Garvin Farrel, Mary McCue and Nettie McCray **Blondheim**. We did find out that Nettie was a relative of the Kirkeys, two Kirkey sisters having married Blondheims. Still like to establish a lineage from these ladies if anyone knows more.

FINDZIS.COM

Since the last newsletter challenge, hits to the search engine website of **Kassandra Hartman Lichota '94**, www.findzis.com, has nearly tripled. Although the site was not created to challenge Yahoo or Google, it has increased from an average of 60 hits per day to 179 hits per day since our last newsletter. The total hits in September, which may have included a few alumni hits toward the end of the month was 2085 whereas October, the month the newsletter reached most of us, the number swelled to 4039 hits. Thanks for playing and keep searching!



Pictured are (front row) Paul Deni, Maxine Maxim Breidenstein, John Dart, Kathlyn Kisby Ernst, Sister Mary Jo Beckett, Pat Gaudard and Judi Hively Weise; (middle row) Barbara Persinger Ingram, Suzanne Sowle Fischer, Helen King, Nancy Rinehart Deckard, Phyllis Percha Prior, Charles "Ocker" Campbell, Jackie Ball Graham, Eleanor Lopez and Dorothy Connors; (back row) Dean Carey, Jean Fox Taylor, Jeanne Beutler Scheimann, Phyllis Hibberd Clark, Irene Pety Turk, Fred McQuaid, Sonja McGuirk Albaugh and Gene Carey.

CLASS OF 1962

Members of the Class of 1962 met at the Soaring Eagle Inn (formerly Holiday Inn) in Mt. Pleasant on September 15, 2007 with twenty-two members attending from Michigan, California, Indiana, Florida and New York.



Pictured is (seated) Mary Bayer Hovey, Nancy Gase Prunty, Carol Hart Belloli, Ruth Glover and Kathleen Thompson Emery and Katy Thompson. (Standing) Jim Kirkey, Terry Neyer, John "Joe" Lynch, Carol Cotter Cross, Jack Voisin, Jim Hayden, Dorothy Epple Huber, Gene Theisen, Ester Huber Haupt, Jim Schmalbach, Mary Madeline Pety Hicks, Bob Goffnett, Lorena Lapham Szumski, Spencer Kisby and Bob Heintz. Also attending but not in the picture was Mike Truax.

Cherished friends

MEMBER NEWS

Let us know what you and other friends and family are doing!

Send us a note at: alumni@sba.net
or mail to: Alumni Association,
316 East Michigan St.,
Mt. Pleasant 48858

CLASS OF 40

Marie Heintz Schall died September 25, 2007. Marie was a board certified cosmetologist who was married for 64 years to doctor Fred Schall.

CLASS OF 44

Jim Nowland passed away on December 9, 2007. Jim enlisted in the Navy before graduation and served two years in World War II. Jim started his plumbing career with Nowland Plumbing and Heating, later working with Dow Corning.

Mary Mahaffey Martin of Shepherd died on October 20, 2007. Mary operated a day care in her home and is survived by nine children.

Received word that Geraldine Quinlan McNamara passed away on November 16, 2007.

CLASS OF 50

Louis Deni passed away March 22, 2007 in Lansing, Michigan.

CLASS OF 52

John and Phyllis Percha Prior '57 celebrated their 50th anniversary on December 28, 2007. John is a retired staff representative for United Steel Workers and Phyllis is a retired hair salon owner.

Hugh Campbell died on December 19, 2007. Hugh retired as a chemist from Dow Chemical Company after 43 years of service.

Sister Beverly Pety passed away on December 11, 2007. Beverly was a Dominican Sister for 55 years serving as an elementary teacher, principal and pastoral minister in the Grand Rapids Diocese.

CLASS OF 56

Richard Theisen and wife Bonnie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 28, 2007.

CLASS OF 58 - Reunion News!

The class will hold it's 50th reunion on September 13, 2008. Contact Elaine Hackett Salisbury, 8323 Cowan Lake Dr NE, Rockford, MI 49341 for more information.

CLASS OF 61

Happy to report that Patricia Welniak Faber is alive and well and living in Mecosta. We inadvertently noted her passing in the last news.

Jim Arnold passed away on October 23, 2007 in Bay City. Jim was the son of Kathryn Walsh '33. He owned and operated Arnold's Clean Right in Bay City until his retirement in 1995.

CLASS OF 64

Mary Ann Sweeney DuBay died on December 7, 2007. Mary Ann was the daughter of Bob '40 and Marie Sweeney Sweeney '41 and graduated with honors from Aquinas College and taught at St. Francis in Ann Arbor before moving to Troy, Michigan.

CLASS OF 68 - Reunion News!

The class is planning a gathering around the SHA Homecoming this year on the weekend of Sept. 26 & 27, a time when summer vacations are not an issue. They'll meet at the Parish Hall for the Alumni Reception at 9:00 after the Homecoming Game; Saturday may include a golf outing, with synchronized knitting for non-golfing spouses. Dinner that evening is being planned at an as yet undetermined restaurant. More info will follow in individual mailings. Class members are asked to please RSVP, yea or nay, to: Bentleyrinehart@yahoo.com.

CLASS OF 69

Gerald Tilmann retired from the Department of Defense as the Deputy Director for Army Cataloging. He will make his home in Battle Creek, Michigan.

CLASS OF 76

Dorothy Kostrzewa Horan passed away on February 28, 2008. Dorothy was a career educator in science at Ithaca and Midland Public Schools, rising to be the Science Department Chair at H. H. Dow High School in Midland.

CLASS OF 82

Tim McQuaid passed away on December 20, 2007. Tim, the son of Fred '57 and grandson of Edwardine Murphy '27, worked in the food and beverage industry for a variety of restaurants including Frascati's in Naples, Florida, Cheers in Orlando and the Pilot House, Dockside Inn and Virginia Inn all on Mackinac Island.

CLASS OF 83 - Reunion News!

The class will have their 25th class reunion the weekend of August 16, 2008. Plans are still being finalized but part of the weekend will be hosted at Jamie Hovey Majewski's house in Lansing.

Lori Schafer Moscardelli is a Senior Project Manager for Diebold and is able to work from home in Mt Pleasant. She married Dave Moscardelli on July 28, 2007 and has three sons, two step-sons and a step-daughter.

CLASS OF 90

Katie Koenig Sens recently moved to Wappinger Falls, New York as her husband has been transferred to Newburgh, NY. Katie had just reported a new address in Grand Rapids in December where she was Director of Human Resources at DP Fox Ventures.

CLASS OF 91

Jeremy Denslow and wife Angie welcomed their daughter, Elyse Jocelyn on November 18, 2007 in Mt. Pleasant.

CLASS OF 95

Amy Gray Fox and husband Paul welcomed their second child, Levi Michael Fox, on December 28, 2007. The Foxes also have a three year old son Jackson.

CLASS OF 97

Brian Siers received his Doctorate in Industrial and Organizational Psychology and is now an Assistant Professor at Roosevelt University in Chicago.

CLASS OF 98 - Reunion News!

The class is planning their tenth reunion on the weekend of June 28, 2007. Plans are still being developed but an evening at the Cabin will be included.

CLASS OF 99

Mike Love opened a new office for All State Insurance on East Pickard in Mt. Pleasant.

Jennifer Ouvry married Tom Burke on June 9, 2007. Jennifer is employed at Providence Hospital in Southfield while she attends nursing school and Tom is a mechanic for Spartan Distributors. The couple lives in Ferndale, Michigan.

CLASS OF 2000

Brent Flachs and wife Trisha of Weidman welcomed their daughter, Ava Christine into the world on September 7, 2007. Proud Grandmother is Linda Henry Flachs '69.

CLASS OF 2001

Anna Hauck moved to Houston in August 2007 and is teaching first grade at Raymond Academy in the Aldine Independent School District.

UNDERWRITERS

The Robert '40 and Margaret Heintz family made a generous donation to the Association as a special note of love and appreciation for their wonderful mom who "means the world to us and has been so supportive of SHA".

It is from Rochelle (Rocky) Flake '61, Bob '62, Jeff '65, Mike '66, Joe '68, Kathy Fountain '69, Dan '72, and Pat '73. "Tat" has devoted countless hours to the Academy serving a number of years as president of the Athletic Association Auxiliary and being a charter member of the Sacred Heart Academy Foundation including being president for several years. Tat has been president of the Altar Society, Chairman of the Education Commission and was Secretary and a charter member of the first Parish Council. She has also been a two term county commissioner and active in Right to Life, Catholic Daughters and several other organizations.

Also adding support to the Newsletter production is James C. Fabiano '61 and family "in honor of all the hard-working employees and volunteers who make the Academy an outstanding academic institution that we can all be proud of."

APPRECIATION

Special thanks for the donations to help meet expenses from Jeremy MacDonald '93 of Mt. Pleasant, Mary Bayer Hovey '62 of Rosebush, Don Sowle '33 of Maclean, Virginia and Bill Myler '76, Mt Pleasant.

Again we are very appreciative of the donations made to help defray expenses. Recent editions of the NEWS have cost about \$750 to create and mail and an additional \$100 or so in returned and remailed postage. If you have a business venture that you'd be willing to promote in the 2200 copies of the NEWS we sent out, please contact the Alumni Newsletter Committee at 316 E. Michigan, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. For a \$250 donation we will include an acknowledgement that will update other alumni on your efforts.



LOST!

We'd appreciate any input the list may generate from you. Please visit the Alumni section of www.sha.net and look under Lost Alumni.

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