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Merry Christmas and Blessings to all for a great 2016! This is the first time since 1983 that the NEWS has been produced more than twice in a year. We hope you enjoy the updates.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

When you get your 2016 calendar(s), the first date to mark is SHA Homecoming, Friday, September 30. Save the date now!

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY EARNS STATE TITLE



The Sacred Heart Academy girls cross country team brought home state championship honors this fall, literally running away with the Division Four Final Trophy, and winning pretty much every other competition along the way. According to 17-year Coach Mark Zitzelsberger, the team had no shortage of talent or motivation to win. "We participated in an invitational at Michigan State University mid-way through the season and some of the girls were posting times MSU had never seen before. Not just from a Class D school, but from any school." At the Division Four state meet November 7, the Lady Irish scored 52 points, beating a previous low record of 66 points scored by Harbor Springs in 2009. SHA also had five girls finish in under 20 minutes, which has never been done in Division Four finals history. Ready for more good news? This team is returning seven champions who will be back in 2016 to defend their title.

Pictured at the championship presentation are, front, from left: Coach Mark Zitzelsberger, Scout Nelson, Rowan Fitzpatrick, Cammie McConnell, Megan Nowak, Lauren MacDonald (daughter of **Keith '85**), Alexis McConnell, Bailey McConnell, and Assistant Coach Rob McConnell. Back row, from left, Assistant Coach **Chad Zitzelsberger '02** (holding niece Avery Roebke, daughter of **Lisa Zitzelsberger Roebke '99**), Jodi Hauck, Lauren Janes, Ashley Rawson, Megan English, Rebecca Collins-Pfeiffer, Cristina Guytingco and Assistant Coach Luanne Goffnett.

1975 CHAMPIONS CELEBRATE GRAND MARSHAL HONOR



Members of the 1975 SHA State Basketball Championship Team gathered at homecoming as grand marshal honorees.

The former teammates not only led the parade and were honored at halftime of the football game, but several joined in a "Career Day" panel discussion at the Academy.

Pictured at the homecoming parade are, from left, **Tom Nolan '75**, **Doug Bunting '75**, **Dave Somerville '75**, **Bill Myler '76**, **Mike Milan '75**, **Joe Brandell '76**, **Kevin Doerr '76**, **Bob Horan '75**, and **Pete Cotter '75**. Missing members: **Dave Simons '75**, **Steve Baumann '76**, and Coach Denny Kuiper.

EDITORIAL PAGE . . . FROM THE ALUMNI DIRECTOR

40 YEARS!!!

Hard to believe but it's been over 40 years since this edition of the Sacred Heart Alumni Association began. The 1917 and 1918 Echoes From the Mount yearbooks reveal that there was an Association in that era, and, as this group began to plan, **Jerry Powell '50** noted that he had a checkbook and a small amount of funds from an Association that had been formed in 1971 but was discontinued just two years later.

The work began in the spring of 1976 as volunteers distributed class lists to compile addresses for communication. The first **NEWS** was issued October 3, 1976 and detailed plans for the October 30, 1976 Homecoming celebration that were already well in place.

The early newsletters were mimeo-graphed and hand addressed, sorted and banded and delivered to the post office. US Postal workers **Ed Ege '32** and **Gene Theisen '62** were instrumental organizing newsletters that were all over the floor and furniture in my house. Cheerleaders helped address letters along with several volunteers and we were underway.

Sabina Kane Carroll 1906 was selected as Grand Marshal of the 1976 parade representing her entire class that was living for their 70th anniversary of their graduation, a group of five ladies that were 88 years young at the time. Sabina was a great source of information about the early years of the school.

Alumni constructed a float for past queens, **Jerry '47** and **Dorothy Voisin Sheahan '47** supplied an alumni sing along wagon, Sabina rode as Grand Marshal, representatives from each Homecoming court and football team from 1948 to 1975 were honored at halftime and the first annual Alumni and Friends Reception was held in the old Church basement. And, as they say, the rest is history.

Several homecoming queens from 1948 to 1975 ride in the October 30, 1976 Homecoming parade.

Shown from left to right are **Cheryl McNamara Heintz '72**, **Barb Scheid '59**, **Barb Fox Barberi '66**, **Linda Smith Wilson '70**, **Pat Collin Veit '55**, **Kathy Shook '75**, **Mimi Schall Thomas '76**, **Camey English Carter '67** and **Evelyn McDonald Schmidt '64**.



EDITOR GOOFS --- I have thoroughly enjoyed editing and producing these newsletters over these past 40 years. I have never been trained in journalism, in fact, I was a math whiz and my weakest subjects were grammar related. I know there have been several things I have written that would make Sr. Ann Lucile, Mrs. Johnson and Sr. Terenchia (and my mother!) cringe, but not all mistakes have been related to syntax.

For example, in the August, 2015 **NEWS**, I totally messed up the McDonald family! I believe it is a case of being too familiar. I know the **Gerald McDonald '50** family well. As baseball coach at Sacred Heart I enjoyed coaching **Tim '84** and **Pat '88** and also watched **Jeff '79** and **Steve '80** during their playing years. But, in the Class of 1979 note about Jeff's passing, I inexplicably noted their father was **John '51**! I also listed Pat as being from the class of 1987 but I know well that Pat graduated with my oldest son in 1988.

And it didn't stop there! In announcing Steve's selection for the Hall of Fame, I recorded his wife's name as Rachel, but his wife's name is Michelle...their daughter is Rachel.

Mea Culpa, Mea Culpa, Mea Maxima McDonald Culpa.

ONE FINAL NOTE: As you can imagine, the costs of producing the **ALUMNI NEWS** have increased considerably over 40 years. The Academy, the SHA Foundation and Sacred Heart Parish pitch in to cover the production, printing and postage costs which now total almost \$15,000 each year. You can help by keeping us notified of address changes. Each time the NEWS is returned to us we pay an extra \$2.83! It's easy to keep us updated: use any of the following methods to keep in touch:

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Thank you!

HOMECOMING 2015

KING AND QUEEN HAVE LEGACY

Academy Seniors Nate Thering and Megan English were elected King and Queen of the annual Homecoming festivities October 9 at Sacred Heart. Nate is the son of **James '89**, and great grandson of **Ann Louise McDonald Thering '26**. Megan is the sister of **Elizabeth '10** and **Jim '14**. Fun fact: both of Megan's siblings also served as SHA Homecoming royalty in their senior years. For more homecoming photos, visit the school web site at www.sha.net/homecoming.aspx.



Photo courtesy of Patty Hopp

50 YEAR REUNION

The Class of 1965 celebrated their 50th reunion in grand style, gathering to ride in the homecoming parade (see photo below), enjoying the football game and the Alumni & Friends reception Friday night, taking a tour of the Academy and sharing dinner on Saturday. They finished their weekend with participation in Sunday Mass, including singing the school song



as the concluding hymn. As a group, the Class also donated five high chairs to the Sacred Heart Parish Center for use at events such as the Athletic Association Fish Fries, and they made a generous donation to the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Fund within the SHA Foundation. Class member Janet Campbell Cappel said, "We saw the new Science Lab on our tour of the Academy and we were very proud. We encourage other reunion classes to make similar gifts for the benefit of SHA."

Pictured at the Class of '65 reunion dinner are, front row, from left to right:

Jim Kenney, Carol WEZENSKY Hackett, Sue SCHAFER Ayers, Helen BAYER Chase, Marcia Powell, Barb COLLINS Forro, Janet CAMPBELL Cappel, Claudia SCHAFER Joslin, Toni FORTON Raymond, Pam PRUDEN Kesmeyer, Nancy MILAN Martens, Mary Kay BREIDENSTEIN Jaffe

Back row, from left to right: **Rev John Cotter, John Epple, Bob Walton, Frank Hackett, Mike Hovey, Dick Beltinck, Ginny NEYER Withey, Barb KOWALLIC Kunik, Cathy CASHEN Jarman, Bill Swetz, Jeanne MCEVOY Perkins, Jennifer Sowle, Bob Henry, Sue LOBSINGER Keiser, Bill Thering, Gary Rondy, Charlotte THEISEN Ramsey Jeff Heintz, Bill Ervin**



Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Marie Photography
Elizabeth Szymanski Berghuis '08

MORE REUNION NEWS



40 YEAR REUNION

While some of the boys were being honored as grand marshals as part of the championship basketball team, the girls from 1975 also gathered. Pictured together are, in front from left: **Julie Torpey, Sheila Butters Murphy,** and **Doreen McCann Fussman.** Standing in back, from left: **Kathy Shook,** Deb Ege (a fellow '75 grad from MPHS), **Becky Boettner West, Jeana Bigard Falsetta,** and **Gayla Funnell Fisher.**



CLASS OF 1980

An impromptu 35-year reunion occurred at the Alumni & Friends Reception hosted by the SHA Foundation, leading members to ask, "Why don't we plan more reunions?" Gathered from the Class of 1980 were, front, from left: **Steve Wentworth, Jeff Grinzinger** and **Jim Hire.** Back, from left: **Krista Newman Pohl, Karen Cotter Lamb, Kelly Richardson** and **Steve McDonald.**

SHA Hosts Career Day

The Academy welcomed dozens of alumni back to school October 8 during "Career Day", when 7th through 12th graders were introduced to a variety of careers and had the opportunity to learn about the world of work.

Pictured here are Major **Kevin Campbell '85,** of the U.S. Air Force, and his mother **Patricia Fitzgerald Campbell '40.** Major Campbell and others shared experiences which will have a positive impact on students as they prepare for later life. For more information about career day, including speaker biographies and career day advice, visit www.sha.net/alumni.aspx.



CLASS OF 2005

Members of the Class of 2005 gathered at Hunters Ale House in July to celebrate their 10-year reunion. Pictured from left to right are: **Brandon Ley, Frank Newman, Sonja Norlander, Chris O'Connell, Whitney Thering, Krista McCoy, Chris Poag, Peter Vogel, Elena Sias** and **Karra Olson.**



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Mary Kay Yonker, Principal

As the old Andy Williams Christmas song says, it truly is the “most wonderful time of the year.” It begins with Thanksgiving, a day that causes us to stop and thank God for the many blessings He has given us. At Sacred Heart Academy we have many reasons to be grateful. Our enrollment is up almost 10 percent over the past two years and our students are high achievers both in and out of the classroom. We appreciate the parents who send their students to SHA.

Our staff continues to go above and beyond what is expected to challenge and support our students. Tuition is kept affordable due to the very generous support of Sacred Heart Parish and the Sacred Heart Academy Foundation. SHA Alumni are part of each of these groups; parents, staff, parishioners, and foundation members. Our alumni near

and far are supportive of the academy; that was very evident during our career day during Homecoming week. It was a great day for our students.

The new science lab is used daily and our secondary students received their Chromebooks in October. It was very exciting and it felt like an early Christmas gift. We are indebted to our donors who made this possible. Our juniors and seniors went to Cran Hill Ranch in Rodney, Michigan this past Friday. The theme was SHOW KNOW MERCY to kick-off Pope Francis’ Year of Mercy. The day included large and small group activities, mass, the rosary, skits, and group discussion. It was a special day for our students and one that many of them will remember as one of their favorite days at SHA.

This wonderful time of year concludes with the birth of Jesus, a time for celebration and gratitude for a baby born in a manger to save us all. May you enjoy this very special season.

Yours Truly,
Mary Kay Yonker

Special thanks to our Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Initiative Donors:

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In Memory

The family of **Shirley Honeywell Sheppard** recently donated a statue of the Blessed Virgin to Sacred Heart Academy in her memory. A 1949 graduate of the Academy, Shirley was always an advocate of both the school and the parish. She was an active member of the Alumni Association and earned the Alumni of the Year Award in 2004. She worked as the Sacred Heart Parish bookkeeper for more than 30 years, and also served the SHA Foundation as a volunteer Trustee/Treasurer.



Pictured at the presentation of the statue are SHA Principal Mary Kay Yonker (left) and Shirley’s daughter **Lori Sheppard Trainor ‘78** (right).

CLASS OF 1938: **Julia Burch Hovey** passed away on October 12, 2015 in Mt Pleasant. Julia worked in local school kitchens for many years and was an avid Detroit Tiger fan. She is the mother of **John Hovey '65**, and the grandmother of **Jon Hovey '86**, **Jenny Hovey Reihl '88** and **Julie Hovey Sheets '89** and the great grandmother of **Hannah Hovey '11**.

CLASS OF 1943: **John Swetz** died on May 25, 2015 in Mt Pleasant. John is the father of **Joann Bingham '68**, **John, Jr '69** and **Kathy Holthof '74** and the grandfather of **Jennifer Bingham McGuirk '93** and **Chrissie Bingham Makinen '97**.

Tom Evans passed away in Kalamazoo on September 12, 2015. Tom was a self employed lighting sales representative.

CLASS OF 1944: **John Naumes** passed away on August 29, 2015. John was an exceptional piano player in school and when he was preparing for a duet he chose a younger girl as a partner. Since she was too young to ask for a date, he used the piano practices to spend time with her and ultimately the young woman, **Margaret Martin '47**, became his wife in a union that lasted nearly 62 years before her passing in 2010. John was the youngest of 10 Naumes children including SHA grads **Helen Webster '24**, **Genevieve Jones '27**, **Frances Bell '31**, **Bernie '33**, **Elizabeth Courter '35**, **Catherine Loop '37** and **Dorothy McGowan '42**.

CLASS OF 1946: Received word from her daughter that **Janet Kline Quinlan** passed away on January 13, 2014. Janet was the wife of **Joe Quinlan '43**.

CLASS OF 1948: **Jaqueline Pety Campbell** died on August 4, 2015 at her home in Saginaw. Jackie is the wife of **Jim Campbell '46**, the sister of **Paul Pety '41** and mother of **Maria Brent '70**, **Suzanne Campbell '71**, **Jim Campbell '75**, **Pete Campbell '76** and **Dave Campbell '83**. We received word that **Helen McConnell Hawkins** passed away on December 1, 2014 at her home in Rosebush. She is the sister of **Anne Strauss '54**, **Kathleen Faber '58** and **Tom McConnell '64**.

Theresa Demski Pakulski and husband John celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in June 2015. They live in Toledo, Ohio.

CLASS OF 1949: **Dolores Heintz Carroll** passed away on May 28, 2015 in Houston, Texas. Dolores and husband Jack were married at the Sacred Heart Church 64 years ago.

CLASS OF 1952: **Lois Murphy Pringle** died August 24, 2015 in Mt Pleasant. Lois was a Registered Nurse. Lois' siblings include **Kathleen Leasher '55**, **Patricia David '58** and **Shirley Moose '60**.

CLASS OF 1954: **Anne McConnell Strauss** passed away on September 10, 2015 in Mt Pleasant. Anne was employed with Bernard Jones Oil and Gas and the US Census Bureau. She is the sister of **Helen Hawkins '48**, **Kathleen Faber '58** and **Tom McConnell '64**, the mother of **Lorraine Malone '76**, **Mike Strauss '78**, **Carolyn Cardon '79** and **Tim Strauss '82** and the grandmother of **Sarah Cardon '07**, **Jim Cardon '09**, **Caitlin Cardon '12** and **Julia Cardon '14**.

Frederick (Joe) Verwey passed away on September 3, 2015 in Arizona. He is the brother of **Dorothy Fitzpatrick '43**, **John Verwey '49** and **Marinus (Bill) Verwey '51**.

CLASS OF 1958: **Harry Martin** passed away on September 18, 2015. Harry had retired in 1995 after 30 years at Dow Chemical. Harry is the brother of **Ruth Meyer '61**.

Sandra Lapham died in Chantilly, VA, in November 6, 2015. Sandy was a dedicated teacher of Special Education for close to 40 years. She adopted three of her students and helped found the Learning Center at St. Timothy School. Her siblings include **Paul '47**, **Darcy '51**, **Jean Cauwenbergh '53**, **Larry '55**, **Virginia Krabenhof '58**, **Clair, Lorena Szumski, '62**, **Rita Poston '65** and **Dave '66**.

CLASS OF 1963: **Bill Nowak** died on April 16, 2015 in Holland, Michigan. Bill was a professor for many years.

Marilyn Rzepecki passed away on September 1, 2015. She worked for the State of Michigan for 48 years. Marilyn's mom was **Mary Louise Campbell Rzepecki '34** and her siblings are **Bob '64**, **Frances Baker '69** and **Ray '73**.

CLASS OF 1971: **Janet Schupbach Kuenzli** died on September 26, 2015 at Spectrum Hospital in Grand Rapids. Janet worked for many years as a resident care aide and retired from the Mt Pleasant Regional Center.

CLASS OF 1976: **Brian Kornexl** lost his battle with ALS at his home in Huntington, Indiana on September 3, 2015. Brian received a degree in Diesel Mechanics from Ferris State and had worked in maintenance at Hickory Creek Nursing home for several years. Brian's siblings are **Brenda Lipar '71**, **Sheila Campbell '75** and **Dale Kornexl '82**.

CLASS OF 1981: **REUNION NEWS!** Deb

McDonald Fox has graciously volunteered to organize a 35th class reunion in 2016. First things first, we need to update class records. Please contact her with updated e-mail, phone (for texting) and U.S. Mail addresses. You can reach her at debfoxrn@gmail.com or (989) 621-1749. You can also reach out to her on facebook. Once you connect, watch for additional information about a 35-year celebration.

CLASS OF 1998: **Rheanna Cooper Klunzinger** and her husband Ryan welcomed twin daughters, Lyla Suzanne and Ava Layne, on June 30, 2015. The twins join siblings Troy and Taryn at their home in Dewitt, Michigan.

CLASS OF 1999/2000:

Kip '99 and **Leslie Jackson Hartman '00** welcomed their daughter, Harper Lynn, on September 29, 2015 in Marquette, Michigan. Harper joins big brothers Kiplin and Oliver at home. The Hartmans own and operate four Active Physical Therapy clinics in Marquette, Negaunee and Ishpeming. Grandparents are **Earl '66** and **Sharon Campbell Hartman '65**.

CLASS OF 2000: **Abby Kulick deRoo** and husband Taylor welcomed their third son, Rudy William to their home in Zeeland, Michigan. Rudy joins big brothers Murphy (4) and Harry (2).

Todd Heintz and his wife Erin, welcomed their daughter, Lucy Margaret, on June 19, 2015. The family lives in Aspen, Colorado. Lucy's Grandfather is **Mike Heintz '66**, and her Great Grandfather is **Robert Heintz '40**.

CLASS OF 2001: **Korey Hartman** married Samantha Mayes on November 13, 2015. The couple resides in Clearwater, Florida where Korey is employed by the Clearwater Beach Hilton. Korey's parents are **Earl '66** and **Sharon Campbell Hartman '65**.

CLASS OF 2004: **Sarah McManus** married Dan Kapala in Spain on November 14, 2015. Sarah's mom is **Joann Campbell McManus '67** and she is the sister of **Todd Myers '88** and **Lauri Myers Liscomb '90**.

CLASS OF 2010: **Tim Jacque** graduated from Michigan State University in May and is now pursuing an MBA at the University of Notre Dame.

ALUMNI BASKETBALL

Calling all players! WE NEED YOU! Alumni basketball is scheduled for Saturday, December 26, 2015 in the SHA Gymnasium and now is the time to join the team. This year, we will showcase the talents of our Sacred Heart Academy Irish, offering games for both women and men. Pass the word to the Alumni players you know. All are welcome to "suit up" for the fun. Proceeds from the event benefit the athletic programs at SHA. Register to play or get more information from:

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DanS@michco.com

(517) 719-3078

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Kelly Epple Hansen '82

Khansen@sha.net

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Kristina Lilly '03

kristina.lilly@gmail.com

(989) 506-4020



SHAGALA 2016

The 22nd Annual dinner/auction to benefit Sacred Heart Academy is scheduled for Saturday, February 6, 2016. You can help support SHA and keep Catholic education affordable by attending the event, donating an item for the silent or live auction(s) or purchasing a cash raffle ticket. For more information, contact:

- **Wendy McConnell-Endres '91**, SHAgala Chairperson, wendyendres@hotmail.com or (989) 621-0176

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STADIUM RE-DEDICATION

On August 28, 2015, the Mt Pleasant Community Memorial Stadium celebrated 50 years of service to local high school football and track teams with a season opening double-header featuring the Mt Pleasant and Sacred Heart football teams.

A local group calling themselves the Pillars of the Community, raised over \$600,000 and completed the improvement efforts including the new synthetic turf and a donation wall.

To help celebrate the occasion several members of the 1965 football and cheer leading squads were present at the game. That team was the first local team to win a contest at the stadium when it defeated Freeland on October 1, 1965. Dick Thering scored 3 touchdowns and Mike Heintz threw TD passes to Bob Brown and Mike Hackett in a 32-21 win that night.



Pictured are (kneeling left to right) **Connie Bollman Lybeer '66**, **Roxanne Endres Gruss '66**, **Dorothy Naumes Natzel '67**, **Mick Natzel '67** and **Phil Thering '68**; (standing left to right) **Earl Hartman '66**, **Mike Heintz '66**, **Mike Hackett '67**, **Bob Brown '67**, **Marty Naumes '66**, **Steve Galgozci '66**, **Dick Thering '66**, **John (Ken) Hubbell '67**, **Tom Plachta '66** and **Ed McQuaid '67**.