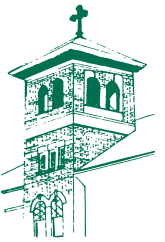




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## HOMECOMING 2014

**HOMECOMING FRIDAY OCTOBER 3, 2014...** Homecoming and the Annual Alumni and Friends Reception in the evening at the Parish Hall will be Friday October 3, 2014. Parade will be in the afternoon and doors to the Hall will open at 730 PM. Mark your calendars and come join us! 1959, 1964, 1974, 1984, 1989 and 1994 are planning reunions that weekend as is 1957 meeting for a "'57 after 57"! In honor of the Academy's 125th Anniversary, the Alumni and Friends Reception will be expanded to include informational displays and the offering of commemorative apparel. For more information about the 125th Anniversary, see Page 7.

## GRAND MARSHAL



Sharon Stangle Tilmann '64

**Sharon Stangle Tilmann** of the class of 1964 will serve as Grand Marshal for the 2014 Homecoming Parade. Sharon's mother is Marie Judge Stangle '27 and her great-grandfather, Thomas Judge, was the president of the first Sacred Heart building committee which built the first Sacred Heart Church. Great-grandpa Judge laid the corner stone for that church and was also instrumental in getting Sacred Heart Academy started.

Sharon is a graduate of Central Michigan University, holding a BS in psychology, a Master of Arts in Counseling and a Master of Arts in Public Administration. She also studied Conflict Management and Dispute Resolution at the University of Cambridge in England.

Sharon is a previous Director of Catholic Family Services, was the Wrap-Around Program Coordinator for Listening Ear and had been on the counseling faculty at CMU for nine years, retiring in August, 2013.

Sharon is the current Mayor of the City of Mt. Pleasant and was also Mayor in 1998 and twice Vice-Mayor. Sharon was elected to the Isabella County Commission in 2001 and served as Vice-Chairperson of the county commission 2003-2004.

She has served on the United Way Board of Directors, was a member of the Volunteer Center Board and a member of the former Isabella Child Protection Council.

Sharon is on the faculty of the Michigan Judicial Institute where she facilitates training in Family and Divorce Mediation. She is a founding member of the Michigan Association of Court Mediators.

Sharon has a private counseling practice (Associated Counseling Services) in downtown Mt. Pleasant, which she established in 1995. She is a member of the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce and is on the board of directors of both the Middle Michigan Development Corporation and the local Economic Development Corporation.

## ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR



Keith MacDonald '85

1985 graduate **Keith MacDonald** has been selected as the 2014 Alumnus of the Year. The award is presented annually to an alumnus who has "demonstrated the ideals of his/her Christian education through outstanding contributions to Church, Parish, school and community."

Keith is currently President of the Mt Pleasant Pony League and Mt Pleasant Little League Baseball organizations, is President and a Firearms Instructor in the Midland County Sheriff's Reserve Deputy Association, is a Medical First Responder, is a Certified Alpine Ski Instructor and is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist, having served as Central Michigan University's Gymnastics Strength & Conditioning Coach for 9 seasons.

He has coached six years of Mt Pleasant Rocket Football, currently coaches the SHA 7th and 8th grade football team and is a former member of the Sacred Heart Academy school board. During his time on the school board, he helped put the SHA weight room together, and volunteers time in the Summer to conduct the "Athletic Academy" conditioning program for SHA 7th – 9th grade students. Keith is also on the Great Lakes Loons Booster Club board of directors.

Keith is currently a Risk Manager at Dow Chemical, and has been with Dow for the past 18 years.

## WELCOME 2014 GRADS!



On June 1, 2014, 27 new members of the Alumni Association received their high school degrees. Pictured above are: Front row (L to R): Maggie Voisin (granddaughter of Glenn Voisin '46), Carla Obeid, Katharine Janes, Cooper Terry, Tsend-Ayuush Mongush, Hayley Estill, Jim English, Michelle Johnston. Middle row (L to R): Sara Hansen (Kelly Epple '82, Jim Epple '59, Alphonso Epple '27), Emma Sheffert, Eliza Jarman, Siri Sarvepalli, Lauren Sabuda (Sandy Pohl '84), Michelle Kujat, Julia Cardon (Carolyn Strauss '79, Anne McConnell '54), Leah Kindermann, Lucy Miller, Erika Campbell, Justin Cowell (Craig Lobsinger '92). Back row (L to R): Brooks Hyble, Cole Younger (Judy Wentworth '84), Dustin Neyer (Bryan '86, Dave '61), Matt Motz, Kyle Pronick, Kevin Gamble, Jr., Lane Levine, Tyler Ahearn.

## PASS IT ON

Again we'd love to have more people share in the NEWS and would like to appeal to you to pass it on if you can. If your place of work has a waiting room like a dentist, doctor, car dealership or the like, could you please consider leaving it on a table or with the magazine rack when you are finished reading it?

## EMAIL NEWSLETTER?

Our email list of alumni wishing to receive the NEWS electronically has grown slightly. We'll continue to keep this option open so if you would prefer an electronic mailing rather than receiving the NEWS in the mail, please send us your email in a note to [alumni@sha.net](mailto:alumni@sha.net).

## WHO ARE YOU? I REPEAT... AND COMPLETE!

(This note was included in the winter NEWS but somewhere in the drafts the last statement was left off! It is repeated and completed here!) Elsewhere in this (last winter's) newsletter you can (did) read about **Bill Kirkey '49** having his name on the Lunar Scroll and **Margeret Schrot Barnes '40** and her husband developing Belle Tire into a successful business. Last summer's edition included details of **Don Sowle's '33** work for Department of Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, a note about **Ann Louise Bechtel's '46** employment at the Log Cabin located "way south of town" (at the corner of Mission and Broomfield!) and news of **John Murphy '53** being a licensed New York state Hiking Guide. The common thread in each of those stories is that the information was taken from their obituaries!

Next (this!) year will be the celebration of 125 years of the Academy and each of the over 3700 graduates from Sacred Heart Academy have had dreams and adventures and we'd like to share yours. Please drop us a note and let us know about the adventures and accomplishments that you and your family have had since leaving SHA, ***before we read it in your obituary!!!!***

## MISS SOFTBALL AND ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

**Sara Hansen (Kelly Epple '82, Jim Epple '59, Alphonso Epple '27)** was selected as Michigan's Miss Softball, an award that designates the best softball player in the state in any class! Sara was also named Morning Sun Athlete of the Year for her performances in all sports. Hansen set several school and state records in softball, led the basketball team to the State Championship and the volleyball team to the Regional Championship. She was named All State in all three sports.

## CHAMPIONSHIP COACH

**Tim McDonald '84** enjoyed a "Dream Year" in 2013 as noted in the last edition of the NEWS. Tim was elected to the Michigan High School Baseball Coach's Hall of Fame, won his first State Championship and was selected as Coach of the Year in 2013. Having graduated several top notch players, Tim welcomed a young and inexperienced group for 2014 but with great coaching his Bay City Western High School team collected their second straight State Championship and finished with a record of 38-7. To top the year off, Tim was nominated for National Coach of the Year and was among eight finalists honored at the national convention awards banquet in Jackson Hole, Wyoming in June. Great work Tim!

# SHA FOUNDATION NEWS

The SHA Foundation has welcomed **Michael “Mick” Natzel ‘67** to fill a trustee position vacated by Dorothy Johnson earlier this year. Mrs. Johnson, one of the Founding Donors of the organization, and the mother of eight SHA graduates (**Phil ‘60, Anne ‘61, John ‘63, Janet ‘64, Bob ‘68, Mary ‘71, Margaret ‘74 and Helen ‘77**), has served the Foundation as a trustee for more than 30 years. She has earned honorary status, and a scholarship has been established in her name within the endowment fund.

Mick, a 1967 graduate of Sacred Heart Academy, is no stranger to the SHA Foundation. After graduating from SHA as a standout athlete, Mick earned a football scholarship to Northern Michigan University. He transferred to Central Michigan University and was drafted after just two seasons to play in the NFL for the Oakland Raiders. Injuries forced him out of the game after just one season, when he returned to CMU to earn a degree in education which led him to a teaching role at Sacred Heart Academy in 1976, the year the SHA Foundation was organized.

That year, Mick said, he not only taught Physical Education in grades 1 through 12, but he was also the Head Football, Basketball and Baseball coach, along with Interim Athletic Director. “There was no one to do it, times were tough,” he said. “I remember some courageous folks who stepped up to help the Academy. Now, I believe they use the SHA Foundation as a model for others in different locations. I am proud to serve as a trustee to help the Foundation bridge the gap between tuition and the true cost to educate.”

Mick and his wife, **Dorothy (Naumes)**, also an SHA ‘67 graduate, have three children, **Mick Jr ‘90**, Jeff and Brynn, and five grandchildren. Mick recently retired from a rewarding career in the insurance business spanning more than 35 years. He has worked tirelessly over the years for a variety of volunteer organizations including Youth Rocket Football, Sacred Heart Parish, the local Red Cross, Sacred Heart Athletic Association, Boy Scouts of America, Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation, Simons Memorial Scholarship Fund and many others.

On the SHA Foundation Board, he joins President **Bill Myler Jr. ‘76**, Vice President **Mike Ervin ‘85**, Treasurer **Shelli Lannen Sias ‘78**, Secretary **Dave McGuire ‘82**, and fellow trustees Sonja Baumgarth, Eric Janes, Margaret “Tat” Heintz, Dave Hunter, **Mike Kostrzewa ‘68**, **Pat McDonald ‘88**, **Joe Fox ‘78**, **Shirley Honeywell Sheppard ‘49**, Carla Szelag and **Andy Theisen ‘78**, in service to the endowment fund which supports operational needs of the Academy.

The SHA Foundation is a non-profit organization created to support Sacred Heart Academy. Contributions help build the principle of the endowment fund and the interest earned is given to the Academy to help with operational expenses including teachers’ salaries. For information about the Foundation, contact any board member or Connie McCann at [SHAfoundation@sha.net](mailto:SHAfoundation@sha.net) or 989.772.1385.

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## CLASS OF 1984

Several members of the class of 1984 gathered at the Green Spot Pub when Holly Doerr Verwey was in town in July.



Pictured are (L to R) Robin Smith Utterback, Tammy Carter House, Michele Pacholka Reinke, Sue Lyon Yoder, Holly Doerr Verwey, Jodi Watters Block, Christi Rudoni Powell and (seated) Dan Scully. The class is planning to meet for a reunion on Homecoming weekend.

## EARL’S 1,000<sup>TH</sup> GAME

**Earl Hartman ‘66** is pictured with his players and assistant coaches on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 when he coached his 1,000th baseball game for Sacred Heart. Earl has led the Irish baseball program since 1984, earning honors as the longest serving coach in SHA history. His overall record is 686-314, and the team resume over the 30-year-span includes five Final Four appearances which resulted in three state championship games, two runner-up trophies and one State Championship in 1996. Earl has also led the team to 17 conference titles. In the photo, he blends right in with the student athletes. You can find him in the middle of the back row.



# BELL TOWER SPRUCE UP

Improvements to the Sacred Heart Academy bell tower were completed in 2013, just in time for the Academy to celebrate 125 years of existence. Powered by members of the SHA Home and School Association, and funded in part by private contributions, the upgrade including renovations to the iconic bell tower such as painting the bell and sections of the bell tower, lighting of the tower and cross on top, and illuminating the crosses on the other buildings and the statue of Jesus in the school courtyard.

The project, undertaken in late October of 2013, included refurbishing the interior of the bell tower, which was completed by **Bill Hauck '79**, operating from his business, Bill Hauck Painting. The graffiti-laden walls of the space were covered with beige paint, although many of the etchings in the brick areas, such as "Barb S" and "M Hackett" still remain on the walls of the bell tower, which was constructed in 1908.

A front page article in the local newspaper about the bell tower work also told the story of the bell itself. **Joe Heintz '68** said the original brass bell was stolen after his class removed it from the tower. "The original bell was up there for years, and it wasn't ever used," he said. "We had a group in our class who decided that maybe we could do something about it."

Joe Heintz admits he and his classmates took the bell from the tower and stored it in a Pickard Street oil business called BS&B until they could get an ornate frame outside the front entrance to mount the bell. But then, he said, the bell went missing. "We did an exhaustive search," Joe said.



**Paul Bigard '85** is pictured in front of the SHA bell tower.

As the legend goes, the bell was never recovered, but it was replaced. The Fabiano Family generously donated a new, smaller bell to be installed in the bell tower, along with a steel stand constructed by Bill Arends specifically designed so the bell could not be removed.

No one is really sure why the bell ever stopped ringing, but the mechanisms do work.

The bell rang 100 times for the Academy's centennial celebration in 1989, and the bell rang last fall during the refurbishing work, a sound many haven't heard in a long time. Heintz, Hauck and **Paul Bigard '85**, current president of the Sacred Heart Academy school board, all agree it is not only good to hear the bell ring, but to see the crosses illuminated, along with the statue of Jesus in the courtyard.

"In the dark of night, even early morning or dusk, you can see the light from the cross and the bell tower up there, and just remember what's important in life," Paul Bigard said, adding that the bell is ready to ring on special occasions or when the school has an event, such as the 125th Anniversary.

## 125-year celebration

# WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

As dear old Sacred Heart celebrates a 125-year anniversary, no doubt you have memories of school days, friends, teachers, staff, athletic events and more you could share. Please do! Answer the question below and send your response via U.S. Mail or e-mail for inclusion in a special anniversary section of the Spring 2015 Alumni News issue.

A few of our Alumni Advisory members answered the question in advance. Their answers are printed here as a preview. **We look forward to hearing from you!**

"I remember and appreciate Sister Petronilla who taught biology, chemistry and mathematics in the '50s. She was the kindest, most loving, caring person I ever met. She was probably 70 years old when she taught at the Academy, but the incredible thing was, as far as the sciences, she was as up-to-date as could be. She kept current with the field and was an amazing teacher. She had a saying when kids got a bit boisterous. I can still hear her: 'Patience is a virtue which few possess.' I think it took 45 years for that to sink in for me. I owe more than I could ever pay for my education at SHA."

--**John Dart '57**

"As a third generation graduate of Sacred Heart Academy, I have always been fully aware of what a Catholic education means to the McDonald family. Being exposed daily to faith, high academic expectations and a storied athletic past had helped me in every walk of life. It's a tradition I am proud to carry on as my wife and I have three children who are fourth generation students at The Heart." --**Pat McDonald '88**

"The Sacred Heart Academy experience reinforced the values and faith traditions that were the core of our family life. My six sisters and I were the beneficiaries of the school's atmosphere of character and scholastic development. Each of us was educated in a career of service to others and to this day we continue to be involved in our church communities. My husband and I consider ourselves fortunate to have been able to choose Sacred Heart Academy for our daughters, both of whom were enriched by the same atmosphere and by lasting friendships. We are all extremely proud to have had the school as part of our heritage and to know that it continues to exist as a foundation for so many more." --**Sharon Hackett Balogh '61**

Sacred Heart Academy has had a profound effect on me, my family and my career. Both my Mom (Vada Simmer '44) and my Dad (Harold "Mutt" Fox '39) graduated from Sacred Heart Academy. All five of their children graduated from Sacred Heart and then went on to graduate from CMU and lead successful job careers after that. While attending Sacred Heart I met my girlfriend Deb (McDonald) '81, and we have now been married 30 years. We have had three children graduate from the Academy: Michael '06, Jenna '09 and Eric '11. The bonding and friendships made at Sacred Heart - as a student and as parents of students - cannot be expressed in words. The students are genuinely kind and affect many lives with their community service. The parents are extremely giving and truly involved with making Sacred Heart a better school and better environment for their children. The teachers have been fantastic throughout the years. Their commitment and dedication proves they are doing God's work. I am fortunate, as my job allows me to still work with the students of Sacred Heart in a sales capacity through the years. The students there are impressive and it thrills me to work with families who have been enrolled for generations, like the Theisens, the Neyers, and the Hartmans, to name a few. I am also amazed at the commitment and dedication of the parents and students who return and volunteer with the school or sports team after graduation. Obviously, Sacred Heart is truly home to all of its Alumni. Congratulations to the Academy on 125 successful years and cheers to many more! --**Joe Fox '78**

"An SHA education was a great preparation for college for me and my children. SHA has made my family close-knit. As far as a career, I'm in contact with Sacred Heart graduates almost daily. Much of the work we do is for the Sacred Heart community graduates and parishioners. As far as the effect SHA has in my daily life, I'm proud to say I went to school there and continue to promote the school to new families. When I look at jobs for couples with young children I always try to promote SHA as their school of choice." --**Bill Hauck '79**

"Sacred Heart Academy is a fantastic school! I started SHA in the '40s. We had Dominican Sisters all through school. The nuns were so dedicated! That same dedication went to all the lay teachers who succeeded them. SHA prepared me for college as it did my husband and our three children. We were all enriched spiritually as well as received a wonderful education. I went on to work for 31 years as a bookkeeper on the campus of this beautiful Parish/School. Amen!" --**Shirley Honeywell Sheppard '49**

"The impact my SHA education had on my life is that it made my faith-based life stronger. With the attachment the school has with the church, it made me feel more comfortable to be an active member of our church." --**Charlie Lux '87**

"There are many fond memories . . . 'First Fridays each month' Mass, then for breakfast, two glazed donuts and a carton of juice or milk delivered to our classroom from VanDrie Bakery for 21 cents (yes, it was in the late '50s and '60s) . . . Wearing uniforms; the white Peter-Pan collar blouse with vest and blue plaid box-pleated skirts . . . I will always remember one of the dearest teachers and homeroom advisor Sister Ann Lucille whom I was fortunate to keep in touch with for over 45 years after graduation. . . . Writing 'J M J' on the top of each test/homework page. There are so many positives gained from the education received from SHA." --**Janet Campbell Cappel '65**



"As a graduate from SHA 50 years ago, I have often reflected on where I've been and how much my high school years influenced my decisions. The Dominican Sisters instilled a reverence for the church that has been life-lasting for me. The school has given me a sense of roots to this church community and family. We were married in the "old" Sacred Heart church and sent our two children to SHA. My husband and I continue to be members of the church and would never consider another parish. The school experience also instilled a 'do what is right' value system which has never left me. I was always proud to list SHA as my high school throughout the years of form-filling as it indirectly spoke of my Catholic heritage." --**Paulette Andres Green '64**

**Share a memory or your experience. What impact did your SHA education have on you, your family, your career or your life? We want to hear from you!**

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Email an answer to: [alumni@sha.net](mailto:alumni@sha.net)  
 Mail to: SHA Alumni News, 302 S. Kinney Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858



# ACADEMY NEWS

Mary Kay Reetz, *Admissions Director*



## BENEFITS OF SHA

It's an exciting time here at the Academy. It seems like we've had an unusually high number of families interested in learning more about SHA this past spring and summer. It's thrilling to see so many inquiries turn in to enrollments and we continue to hope for more as the start of the school year approaches. There are a couple of programs I especially enjoy telling our new families about when we discuss what makes Sacred Heart different from the other schools in our area and why I hope SHA will become their school of choice. Of course the obvious difference is that we are a Catholic school where religion and faith are taught and practiced on a daily basis.

However, one of the not-so-obvious benefits is that since iPads arrived at SHA, the integration of technology into classroom lessons has created new options for discovery, interaction and exploration for elementary students and their teachers.

- Fourth graders take custom-designed quizzes and study regions of the United States using touch-screen capabilities.
- Developmental Kindergarten students practiced taking "selfies" and recording what they like about DK in an "Educreations" white board app.
- Second graders use the "Write About" app for creative writing. They took pictures of themselves, created an author profile and then responded to journal prompts using the iPad.
- Fifth graders have used the iPads for research and created movie presentations using "iMovie", sharing information relating to literature.
- The iPads allow music students to explore "Garageband", which introduces them to music composition in a fool proof way where everything they compose sounds great. The app features the addition of original music or a student's own voice to create an original song.

The iPads do not replace live classroom instruction, rather, the technology provides learning experiences in engaging ways which benefit diverse learners. It's important for our students to develop and maintain technical skills in order to survive in an increasingly digital era. Educational "games" and applications give options for cognitively different learning than traditional classroom instruction. The integration of iPad learning into existing classroom lessons is a definite benefit.

When the Apple Educational Consultant visited Sacred Heart to make a suggestion for iPad integration in elementary

classrooms, he told administrators SHA was an ideal environment for iPad student learning because of its class sizes and commitment to academic excellence. Just as the consultant predicted, our teachers have embraced the technology. The iPads provide access to resources which assist teachers in research-based practices to enhance the achievements of all students.

The iPads were purchased courtesy of donations from Academy parents. SHA invested in training for the teachers, hosting a technology consultant and working in teams for the selection of applications and the design of policies for use. As with all technology at SHA, use is closely monitored by the teachers. The iPads are only for use on the school campus, and are protected by the same web-filtering technology which protects the school's computers.

American Sign Language (ASL) is another program that our developmental kindergarten through sixth grade students learn on a weekly basis.

Under the direction of SHA parent Dr. Susan Naeve-Velguth, CMU students studying ASL visit each classroom on a weekly basis throughout the school year and teach our students American Sign Language. Research shows that exposure to signing, whether alone or in combination with spoken language, may benefit young hearing children in the areas of vocabulary and literacy development; the benefits of early exposure may be long-lasting, and continue even after sign instruction has stopped. Both of these programs have been met with excitement and enthusiasm by our students and teachers.

These programs are just two examples which illustrate SHA's commitment to academic excellence and unequivocal parental support and dedication. I look forward to sharing a detailed update on our enrollment and exciting changes coming to the Academy during this upcoming school year.



Second graders participate in sign language instruction.



Drum banging sounds great on iPad's "Garageband" application.



# FROM THE PASTOR



Fr. Loren Kalinowski, Pastor

## 125 YEARS OF FAITH, KNOWLEDGE AND SERVICE

Happy Birthday, Sacred Heart Academy! Congratulations Alumni, on the 125th Anniversary of your alma mater. History tells us Sacred Heart Academy opened in 1889, when the original Sacred Heart Church was converted into a two-story school, five Dominican sisters were welcomed from the Motherhouse in New York, and 150 students enrolled the first year.



Today, after many additions, renovations and improvements; considerable growth in enrollment; and the noted privilege of being the only K through 12 Catholic school remaining in the Saginaw Diocese (and one of a select few in the State of Michigan); SHA proudly celebrates a quasiquicentennial—one and a quarter centuries of Catholic tradition. We begin this school year with over 400 students, and boast more than 3,700 graduates who carry a legacy of faith, leadership and service in their lives.

During the 2014-15 school year, it will be a privilege to celebrate Catholic tradition and academic excellence with a series of special events and programs. Alumni and friends are specifically invited to join in any or all events, and I encourage you to visit our web site at [www.sha.net](http://www.sha.net) for updated information throughout the year, or e-mail [alumni@sha.net](mailto:alumni@sha.net) with specific questions. Following is a preview of what the alumni / parish / school teams have planned:

- **Bell Tower Experience** (Tuesday, September 2, approximately 2 p.m.)—school bell will ring 125 times in honor of the sesquicentennial and we will attempt a group photo on the school lawn
- **Expanded Alumni & Friends Reception** at Homecoming (Friday, October 3, beginning at 7:30 p.m.)—including informational displays and commemorative apparel
- **125 minutes of different celebrations** on the 125th day of school in the Elementary and Secondary Buildings
- **Anniversary Mass and Reception** (Saturday, November 29 at 5:00 p.m.) featuring a quasiquicentennial prayer written by honorary SHA Class of 1969 Alumnus Reverend Raymond Cotter.

Alumni are always welcome to tour the building and we very much enjoy having classroom speakers from an incredible pool of accomplished graduates. Please contact Development Director Connie McCann if you are visiting the area and can make time to stop by the school. Alumni memories are an important part of our celebration. Please see Page 5 and submit your memories for the alumni web page and future publication.

Graduates of SHA continue to make a difference in communities around the world. They take the values-based education received at SHA and tell us—on return visits to the school—they were completely prepared for the challenges of college and life. Rest assured the mission of the Academy remains true:

*“Sacred Heart Academy is a Catholic School founded in 1889, committed to the mission of Jesus Christ. With our families and faith community, we provide a balanced curriculum to strengthen mind, body, and spirit so our students can reach their full potential.”*

On behalf of the teachers and staff, thank you for your support, which helps us achieve our mission.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Loren Kalinowski, Pastor



Second graders caught posing for the camera have family history to smile about. From left, Katie Liscomb (**Lauri Myers Liscomb '90**, grandmother **Joann Campbell '68**), Elle Ervin (**John '89**, grandfather **Bob '62**), and Jordan Hosking (**Marcy McDonald Hosking '90** and **Edan Hosking '91**).



Celebrating three generations at SHA's 2014 graduation are members of the Neyer family, **Dustin '14**, **Josh '12**, **Bryan '86** and **Dave '61**.

## WINNER, WINNER

**Jeff McDonald '79** knows how to win. In his high school career at Sacred Heart Academy he earned nine varsity letters in three sports. He collected All State and MVP honors while quarterbacking the 1978 Football squad to the school's first ever playoff appearance advancing to the semifinal game. Jeff earned four varsity letters in Baseball including hitting .350 as a catcher on the 1979 team that finished 19-4. He also contributed 100 assists as the point guard on the 1979 Basketball team. These accomplishments not only earned him a place in the SHA Athletic Hall of Fame, but led him to a rewarding career as a high school coach.

Jeff has been a teacher/guidance counselor at Cadillac High School for 30 years, and has an additional 20 years as varsity basketball coach, serving 1986 to 1991 and again from 1999 to 2014. In those 20 years, his teams accomplished:

- 322 Wins
- 8 Conference Championships
- 9 District Championships (4 in Class A and 5 in Class B)
- 4 Regional Championships
- 2 Quarterfinal Wins
- 2 Final Four Appearances

"I am most proud of the fact that our team has finished first or second 14 out of 15 times in our league (the Big North Conference) where we are the second smallest school," Jeff said, adding that his team also advanced to the Class B Final Four the past two years in a row. "This past year, 2014, was a bit of a surprise because we had lost four of our five starting players from the prior year."

Jeff was also honored by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) as the Coach of the Year in 2001 and was chosen as the Regional Coach of the year three other times by the BCAM.

Jeff says his program has been successful because of the quality players he has had the privilege of coaching. "Ten of my former players have gone on to college basketball. Three of those 10 played at the Division 1 level. Two of the three are Ben Simons (Drake University) and John Simons (currently at Central Michigan University), sons of **Dave '75** and **Judy McDonald Simons '76**. Ben is currently playing professionally in Belgium and Dave has been a valued assistant coach for the past eight years," Jeff said.

As his team continued to win throughout the tournament this past year, Jeff said it was great to follow the SHA boys and girls teams and they made their tournament runs. "Currently, I am battling a health issue and have decided it is time to take a break from coaching," he reports. "I have very much appreciated all of the prayers and support from both the Cadillac and Mt. Pleasant communities as well as Alumni and friends of the Academy."

Jeff is quick to acknowledge his family, remembering lessons about success and failure, and fair and honest competition learned from his father, **Gerald '50** (who died in 2010). He is appreciative of his mother, Marian, and siblings **Judy Simons '76**, **Steve '80**, **Tim '84**, and **Pat '88** for their support. Jeff gives the most credit to what he calls the "brains behind the outfit", **Penny Zeneberg McDonald '79**, his wife of 29 years, and a fellow SHA Hall-of-Famer. He and Penny have three sons, Matt, Kyle and Travis, and are happy to be celebrating their 35th class reunion in conjunction with the 125th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Academy.

## SHE'S LIVING - AND TEACHING - THE DREAM

Adventurous. Worldly. Amusing. Independent. Knowledgeable. Entertaining. Cultured. Interesting. Intimidating. Enjoyable. Thoughtful. Inspiring. Brave.

Spend a few minutes talking with **Jane Johnson Milan '82** and any - or all! - of those descriptive words may come to mind. Jane and her husband, Phil Milan (also an SHA attendee as a member of the Class of 1983, but he left after 8th grade due to a family move to the Upper Peninsula), are living in China teaching at an American school as part of a year-to-year commitment through the QSI International School program.

Jane's road from Sacred Heart Academy to the International School of Shenzhen-Shekou in China is an interesting one. She graduated from SHA and attended Central Michigan University on a cross country scholarship, earning a degree in foodservice management and hospitality. She moved to Phoenix, Arizona and completed a teaching certification. "The world is small," she says about meeting Phil there.

"Meeting someone from SHA in Phoenix whom I did not previously know was incredible." The two recently celebrated their 20th anniversary and have two sons, Bac, 14, adopted from Vietnam, and Zach, 13.



Jane Johnson Milan '85 and her son Bac.

They were married for two years when they attended a teaching fair in San Diego and agreed to school positions in Morocco, where they stayed for two years in Casablanca. After Morocco came two years in Krakow, Poland, then three years in Aleppo, Syria. At that point, the couple came home to Arizona for eight years to raise their young sons. Stateside, Jane said she worked as a personal chef and menu planner while Phil assumed employment as an underwriter. But, Jane says, the "something different" aspect of working and teaching overseas lured them back to watching the job fair database and accepting their current assignment in China, with sons in tow!

"We teach core subjects at a private, international school where students hold a foreign passport," she said, adding that they mostly serve Korean, Japanese, Chinese and Western students in this assignment. Jane has taught 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd and 4th grade in the different countries and is currently teaching 4th grade in a city of 17 million people located directly across from Hong Kong in southern China.

Jane says living and working in so many different countries has allowed her family the opportunity to see some incredible places. "School vacations are a bonus," she said. "We travel and see our host country and neighboring countries. We feel fortunate to have this advantage." They also travel home each summer to visit family members including Jane's mom **Betty Powell Johnson '43**, and siblings **Ann Smith '68**, **Tim '70**, **Bill '71**, **John '74**, **Pat '76**, and **Kay '83**; and Phil's family, most of whom are SHA grads: **Barb Wilson '71**, **Dan '72**, **Kevin '74**, **Mike '75**, **Chris '77**, **Keith '79**, and **Mark**, who was a member of the Class of '81.

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## T.G.I.F.F. (THANK GOD IT'S FISH FRY!)

Student athletes at Sacred Heart Academy hold many fond memories. The cheers for the "Mighty Irish" and "Big Red". Team dinners where members speak from the heart. Prayer before competitions. The smell of fish. Yes, the smell of deep-fried cod and walleye from volunteering at those Lenten Fish Fries.

There is absolutely no mistaking what Friday Night Fish Fries have done for Sacred Heart Academy student athletes over the past 30-some years. The income generated by the Lenten tradition fundraisers is the basis of the budget for athletic programs at Sacred Heart, and have helped the school avoid participation fees that other schools have had to enforce. Every SHA staff member, parent and student athlete knows exactly how important the Fish Fry program is. And every patron knows the satisfaction!

Key to the financial success is the reduced overhead costs generated by volunteer labor. Prep work, cooking, serving, clearing, everything is done on a volunteer basis. So the only expenses are food and materials. "This past year was our most successful ever and it is because we have a great product at a great price for a good cause," says **Terry Coughlin '56**.

**Frank Deni '53**, agrees. He has been volunteering at the Lenten Fish Fries for 32 years. "I do it for the kids," he says. "I played sports at SHA years ago and then my kids came through the program. I am happy to help Sacred Heart athletes avoid play-to-pay fees." Frank works alongside other SHA parents and "honorary alumni" like Mike Faulkner, Ken MacDonald, Don Bissell, Tim Hauck and dozens of others.

For those who may not know, the Fish Fry idea started more than 30 years ago as a way to raise money for middle school uniforms. The first fish fry was hosted in a school classroom for a select group of parents whose kids served them. The idea took off, and soon more people were being served in the elementary school cafeteria. Before long, All-You-Can-Enjoy Friday Night Fish Fries made a name for themselves in the Parish Center. Customers travel from throughout the central Michigan area—and farther—for the famous Sacred Heart brand of fish and service.

Over the years, Lenten Fish Fries have created a social hot spot where people gather to enjoy the great food and atmosphere. On any random Friday night, you not only find customers enjoying the buffet-style meal and take-out options, but you can find a number of current Sacred Heart students and coaches, plus a variety of alumni, former parents and Sacred Heart parishioners working for the good of athletic programs.

SHA Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Rick Roberts is eternally grateful for Fish Fry support. "The income is a huge part of the athletics budget," he said, adding that he especially enjoys the public relations aspect of the Friday night events. "The visibility of the student athletes and our coaches is very important. Along with great food, customers get to meet our athletes and see what great students we have."

If your mouth is watering just thinking about it, you don't have long to wait. The 2015 Fish Fry schedule begins Friday, February 20, 2015 and runs through Good Friday, April 3. Dates, prices and details are always available on the SHA website at [www.sha.net](http://www.sha.net).



(Left) Marty Siuda and **Kathy Sheahan-Stahl '74** keep the dessert table stocked. (Center) Students and parents lend a hand to work the take-out station on a Friday night. From left are: **Joey Ervin (Lisa Hauck Ervin '89 and Marty Ervin '89 grandson of Ron '63 and Kathy Anton Ervin '63 and Diane Scully McConnell '68, great grandson of Anna O'Hara '19)**, Michele Houston, Katie MacDonald, **Cindy Coughlin Jacobs '89 (Terry Coughlin '56 Mae Grisdale '27) and Judy Wentworth Younger '84**. (Right) **Frank Deni '53 and Jeremy MacDonald '93** serve up conversation along with deep fried cod and walleye at the fish fry.

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Of all the assignments, Jane says her favorite has been Morocco. Even though it is a small country, in the two years there they still did not see it all. "Although every place we have lived has its own uniqueness, Morocco is very diverse and we made good friends there," Jane said.

There are also things the family misses about the U.S.A. "We miss our families, and we miss communicating with people—just having a plain old conversation in English," Jane says. "Graduating from SHA, I pretty much knew everyone and got a good Christian education with good core values. Those values are with me every day when I am teaching."



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 Women: contact **Kelly Epple Hansen '82** khansen@sha.net  
 —or— alumni@sha.net / (989) 772-1385

## Class Notes

**CLASS OF 1935:** Pauline Cadden Campbell passed away on June 1, 2014 in Mt Pleasant. Pauline was married to **Jerry Campbell '35** for 72 years before his passing in 2011. She is the sister of **Avery '34** and the mother of **John '65** and **Karen Travis '60**. Pauline was a bookkeeper at J C Penney for three decades.

**CLASS OF 1937:** Eileen Hackett Schafer passed away on April 20, 2014 in Mt Pleasant. She is the mother of **Sally Wood '59**, **Tony '61**, **Sue Ayers '65**, **Pat '68** and **Tim '71**.

**CLASS OF 1947:** Lois O'Brien Goulet passed away on April 14, 2014 in Lakeview, Michigan. Lois is survived by her husband of 63 years, George. The couple have seven children and 18 grandchildren. Lois is the sister of **Mary Graham '43**, **Jean Voisin '44**, **Theresa Gross '52**, **Barb Ley '55** and **Gerald '59**.

**CLASS OF 1948:** Kathleen Hackett Rainer died on March 23, 2014 in Venice, Florida. Kathleen is the sister of **James '29**, **Mary Valliere '29**, **John '31**, **Ed '33**, **Tom '37**, **Rose Nanzig '39**, **Pat '43** and **Anne O'Brein '46**.

**CLASS OF 1957: REUNION NEWS** The class will be celebrating a "57 at 57" reunion at Homecoming weekend, October 3-4, 2014. They plan to ride in the parade and attend the annual reception Friday night and then meet at Cheers at 600Pm on Saturday. They would like to invite any members of the classes of 1956 and 1958 to join them at Cheers.

**CLASS OF 1959:** Mike Cadden passed away on July 15, 2014 in Frankfort, Michigan. Mike is the son of **Avery '34** and brother of **Dan '62** and **Patty '58**.

**Tyrone McConnell** passed away on May 5, 2014 in Cordele, Georgia. After high school Ty played baseball in the Cleveland Indian minor league system. After baseball he moved to Georgia and was the founder of Homestead Homes. He is survived by his wife, **Rudelle Williams McConnell '59**. Ty is the brother of **Larry '50**, **Maureen Wardrop '45** and **Dan '44**.

**Bill Collin** passed away on July 23, 2014 in Mt Pleasant. Bill owned and operated Collin Oil. He was preceded in death by his wife **Catherine Ottney Collin '60**, his mother **Dorothy McNerney '29** and his siblings **Ginger Finch '56**, **Patty Veit '55** and **Dennis '69**. He is survived by siblings **Sue Fuller '59**, **Dave '66**, **Jon '68**, **Marie Fussman '71** and **Casey Nelson '73**.

**Gerald O'Brien** passed away on June 2, 2014 in Grand Ledge. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, **Janice Balon O'Brien '59**. Jerry worked for Fisher Body for 31 years. He is the brother of **Mary Graham '43**, **Jean Voisin '44**, **Lois Goulet '47**, **Theresa Gross '52** and **Barb Ley '55**.

**REUNION NEWS** The SHA Class of 59 is planning a grand 55th Class Reunion on the weekend of the 2014 SHA Homecoming (Oct. 3, 4, and 5, 2014). The festivities planned

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will include participating in the Homecoming parade, an SHA school tour, tailgating and game attendance on Friday evening, Saturday will include a cemetery walk, lunch time gathering at the Green Spot, and Happy Hour and dinner at the Soaring Eagle Water Park and after dinner gathering at the Green Suites meeting room. Sunday it is planned that classmates will attend the 11 o'clock Mass. If any classmates did not receive a mailing they should call Sue Collin Fuller at 989-772-0606. Classmates are encouraged to post their interests and suggestions to the Class web site.

**CLASS OF 1963:** **Lindy Rondy Hover** died on May 5, 2014 in Lansing. Lindy spent 30 years in the Michigan State Legislature, retiring as Chief of Staff to the Speaker of the House. Lindy is the sister of **Gary '65**.

**CLASS OF 1964:** **REUNION NEWS** plans are moving along for a 50th reunion Homecoming weekend, October 3-4, 2014. The class is planning to be in the parade, attend the alumni reception, have a Saturday dinner event and possibly a Sunday morning brunch. Please e-mail [paulettgreen@hotmail.com](mailto:paulettgreen@hotmail.com) with questions or comments.

**CLASS OF 1974:** **REUNION NEWS** The 1974 class plans on gathering at the alumni reception and is still in the planning stages. Any questions or other ideas can be directed to either Mark Campbell at [campbellmr6@msn.com](mailto:campbellmr6@msn.com) or Debbie McCoy Falsetta at [debsch55@hotmail.com](mailto:debsch55@hotmail.com).

**CLASS OF 1979:** **REUNION NEWS** --- As this newsletter is being prepared for distribution the class of 1979 is meeting in conjunction with the Mt Pleasant High School class of 1979 (August 8th and 9th). The class is also planning to meet during Homecoming weekend, October 3rd and 4th.

**CLASS OF 1984:** **REUNION NEWS** Although many members of the class met impromptu in July, there are still plans for a homecoming weekend gathering at the Parish Hall after the October 3, 2014 Homecoming game.

**CLASS OF 1985:** **Lisa Beltinck Johnson** was honored as the 2014 Mt Pleasant High School Teacher of the Year awarded by the Saginaw Valley High School Association. Lisa teaches English and yearbook.

**CLASS OF 1988:** **Kevin Hartman** will soon be completing his second year with Google as their Head of Industry. Kevin is living in the Roscoe Village section of Chicago with his wife Sandy and three sons.

**CLASS OF 1989:** **REUNION NEWS** The class will meet at the alumni reception Friday evening October 3, to celebrate their 25th reunion. Invitation by emails have been sent out but if you didn't get one, contact James Thering at [jamesthering@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesthering@yahoo.com).

**CLASS OF 1994:** **REUNION NEWS** Details for a homecoming weekend reunion are still being developed at press time. Class members may contact Angie Philips Hutton at [Angnrook@yahoo.com](mailto:Angnrook@yahoo.com) for updates.

**CLASS OF 1996:** **Rick Henkes** and his wife Isannah announced the birth of their third daughter, Elianna Skye, on April 6, 2014 in Mt Pleasant.

**CLASS OF 2000:** **Margo Lewandos** graduated from Xavier University in 2004 and is currently an RN in interventional radiology at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. Margo is also busy planning her September 2014 wedding to Nicholas Klingensmith. The couple will reside in Cincinnati.

**CLASS OF 2003:** **Megan Gepford** married Doug Bonds on June 21, 2014 in Frankenmuth. Megan graduated from CMU and is employed by Mid Michigan Industries. The couple resides in Mt Pleasant.

**CLASS OF 2006:** **Patrick Sweeney** earned his law degree from Washington and Lee University on May 10, 2014. He is currently living in Grand Rapids and studying for the Bar Exam this month.

**CLASS OF 2007:** **Sarah Cardon (Carolyn Straus '79, Anne McConnell '54)** graduated Summa Cum Laude from CMU in August 2011 with a major in Sports Studies and minors in Marketing and Event Planning and worked for the Saginaw Spirit before joining the Charlotte Bobcats in February of 2012. She accepted a position with the San Francisco 49ers in their Sales/Service department and has been there since February of 2014.

**CLASS OF 2010:** After receiving her degree from the University of Michigan, **Elizabeth English** is working with American Enterprise Institute in Washington D.C. Elizabeth works in the Education Policy area and had an article published in Fortune Magazine in June: Why the US Prison System Hurts Young Workers. As a student, Elizabeth was president of the U of M chapter of Common Sense Action. She also performed an internship in Washington with the Bipartisan Policy Center where she spent some time working on immigration policy.



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## 2014 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The 2014 Hall of Fame honorees are **Bob Foldesi '64**, **Barb Pohl Majewski '79** and **Kip Hartman '99**. The three will be inducted during half time of the Homecoming game on October 3, 2014 and will bring the total number of enshrined athletes to 95.



**Bob Foldesi '64**

team in RBI his senior year. Bob and his wife Nancy live in Simi Valley, California where Bob has retired with the rank of full Colonel in the US Army Reserve. Over a 30-year career in higher education human resources, he served in senior HR positions at several institutions, including Cal State Northridge, the University of Notre Dame, University of Iowa, Illinois State University, Saint Mary's College and Central Michigan University. He began his HR career at Ford Motor Company.

Bob earned 10 letters in 4 sports but he excelled as MVP and captain of the 1963 football squad where he earned All State honors scoring nearly one half of the team's points. Bob also led the baseball

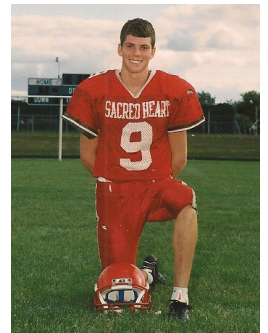
Despite being hampered by a knee injury her junior year, Barb was a four sport star who earned 13 letters including MVP in basketball and being a member of the

1977 State Champion 880 relay team that still holds a place in the MHSAA "retired" record books for the Class D One Mile Relay. Barb has taught school in Allendale, Michigan for 29 years, 19 in kindergarten and 10 in second grade.



**Barb Pohl Majewski '79**

Kip earned 11 letters while being named All State in three sports. He quarterbacked and kicked the 1998 football team to the state semi finals, establishing 26 school records along the way. In track he won the state championship in the high jump and still holds the school record of 6'4". He was also a member of the school record 4x100 relay team. Kip was also the second leading scorer on the 1999 basketball team and was named first team All State in baseball. Kip and his wife **Leslie (Jackson '00)** own Active Physical Therapy with three offices in Marquette, Negaunee and Ishpeming.



**Kip Hartman '99**