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JEREL KONWINSKI NAMED 2019 GRAND MARSHAL

As long as he has been a parishioner, he has quietly worked behind-the-scenes at Sacred Heart. Jerel Konwinski has shared his talents with our church and with Sacred Heart Academy in many ways over the past 45 years. He has led building projects for the church and school. He volunteers for funeral luncheons and parish festival dinners. He is one of the "unsung heroes" of the athletic association who cleans up after Friday night fish fries during Lent.

For these, and other reasons—in addition to his unwavering support of Sacred Heart—Jerel Konwinski has been named Grand Marshal of the 2019 Homecoming festivities planned for September 27, 2019.

Jerel and his wife, **Carol (Huber) '78** (who died in 2018) have a Named Fund in the SHA Foundation which generates tuition assistance for Sacred Heart Academy. The two also supported a variety of local causes and Jerel continues to lend a hand in many ways, usually anonymously. Sacred Heart projects which recently benefitted from his hands-on positive impact include the All Are Welcome church improvements and the upgrade of the STEM lab at the Academy.

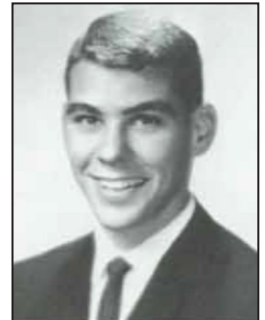
Over the years, with daughter **Melissa Konwinski Huitink '92** enrolled at the school, Jerel served on various boards and committees, including the SHA School Board and the Athletic Association, in addition to the Sacred Heart Parish Council.

"Jerel has made significant contributions of time, talent, and treasure over the years. He deserves this honor. Sacred Heart is fortunate to have a friend like him," says **Andy Theisen Sr. '78**.

THREE TO ENTER SHA HALL OF FAME

Earl Hartman '66, Sandy Pohl Sabuda '84 and Jill Jackson Stankewicz '94 will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming ceremonies on Friday September 27, 2019. The Hall was initiated in 1980 and to date 107 former athletes have been honored. Nomination forms are available on the web site, www.sha.net.

Earl's high school athletic career was curtailed by a pair of broken legs in the winter of his freshman year. He did earn four varsity letters including being captain of the baseball team. He also set unbreakable school basketball records in career and season field goal percentage by making BOTH of his field goal attempts during his one varsity basketball season. (He also made all five of his JV attempts in his partial freshman year!) But it is Earl's coaching record which earns him the Hall recognition. As of induction he has coached 36 years that includes a State Championship and two runner-up finishes. He was named Michigan Class D Coach of the Year in 1987 and Overall Coach of the Year in 1996. He was inducted into the Michigan High School Baseball Coach's Hall of Fame in 2008. By being named head coach of the west high school all stars in 2001, the visiting team, he lays claim to be the first high school coach ever to coach at Comerica Park. His 781-356 record places him 10th on the all-time list in Michigan, 5th among active coaches.



Earl Hartman
SHA '66

Sandy earned 13 letters in track, volleyball, basketball, softball and cross country. She was MVP in volleyball and basketball and made three trips to the state finals in track for long jump and one for cross country. Sandy is a cardiac rehabilitation nurse at MidMichigan Medical. She and husband Dave have two children **Tyler '12** and **Lauren '14**.



Sandy Pohl Sabuda
SHA '84



Jill Jackson Stankewicz
SHA '94

Jill earned 11 varsity letters in softball, basketball, volleyball and cheerleading. She was MVP in basketball and volleyball and received all state honors twice in softball. Her cheerleading teams finished second and third in the state. She still holds school records for consecutive free throws (19) and free throw percentage (86.4). Her husband Justin's job with General Motors took the Stankewicz family to Singapore, Thailand, and South Korea the past seven years but they have returned to settle in Lyon Township, Michigan. Jill and Justin have three children.



Homecoming 2019 | Friday, September 27

Parade @ 4 p.m.
Through Downtown
Mt. Pleasant

Football Game @ 7 p.m.
Community Memorial
Stadium

**Alumni & Friends
Reception @ 8 p.m.**
Sacred Heart Parish Center

WELCOME NEW ALUMNI - CLASS OF 2019!



On May 24, the SHA Alumni Association gained 34 new members. Welcome to the SHA Class of 2019! Every classmate is included in this photo from graduation, although a few in the back row are hard to see. For a closer look and additional pictures, view the photo online at www.academy.sha.net/alumni.

Front row, from left: **Gracie Henrie**, **Miranda McGarry**, **Charlie Morton**, **Alayna Squires**, **Shelby Cook** (Carrie Cook '89), **Cammie McConnell**, **Brendan Zeien** (Danielle Radawski Zeien '88), **Evan Chomchai**, **Ben Thering** (James Thering '89, great grandmother Ann Louise McDonald Thering '26), **Anna Reid**, **Delaney Reid**, **Lauren MacDonald** (Keith '85), **Christine Evans**, **Erikah Cudjoe**, **Adam Thering** (James Thering '89, great grandmother Ann Louise McDonald Thering '26), and **Scout Nelson** (grandfather Dave Goffnett '66, great grandfather Bob Goffnett '40).

Back row, from left: **Rebecca Collins-Pfeiffer**, **Kyle Houston**, **Cross DeLau** (grandmother Mary Jo Fortino DeLau '62), **Colten Nelson** (grandfather Dave Goffnett '66, great grandfather Bob Goffnett '40), **Michelle Hubbard**, **Xavier Addison** (father Jim Hovey '89, grandparents James '61 and Rita Wezensky Hovey '61), **Andrew Tower** (grandfather Don Wentworth '65), **T.J. Moore**, **Patrick Ervin** (Mike '85, grandfather Bob '62), **Chase Nelson** (grandfather Dave Goffnett '66, great grandfather Bob Goffnett '40), **Jesse Bassett**, **Rory Scully** (Dan '84, great grandmother Anna O'Hara Scully '15), **Trevor McGuirk**, **Noah Krepostman**, **Jacob Fritz**, **Kaden Campbell** (Shelley Schafer Campbell '88, grandmother Bethel Berg Schafer '53), **Zach Ervin** (Marty '89, Lisa Hauck Williams '89, grandmother Diane Scully McConnell '68, grandparents Ron '63 and Kathy (Anton) Ervin '63, great great grandmother Anna O'Hara Scully '15), and **Austin Farrell**.

RECORDS WERE MADE TO BE BROKEN

On a stormy day at the Michigan High School Athletic Association 2019 Class D State Track Finals, the Sacred Heart girls set several school records. Some of the runners broke their own previously-set records, and a relay team beat a long-standing record by just three-tenths of a second. Here are the official results:

1600m relay

Old record 4:09.60 | 1977

Carol Goenner '77, **Amy Kostrzewa '78**, **Barb Pohl '79**, **Patty Goenner '78**

New Record 4:06.34 | 2019

Ashley Plum, **Lauren McDonald '19**, **Nicole Olivieri**, **Scout Nelson '19**

3200m relay

Old record 9:51.50 | 2016

Alexis McConnell '17, **Megan Nowak '18**, **Cammie McConnell '19**, **Scout Nelson '19**

New record 9:30.27 | **2019 State Champions!**

Nicole Olivieri, **Cammie McConnell '19**, **Lauren MacDonald '19**, **Scout Nelson '19**

400m dash

Old record 59.96 | 2018

Scout Nelson '19

New record 58.15

Scout Nelson '19

High Jump

Nicole Olivieri tied the school record at 5'2"

Three others hold that record: **Melinda Ingram '81**, **Laurel Bennett '04**, and **Tara Throop '10**

Shot put

Old record 37' 1.5" | 2018

Erikah Cudjoe '19

New record 37' 8.7" | 2019

Erikah Cudjoe '19

*Pictured at the MHSAA State Track Finals are Champion 3200m relay runners (from left) **Nicole Olivieri**, **Lauren MacDonald '19**, **Cammie McConnell '19** and **Scout Nelson '19**.*



BISON RANCH OWNED AND OPERATED BY ALUMNI

On a 25th wedding anniversary trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, **Krista (Newman) '80** and **Jim Pohl '79** saw what they described as “the majestic bison” in their natural habitat. The couple thought it would be nice to raise them, and that seed of thought soon became the Pohl Bison Ranch.

Started with three bison, the ranch grew as babies were born. Krista and Jim moved and eventually purchased more property as their herd expanded. They now have 80 acres on Rosebush Road in Rosebush which includes an Amish-built log home. Pohl Bison, originally established in 2008, now encompasses upwards of 70 head of bison, the bison meat store, Pohl Bison Bed & Breakfast, and the Black Horn Boutique, which sells apparel, jewelry and accessories.

“We fell in love with the bison,” Krista says. “They are incredible animals and we enjoy raising them. Bison is a healthy red meat and there is a market for all the by-products.”

Both Krista and Jim grew up on family farms so they are accustomed to the hard work it takes to keep the ranch operational. Each of them work full-time jobs in addition to running Pohl Bison. They joined the National Bison Association

to network with other ranchers, which helped them expand their business.



Pohl Bison offers ranch tours in the summer and fall months, accommodates guests at the B&B year-round, and will ship boutique items directly to customers. For information, call (989) 433-5841 or visit www.pohlbison.com or www.blackhornboutique.com.

SACRED HEART ACADEMY 1889 – 2019

When school starts for the 2019-20 year on August 26, Sacred Heart Academy will officially celebrate 130 years of faith, knowledge, and service. With more history than any other school in the Saginaw Diocese, SHA has much to celebrate. Plans are underway for sharing “Why I love SHA” messages (Alumni, send your thoughts to alumni@sha.net to be included and watch for messages to be posted online), in addition to a 130th Day of School celebration and more. A special 130th Year t-shirt has been designed and is available for all students, parents, alumni, parishioners, and friends, courtesy of the SHA Home & School Association. The shirt, available in a variety of options, can be purchased from the Spirit Store on the SHA web site. To find the store, visit www.academy.sha.net and click on the “Quick Links” in the top right corner. In the Quick Links list you will find the Spirit Store and the order information. Orders will be filled and shipped in time for those wishing to celebrate at Homecoming. For specific information, or help placing your order, contact the Alumni Office at (989) 772-1385 or alumni@sha.net.

130th Anniversary t-shirts and sweatshirts are available for order from the SHA Spirit Store. Visit the www.academy.sha.net and find the Spirit Store under “Quick Links” at the top right of the web page.



Players, parents, spectators, and community members alike will not be surprised to hear about Sacred Heart Academy’s next fundraiser. In recent years we have raised funds for the STEM Lab at the high school, to improve Community

Memorial Stadium, and for Safety and Security on the SHA campus.

This fall, the Athletic Association is looking to raise \$65,000 to completely replace the fencing at the baseball field at the Lincoln Road complex in Mt. Pleasant. The \$65,000 covers the cost of installing new backstop fencing (dugout to dugout), along with new 6’ fences along both foul lines. Also included in this project is new drainage tile for the field behind home plate.

This field is not only used by the Sacred Heart Irish, but also by community teams and groups hosting games and tournaments in Mt. Pleasant throughout the summer months. Following the lead set by Major League Baseball, SHA is determined to increase the level of safety for fans and players. We want to ensure fencing meets the highest standards.

Just as our Sacred Heart family has come together for other important projects, we hope to be successful with this effort. Baseball families should watch for an invitation in the mail. The school will also try to secure grants and major gifts. If you have a business or organization which could help, please contact Connie McCann, SHA Development Director, at (989) 772-1385 or cmccann@sha.net. Let’s “Swing for the Fences”!



ACADEMY NEWS

Mary Kay Reetz, *Admissions/Marketing Director*



SHA: EFFICIENT AND CONVENIENT FOR FAMILIES

Sacred Heart Academy may be a small organization, but that doesn't mean we don't offer many of the conveniences typically found in large organizations. In the past 12 to 18 months we've made significant strides in automating processes for our school families. For several years we have used a student information system called Renweb where teachers enter grades, take attendance, and post lesson plans. Parents use Renweb to find school information about upcoming events, newsletters, their child's grades, the school directory, and many other useful bits of information. Recently, Renweb was purchased by our tuition management and financial aid company, called FACTS. As a result, we can streamline even more processes, both internally and externally for our school families. The new system is called FACTS SIS.

Gone are the days when parents would complete "green sheets" (aka Parent/School Contract) to re-enroll their child every spring. Parents used to stop in before school, during their lunch hour, or come to an evening meeting on designated days in May to re-enroll their child. Now, parents go online at their convenience, using any electronic device they prefer (i.e. desktop, iPad, smart phone, tablet, etc.) at a time which is convenient for them to re-enroll their child. The same for new families--- no more paper applications. Prospective families inquire, apply and are accepted online.

Last fall, in conjunction with revamping our lunch program (now two are available each day, along with a full selection of ala carte items) we implemented on-line lunch payments. Parents can now log in and add funds to their family lunch account plus view their child's daily lunch purchases. Notifications are automatically sent for low balances. Students and staff really like the additional offerings which have resulted in a positive financial impact on the SHA lunch program.

This past January, our latchkey program also switched to online payments using FACTS. No longer are invoices manually prepared in a stand-alone system and mailed on a biweekly basis and checks dropped off at the school office. All the above online options are housed in FACTS SIS and are carried out with a single sign-on location for parents. Besides making it more efficient and convenient for our families, these changes have resulted in lower paper and postage costs and freeing up of staff to work on other important tasks.

By attending the FACTS SIS user group conference with two other staff members, we have been able to work directly with FACTS representatives to better use the system, solve some challenging issues, and learn new ways to make things even more efficient. There are still a handful of parents who would rather keep the paper processes and write checks, however, we feel it is important to meet the expectations of most of our parents by offering the online options wherever possible.



Discovered at an antique shop near Holland by Grace Reetz '18, this post card traveled from Rosebush, MI to Fowler, MI by US Mail in 1944.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Mary Kay Yonker, Principal

OPTIONS HOUR WILL HELP STUDENTS

At Sacred Heart Academy, part of our mission states “we provide a balanced curriculum to strengthen mind, body, and spirit so each student fulfills God’s purpose.” Every year our faculty and staff do our best to achieve this mission. We evaluate the services provided and work toward continuous improvement. As a Pre-K through 12th grade school, we committed to becoming a Professional Learning Community (PLC), which creates an environment for meaningful collaboration among our teachers and the use of data to guide our instructional practices. We have determined the PLC model is the best educational process for SHA to ensure all students are learning at a high level. As our staff heads into our third year of PLC implementation, we are ready to expand the influence and impact of this model, which will change the daily schedule of students in grades 7 through 12.

Additionally, over the past five years, we have made a point of emphasizing the importance of mental health to our students and families. Research shows the levels of stress, anxiety, and depression which adolescents experience is more prevalent than ever. Part of this results from the pressure students feel to excel in all areas, along with a debilitating fear of failure. We are working on changing the educational culture of our school to be less about earning certain grades and more about appreciating the learning process and the opportunity to experience new things to make our students’ time in school more enriching.



The Class of 2025 is pictured at the closing of their time capsule. The time capsule locker was painted by Nicole Goenner (Jim '87 and Theresa (Audretsch) Goenner '89).

Beginning with the 2019-20 school year, we are adding a period called Options Hour, where junior high and high school students will participate in Discovery and Exploratory classes. These 40-minute classes will happen every day, except for Mass days, for two-week rotations. Discovery classes will provide students in need of additional support in math, reading, and writing with more individualized instruction from teachers certified in those areas. Exploratory classes will provide students with the opportunity to select topics they are interested in learning more about such as Laboratory Dissections, Guitar, Leadership, Podcasting, Self-Defense, Cooking, Spanish Conversation, and Sports Psychology. These classes will be taught by various SHA teachers and administrators.

Students will be assigned to a class for two weeks based on their needs and interests. They will earn elective credit for participation, but will not earn letter grades, which will hopefully encourage students to try new things without added pressure, allowing them to enjoy the chance to learn something different.

Students will still have their typical seven classes and lunch, with class times adjusted slightly to accommodate the Options Hour. We are very excited about this new model and the enhanced learning it provides. Our staff is excited to provide the opportunity for students to receive additional support and experiences to grow while learning. It’s an ideal situation!

One last note: In an earlier issue I reported the departure of Nancy Hemmingson (Art) and Julie (Flannery) Theisen '78 (First Grade) who both retired from teaching in June. Since that time, we also bid farewell to Spanish teacher April Dice and our 20-year custodian Larry Haddon as well. Religion teacher Steve Sacco left the Academy to pursue a career outside of teaching; he was with SHA for 17 years. Teachers and staff members who dedicate their time at SHA are appreciated by students and parents. They are missed when they leave. We will welcome some new team members when we start our 130th school year this Fall. *It is joyful to celebrate 130 Years of Faith, Knowledge, and Service at SHA!*

Class Notes

CLASS OF 1943: One of the founders of the SHA Foundation, **Betty Powell Johnson**, passed away Saturday, July 6, 2019 at Rosebush Manor assisted living facility. Betty graduated as the Valedictorian of her class at SHA, then went on to work, marry, raise her children, start a business, volunteer in the community, and share her passion for Sacred Heart Parish and Academy. In 1976, along with others, she helped create the SHA Foundation endowment so the Academy could remain vibrant today. Her legacy at the academy includes her siblings, **Max Gaudard '34**, **Margaret Gaudard Jackson '35**, **Mary Margaret Powell '38**, **Tom Powell**, **Jerry Powell '50** and **Jim Powell '53**, along with her children: **Anne Smith '68**, **Tim Johnson '70**, **Bill Johnson '71**, **John Johnson '74**, **Pat Johnson '76**, **Jane Milan '82** and **Kathleen Johnson '83**.

CLASS OF 1947: **Emma Jeanne Schaffer Mullins** went to her eternal home February 2, 2019. She had resided in Oklahoma City, OK for the past eight years. Her family reports receiving the Alumni News "brought her such pleasure. . . she would go over it and over it". Emma Jeanne survived by her three children, and by her two sisters, **Madonna Wing '49** and **Rita Doherty**.

CLASS OF 1951: Sacred Heart's first-ever Alumnus of the Year, **William F. Sowle Jr.** went to be with his Lord and Creator May 13, 2019. After graduating from the Academy, Bill attended CMU where he ran track and field and was in the first commissioning class of the ROTC. After graduation from Central he enlisted in the Army and served from 1955 to 1967, earning the rank of Captain. A hard-worker who always helped others, Bill was involved in many church and community activities. He was named Citizen of the Year by the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce in 1980. Bill was the son of **William (Francis) Sowle Sr. '26**. They operated a family business called Sidney Sowle and Son moving company. Bill was the brother of **Bette Blake '49** and **Ruth Anne Sowle '54**, and the father of **Elizabeth McNeill '78** and **Bill Sowle III '79**.

CLASS OF 1952: **John D. Prior** died May 14, 2019 at his home in Midland, Michigan. He graduated from the Academy then served in the U.S. Army as a medic. He married **Phyllis Percha '57** and they celebrated 62 years together. After the Army, John received his bachelor's degree and worked for Dow Chemical Company and then the United Steel Workers of America. He was always involved in Catholic church and family activities. John is the brother of **Mary Jane Simmons '53** and **Virginia Beck '48**.

CLASS OF 1959: **Mary Jean Cashen Rodenbo** passed away June 1, 2019 in Mt. Pleasant, surrounded by her family. She was a life-long member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and volunteered many hours to help others in her retirement. Her greatest love was family and friends. Mary Jean is the sister of **Theresa Corliss '51**, **Leo Cashen '52**, **Fred Cashen '54**, **Tom Cashen '56**, **George Cashen '58**, **Rosemary Hartley '61**, and **Catherine Jarman '65**.

CLASS OF 1964: **Evelyn Pety Lance** passed away April 12, 2019 in Palmetto, Florida, where she lived with her husband, Herb.

Evelyn was a sister to **Sr. Beverly Pety '52**, **Ann Kopson '54**, **Clare Pety**, **Irene Turk '57**, **Lucille Haas '58**, **Mary Hicks '62**, **Gene Pety '66**, **David Pety**, and **Jim Pety**.

Janet M. (Johnson) Patrick died May 1, 2019 in Lansing, Michigan, after a short illness. While at Sacred Heart, Jan was a member of the State Championship debate team with her older brother, John. She graduated from CMU and then went on to receive two advanced degrees from Michigan State University. Jan worked as a teacher for a few years before finding her true calling working as an administrator with the State of Michigan. She focused her career on sustainability long before it was a buzzword. Jan loved being outdoors and enjoying "her beautiful Michigan". She was the daughter of **Dr. Philip Johnson '21**, and the sister of **Philip Johnson '60**, **Anne Avery '61**, **John Johnson '63**, **Robert Johnson '68**, **Mary Maness '71**, **Margaret Covington '74**, and **Helen Hackett '77**.

CLASS OF 1966: Happy Golden Anniversary to Alumni Association Director and Newsletter Editor **Earl Hartman Jr '66** and his lovely wife **Sharon Campbell Hartman '65**. The Hartmans celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Mass on June 13, 2019 recalling their 1969 wedding, also at Sacred Heart Church. The couple traced part of their honeymoon trail including a stop at Uncle Tom's Cabin in Dresden, Ontario to take advantage of their 50-year-old entry ticket which said "come back anytime for half-price admission"! Earl and Sharon are the parents of SHA graduates **Kevin '88**, **Ken '90**, **Kassandra Lichota '94**, **Kirt '97**, **Kip '99** and **Korey '01**.

CLASS OF 1969: REUNION NEWS! The class has great plans for a 50th reunion at Homecoming, September 27 and 28, 2019. See the Alumni page of the sha.net web site for details. For additional information, contact **Carolyn (Swetz) Epplet** at carolyn918fnp@gmail.com or **Marilyn (Carroll) Assmann** at (989) 772-4553.

CLASS OF 1970: **John Walters** passed away May 10, 2019 in Logan, Utah. John played on the golf team that placed third in the state in 1970. He went on to Central Michigan University where he achieved a cum laude undergraduate degree and two master's degrees. He had a successful and active professional career in library sciences and managing government documents, writing two books and winning awards for his publications. In retirement he continued to have articles published and was always a sports fan and a rock-n-roll music enthusiast.

CLASS OF 1977: **Geno Tilmann** passed away April 14, 2019 at U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor. Geno was the brother of **Bob Tilmann '69**, **Julie Gamm '72**, **Diane Wilson '74**, and **Jim Tilmann '75**. He worked as a truck driver for Pepsi for 37 years, retiring in 2013. Geno loved the outdoors, especially spending time at his hunting property and cottage and exploring the Upper Peninsula with his family.

CLASS OF 1979: REUNION NEWS! The class of '79 is having a reunion Homecoming Weekend. For details, visit the Alumni Page of the sha.net web site. Contact **Judy (Murphy)**

Lannen at (989) 289-8287 or **Bill Hauck** (989) 737-6576 for information.

CLASS OF 1981: **Jim “Sully” Sullivan** passed away unexpectedly June 27, 2019 at his home in St. Louis, Michigan. Jim was employed by Alpha Plastics as a supervisor and absolutely enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. Jim was the brother of **Bob Sullivan ‘79**.

CLASS OF 1988: His day job is at Google in Chicago, where he is the Director of Analytics in the consumer, government, and entertainment sector. **Kevin Hartman (Earl ‘66 and Sharon Campbell Hartman ‘65)** says his team works with advertisers to build programs and investment opportunities to put [them] in all the mediums Google offers. The perspective he gained in his “day job” helped him become a relatable and impactful Notre Dame professor. Kevin is also an adjunct assistant teaching professor within the Mendoza College of Business’ Master of Science in Business Analytics (MSBA) program on the Notre Dame Chicago campus. A graduate of Notre Dame, Kevin brings a wealth of knowledge and current trends to the classroom, along his perspective on ethics. Google Kevin for more information; the story is wonderful!

CLASS OF 1989: REUNION NEWS! The Class of 1989 will gather at Homecoming on Friday, September 27 to celebrate 30 years. Members plan to watch the parade and cheer on classmate **James Thering** who was named the Alumnus of the Year. They will also attend the 7:00 p.m. football game and roar for the Irish, who are coached by classmate **John Ruggles**. For specific details, see the Alumni page of the sha.net web site. For information, contact **Andrea Chiesa** at droidchiesa@yahoo.com.

CLASS OF 2000: **Katie Beltinck Johnson** and her husband Nate announced the arrival of son Nash Burton Johnson February 11, 2019 in Mt. Pleasant. Baby Nash joins sisters Khloe and Klara at home, and grandmother is **Colleen McCann Beltinck ‘74**. Great-grandfather would be **Tom McCann ‘53** and great, great-grandparents would be **Eleanor (Marthey) ‘13** and **Aloysius McCann ‘11**.

CLASS OF 2002: **Vicki Krcmarik Wakeman** and her husband Chris welcomed baby Patrick Jean Wakeman on October 23, 2018, who joins three-year-old brother David at home. Proud grandmother is **Patricia Stangle Krcmarik ‘67**. Vicki works with survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence at Shelterhouse as the Blueprint for Safety Director. The family resides in Midland.

CLASS OF 2005: **Dr. Ryan Lilly** and his wife Amy welcomed their son Vincent Alexander Lilly on May 30, 2019. Ryan just completed an orthopaedic joint fellowship at the University of Minnesota and is currently moving to Mt. Pleasant where he will be employed by McLaren Central Michigan and join his father’s practice, Central Michigan Orthopaedics.

CLASS OF 2006: **Stephanie Beltinck Parrish** and her husband Jon welcomed baby boy Maverick June 14, 2018 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Stephanie is employed as a marketing manager. **Colleen McCann Beltinck ‘74** is Maverick’s grandmother. Great-grandfather would be **Tom McCann ‘53** and great, great-grandparents would be **Eleanor (Marthey) ‘13** and **Aloysius McCann ‘11**.

Dr. Lauren Hasler Leslie and her husband Dr. David Leslie welcomed Caroline Judy Leslie on January 15, 2019 in New Orleans. Lauren is an osteopathic physician and sports medicine doctor who specializes in neuromusculoskeletal and manipulative sports medicine at the Ochsner Sports Medicine Institute in New Orleans. **John Roberts** and his wife Amber welcomed baby Jaxson John Roberts on April 9, 2019 in Fayetteville, AK. John is a defensive analyst in his fifth year for the University of Arkansas football team.

CLASS OF 2009: REUNION RE-CAP: Members of the Class of 2009 gathered June 29, 2019 for a 10-year reunion. Classmates gathered at Hunter’s Ale House for food and beverage and then continued the memories by closing one of the downtown establishments. **Jackie (Olson) Geiling** traveled the furthest from Texas, followed by **Katy Szymula** from Chicago. Other members who came from across the state or across town included: **Jim Cardon, Alexa Holtgreive, Jon Cutler, Erin Flannery, Megan (Oliveri) Stephens, Michael Schulte, Jon Schaffer, and Mike Viau**. Unfortunately, no photo was taken, but the report said a “great time was had” and it was “like no time has passed since [they] last saw each other”.

CLASS OF 2010: **Dr. Brent Hasler** graduated from Wayne State University in December 2018 with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. He is currently working for HealthQuest at a clinic in Macomb.

Taylor Sheahan-Stahl and his wife Emily welcomed their first baby, a boy named Jude Anthony Sheahan-Stahl May 8, 2019 in Mt. Pleasant. Jude’s grandmother is **Kathy Sheahan-Stahl ‘74**, and great-great-grandparents would be **Jerry ‘47** and **Dorothy (Voisin) Sheahan ‘47**.

Dr. Mike Lilly graduated as a full dentist from Midwestern University in Chicago. He is now employed as a dentist in the Grand Rapids area.

CLASS OF 2013: **Kaylee Fermoye** graduated from Wayne State University with her masters in Speech Language Pathology. She is employed by Lake Shore High School during the school year as a speech-language pathologist and works for Beaumont Hospital in Wayne on a contingent basis. Kaylee lives in Sterling Heights.

CLASS OF 2014: **Lane Levine** and his fiancé Shelby Heydens announced the arrival of Hattie June Levine. She arrived May 23, 2019. Lane is working at Gray’s Furniture in Mt. Pleasant while finishing his HVAC degree at Ferris State University. The new family resides in Mt. Pleasant.



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NEWS TO SHARE

Although not graduates of the Academy, these friends of SHA had such a positive impact on our school, we would like to share their news:

Don Hire is a 2019 recipient of the Bishop Murphy Award from the Diocese of Saginaw. The award, named after the first Bishop of the Diocese, recognizes the lifelong commitment of individuals who share and live their Catholic faith. It is presented to individuals who have given witness throughout their lives, in word and deed. In the community, Don is known as the “go-to” person when volunteers are needed. He is actively involved in a Christmas Outreach program in Isabella County – not only carving wooden toys for children by hand, but also organizing volunteers (including teens from area youth groups) and delivering the gifts. He is an energetic member of the Mount Pleasant Rotary Club and serves on the board of directors for the Pardee Cancer Treatment Fund, a non-profit community organization providing financial assistance to patients undergoing cancer treatment. At Sacred Heart, Don is involved in several activities, including selling raffle tickets and volunteering each week during the infamous Friday Lenten Fish Fries. Don is the father of SHA graduates **Jim '80, Dave '81, Diane Bedard '82, John '85, and Mike '89.**

Philip L. Milan passed away February 5, 2019, in Hessel, Michigan, surrounded by his family. He was always deeply involved in the communities in which he lived, including - and especially - Sacred Heart. He was President of the SHA School Board, advocated donations for, started, and coached the initial 7th and 8th grade tackle Irish football program, and will be remembered by many as the voice on the radio because he gave color commentary for WCEN Radio and CMU football games. He was always in attendance at SHA sporting events taking photos. Eight Milan children attended SHA, with only the last two not attending because the family moved to the U.P. Phil is survived by his children: **Barb**

Wilson '71, Dan '72, Kevin '74, Michael '75, Dr. Chris '77, Keith '79, Mark '81, and Phil '83.

Alice T. Goenner died May 31, at Green Acres Assisted Living in Mt. Pleasant. Originally from Minnesota, Alice earned her bachelor's degree from White Cloud State where she met and married her husband, Roger. She continued her education, earning a master's degree in education from the University of Wyoming. After a move to Mt. Pleasant, Alice taught in the public schools for 30 years. She always had a love for education and physical activity. Alice was a founding member of the Sacred Heart Academy Foundation and a volunteer for many organizations, including the local hospital and Sacred Heart Parish. She is the mother of: **Marilyn Hicks '66, Kathryn Miller '89, Roger '73, Carol Gerbensky '77, Patty Bednarz '78, and Jim '87.** Alice is also the grandmother of **Luke Goenner '12, Ben Goenner '15 and Kate Goenner '18.**

Sr. Jean Marie Birkman, OP entered eternal life July 4 at the age of 89 after 70 years of religious life. Sr. Jean Marie was born in 1930 in Hart, Michigan. She entered the Dominican congregation in 1948. After first taking her vows she taught grades five and six at several schools, and had principal assignments, which was her role at Sacred Heart Academy in the '70s. At the completion of her term at Sacred Heart in 1977, Mayor Sid Smith proclaimed June 12 “Sr. Jean Day” in recognition of her dedication to the children of the community and for working so closely with parents and teachers. In 1999, the year of her Golden Jubilee, she retired from teaching but continued in church service. With faith and trust in God, Sr. Jean Marie accepted an unexpected loss of blindness in 2004 and continued to minister via phone calls.