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HOMECOMING 2012 ...

Homecoming 2012 is set for Friday September 21, 2012. The Class of 1982 is planning on being there for their 30th anniversary and you can be too! The parade will be in the afternoon, the game versus Montabella (combined Edmore, Blanchard, Remus and Barryton for us old guys!) at 7:00 PM and the alumni and friends reception in the evening at the Parish Hall. Mark your calendars.



The Grand Marshals celebrate a cheer on the field after being honored at half time of the Homecoming game.



Scott Pieratt '96, Therese Cotter '76 and Brian Gaede '91 get set to ride in the Homecoming parade on September 30, 2011 in honor of their inductions into the Athletic Hall of Fame. The Hall now includes 85 former Sacred Heart stars.

HONORED GUESTS

Coach Bob Utterback's 1965 through 1968 basketball seasons represent the most successful coaching stint in school history. Over those four years the teams lost only five games highlighted by the 25-0 Class C State Championship in 1967. Thirty-one former players who earned letters in coach Utterback's program have been invited to participate in Homecoming ceremonies on September 21, 2012. Come see if the uniforms still fit!



~ Girls Basketball Pioneers ~

The 1969, 1970 and 1971 Girl's Basketball teams were honored as Pioneer's of Female Athletics during Homecoming ceremonies on September 30, 2011. Shown above in front of their Grand Marshal carriage are (front row) Sue Frick Russell, Kathleen McCormick Assman, Mary Myler Hunter, Barb Quillen Crandall, Betsy Pollard Rau, Julie Tillman Gamm, Cathy Duffy Cullity, Sherry Sheredy Bick, Lucy Kostrezwa, Loretta Wezensky Pung, Mary Johnson Maness, Margaret Simons Wood, Janet Thering, Sue Grisdale Massaro and Mary Lou Deibel Eyeman.

We're in **Color!** This edition of the **Alumni News** is 8 pages and partially in color and is a cooperative effort of the Alumni Association and the School and Parish to bring you current news around the school. Enjoy!

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Tim Bollman '75 is our 2012 Alumnus of the Year. Tim has been a tireless supporter of Sacred Heart athletics. Tim has served over ten years on the Athletic Association including three stints as President, has been scorekeeper for football and basketball games for nearly two decades and is one of the faithful workers at the Lenten Fish Frys, the largest fund raiser for the school's athletic programs. Tim is also coordinator of the Student Exchange Program and has housed several students in his home from places like Brazil, Germany and France. Tim currently works in the Special Education Department of St Louis Schools after several years with the Mt Pleasant Center as well as working the family dairy farm.



The Class of 1961 celebrated their 50th anniversary in November 2011. Pictured are (front row) Cora Sue Downing Grades, Emily Smiley, Rochelle Heintz Flake, Roseann Deni Bommarito, Rita Wezensky Hovey, Judi Landwehr Pawloski and Mary Dionise Catanzarite; (middle row) Jeanette Tilmann Schafer, Karen Voisin Golden, Karen Hackett Tasch, Mary Theisen Sproule, Joanne Thering Witte, Roberta DuHamel Clark, Anne Johnson Avery, Mary Jo Forton Kennedy, Rudell Williams McConnell, Gerald Huber, Ed Wohlscheid, Dorothy Carroll Cole and Sharon Hackett Balogh; (back row) Maureen Kelly Kuz, Rob Witte, Dave Neyer, Clair Lapham, Ken Simmer, Charles McDonald, David Neff, Jim Hovey and Ruth Ann Martin Meyer.

50 YEARS AGO.... In 1962 **Carol Cotter** and **Rick Witte** were crowned Queen and King of the Cor Jesu Ball; under the direction of Loren Gray, the debate team of **John Johnson, Janet Johnson, Diane Jensen and Kathleen Gallagher** were preparing to improve on their second place finish in the 1961 state finals (and they did, beginning a three year run of state championships!!!); girls uniforms (navy blue skirts and boleros) made their debut at the Academy; and Sister Agatha had announced that Mr Morris was the school's civil defense coordinator!

CLASS NEWS

Class of 1934: **Helen Bollman Campbell** passed away on November 26, 2011 in Houghton, Michigan. Helen taught in Mt Pleasant and Midland for 44 years.

Class of 1935: **Jerry Campbell** died on October 27, 2011 in Mt Pleasant. Perhaps the school's greatest athlete, Jerry was a charter member of the Sacred Heart Athletic Hall of Fame an all state halfback on the 1933 State Champion football team and the first Isabella County player to score 20 points in a basketball game. Jerry was a chemist at Dow Chemical before retiring in 1978. His wife **Pauline Codden Campbell '35** survives him as does his daughter **Karen Travis '60** and son **John '65**.

Class of 1939: **Mary Jane Hickey MacIntosh** and husband Lee celebrated 65 years of marriage on September 14, 2011 in Grand Rapids.

Class of 1940: **Bob King** passed away on January 10, 2012 in Pensacola, Florida. Bob is the father of **Guylyn King Schelke '64** and brother of **Leo '42, Pat '44, Rosemary '46, Richard '46** and **Helen '57**.

Class of 1944: **Dan McConnell** passed away on August 9, 2011 in Saginaw. Dan was Superintendent of schools for 26 years, 13 of those years at Saginaw Township Schools.

Class of 1950: **Jim Sheppard** died on March 17, 2012 in Mt Pleasant. Jim was a volunteer fireman and owner of Shepp's Tire Service in Mt Pleasant. He was an inductee into the first class of the Sacred Heart Hall of Fame in 1980. He is the father of **Kim Allan '73, Mary Weber '76, Patrick '76, Carolyn Skelton '79** and **Tim '81**.

Class of 1959: **Barb Scheid**, our 1958 Homecoming queen, passed away August 27, 2011 in Grand Rapids. Barb's survivors include sisters **Virginia Judge '63** and **Beth Lux '74**.

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STUDENT NEWS



MOREY FOUNDATION, ISABELLA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL TALENT CONTEST

By Eric Vinciguerra
Music/Band Teacher

The Isabella County High School Talent Contest has been sponsored by the Morey Foundation for the past seven years. The high schools in Isabella County (Beal City High School, Mount



Pleasant High School, Sacred Heart Academy, and Shepherd High School) are invited to send up to three performing acts with up to five people in each act. The performing acts included are musical (vocal and instrumental), dance, and dramatic arts (drama, poetry, comedy, etc.).

Each high school can use their own process for selecting their participating acts. At Sacred Heart, we have used private auditions with faculty members or an assembly to

perform in front of the student body. Once the acts are selected, they attend a dress rehearsal to prepare their act for the show. This usually lasts three to five hours.

Locations for the show have changed over the history of the Talent Contest. For the first four years, the Broadway Theatre in Mount Pleasant was used. The last three years, participating schools were asked to host, including Mount Pleasant High School, Shepherd High School and Beal City High School.

Each act is individually scored on how the judge enjoys the performance, its creativity, the execution of the act and stage presence. This year Sacred Heart Academy received \$20,000 for 1st place performances and \$5,000 for 1st place in the Poster contest. All the winnings go to the school and must be used to benefit the fine arts programs or the school as a whole. Throughout the seven year existence of the Talent Contest, Sacred Heart Academy students have won over \$72,000 for our school.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

By Sarah Thaler,
Assistant Principal/Academic Advisor

Science Olympiad is a state wide school competition where students can compete in a variety of 23 events that include laboratory tasks, engineering challenges or tests in areas from astronomy, forestry, epidemiology, earth science to microbiology.

Students in grades 7-9 compete in a middle school division while grades 10-12 compete in a high school division. Our Sacred Heart Academy teams have earned numerous awards, including state championships in "Protein Modeling" and "Anatomy," as well as the middle school team being named "Best New Team" in the state of Michigan in 2010. The students, along with their coaches and mentors, have worked hard to win regional championships in each

division the last two years. They will compete in the 2012 regional competition at Alma College and hope to earn a spot at the state finals at Michigan State University in April.





ACADEMY NEWS

Mary Kay Reetz
Admissions Director

As Admissions Director I'm happy to report that enrollment has stayed pretty steady here at Sacred Heart Academy during the past 6 years. We currently have 455 students in developmental kindergarten through 12th grade as compared to 460 in 2007-08. There continues to be two classrooms at each grade level in the elementary, making for an average classroom size of about 17 students. While Sacred Heart Academy is a Catholic school, we continue to be known as an excellent college prep school. One hundred percent of our students graduate and nearly 100% go on to college. Due to the strong partnership between parents and our dedicated teachers and staff, students are able to reach their highest potential. We continue to score high on standardized tests. Of the 18 areas that our students were tested in for the 2011 MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program), SHA students had the highest percent of students proficient or advanced in 16 of the 18 areas in comparison to area schools. The 11th graders continue to score high on the MME (Michigan Merit Exam) and many times have the highest scores in the subject areas tested in comparison to area high schools.

We are so blessed at Sacred Heart Academy to have families who care deeply about their children's education and are willing to do whatever is necessary to help their children succeed. With such limited funding, it would not be possible to do all the things we do without the support of our families. Parents not only make financial contributions, but they also provide unlimited support in the form of time and talents. Parents volunteer on a regular basis both in the classroom and outside of the classroom, in the cafeteria, on the playgrounds, as chaperones on fieldtrips, and as coaches and advisors. The list goes on and on. This is a large part of what makes Sacred Heart Academy different from other schools. Our families feel an obligation to get involved and help out wherever they are needed. When you have a strong partnership between parents and teachers, the students can't help but succeed.



This spring we are very busy with families signing up for kindergarten round up and others wanting to learn more about Sacred Heart Academy for their older children. I'm always proud to take a prospective family around our buildings for a visit. Our students are very cordial and the teachers are always very welcoming of the "interruption". It's times like this that make me feel glad that I am part of Sacred Heart Academy and all that it has to offer its students and families.





PRINCIPAL NEWS



Denny Starnes
Principal

After 123 years, Sacred Heart Academy is still as strong as ever. Enrollment is steady, the budget is balanced, and the students are achieving their full potential --- academically, personally and extracurricularly.

We recently celebrated our 18th annual SHAgala event. In case you aren't familiar with it, SHAgala is the premier fundraiser for Sacred Heart Academy. The black tie affair includes valet parking, cocktail hour, a sit down dinner, oral and silent auctions, cash raffle, dancing and midnight snack. We have come to depend on this event as a major source of funding, specifically \$135,000 for 2011-12. Due to the hard work of numerous volunteers and the generosity of hundreds of donors, this year's event raised \$150,000, surpassing the budgeted amount by \$15,000. This is just one example of how the volunteers at Sacred Heart Academy give so freely of their time, talent and treasures.

Last spring, as we began planning for the 2011-12 school year, we began by implementing a theme that we would use throughout the year, "SHA.... leading the way to pray." As the year unfolded many positive things came about because of our focus on prayer. We now have a Book of Intentions in the entrance area of the elementary and high school buildings, along with a link on our home page where students, staff and parents may enter prayer requests that are then presented at our weekly masses. We utilized one of our teacher's artistic abilities and added a few religious symbols to our gymnasium.

Now when visitors enter our gym they can easily tell that this is a Catholic school with Jesus Christ as our leader. A recognition program was recently added where teachers recognize students who have made meaningful contributions to the values and mission of Sacred Heart Academy. Students are chosen on a monthly basis and presented with a certificate.

A community service program was implemented a number of years ago which requires all students to volunteer a minimum of 100 hours during 7th through 12th grade. The last couple of years, our juniors and seniors have reached out to many of our elder parishioners and shut-ins to help with their fall clean up. They raked leaves, stored patio furniture and replaced screen windows. Many of our students have several hundreds of volunteer hours and all have met the 100 hour requirement by the time they graduate. It is programs like this that set our students apart from other high school students. As you know, the volunteer youth of today will become the volunteer adults of the future.

If you want to know what's happening right now at your alma mater, visit www.sha.net and look at sections on academics, sports, newsletters, and alumni. There's a wealth of information available! If you're ever in the area and wish to stop by for a visit, please do. Sacred Heart Academy--- One Community, One Spirit, One Heart.





DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Bret Hyble

Director of Development, Sacred Heart

Hello, my name is Bret Hyble. I serve as the Development Director raising funds for Sacred Heart Parish, Sacred Heart Academy and Sacred Heart Academy Foundation. Gifts to Sacred Heart come in many different shapes and sizes, but they all have a common thread of supporting an interest the donor has, while allowing Sacred Heart to thrive through financial charity. It is amazing how much we achieve through the charity of gifts, volunteered time and talents of our Parish community and alumni. Following are a few examples of the ongoing charity at Sacred Heart.

- In the fall of 2011 Sacred Heart Academy partnered with Krapohl Ford for a "Drive One 4UR School" fundraiser. The Ford Motor Company sponsored event gives the participating school \$20 for each test drive taken. We held a Back to School Picnic prior to a home football game, organized by Home and School Association, and with the help of many Sacred Heart Academy families, raised over \$8,000 for the Academy.
- The National Honor Society at Sacred Heart Academy held a Soup and Sandwich fundraiser during Catholic Schools Week to raise money for the local Soup Kitchen. Over 325 people were served dinner and \$1,066 was raised. Many parents and students had fun with this event while supporting a worthy cause.
- Near the end of the 2011 calendar year, the Academy received a large screen television as a gift-in-kind donation that is now being used in the classroom.
- Sacred Heart Parish received a gift of stocks this past December to offset the electric expenses of the Church.
- Recently, two new scholarships have been created to support students of Sacred Heart Academy. The Dr. Leonard E. and Louise A. Plachta Endowed Scholarship supports current students of Sacred Heart Academy, while the Myler Family Scholarship Fund supports graduating seniors as they pursue a college education.

All these examples are charity to our Catholic community and Sacred Heart Academy. When we all help a little, we make great strides as a group.



YEARBOOKS... Our scanning project is continuing as funds allow and we now have all yearbooks through 1998 posted on the web. Visit www.sha.net and see the yearbooks, past school news papers, lists of former Kings and Queens, athletic records and more. We also have some extra yearbooks from 1987 through 1998 if any one is interested in having one for any nominal donation. Contact us at alumni@sha.net.

ROYAL GENES.... The 2011 Homecoming Court had several alumni ties. King was Andrew Mumford, son of **Kathleen Brandell Mumford '80** and grandson of **Dick '50** and **Mary Ellen Sweeney Brandell '51** and great grandson of **Joe Sweeney '20**. Senior attendants included Caitlin Cardon (**Carolyn Strauss Cardon '79**, **Anne McConnell Strauss '54**), Teresa Bishop (**Karen Bollman Bishop '84**), Josh Neyer (**Bryan '86** and **Yvonne Audretsch Neyer '88**, **Dave Neyer '61**), Will Sheahan-Stahl (**Kathleen Sheahan-Stahl '74**, **Gerry '47** and **Dorothy Voisin Sheahan '47**) and Grant Schafer (**Patti Ahlers Schafer '83**). One junior attendant was Mitch Myler (**Bill '76**). Queen was Alexa Jarman.

20 YEARS AGO... **Suzi Petosky** was the school's spelling bee champion and **Beth Williams** was runner up; "Beach Party" was the theme of the junior/senior banquet; and Laura Hovey was elected president for the 1992-93 Student Council.

CLASS REUNION SITE... If your class is looking for a reunion spot **John Hunter's '97** family is revamping the former CoCoJo's in Mt Pleasant to the Hunter Ale House that can cater parties of up to 299 people with a full menu and bar. Contact John at HUNTERSMTP@GMAIL.COM for details.

PARISH GOLF OUTING.. Please join the fun on Saturday, May 12th at the Mt. Pleasant Country. Enjoy golf, prizes, lunch & dinner with family and friends. Outing details & registration can be found on the website at www.sha.net or contact Bret Hyble at (989) 772-1385.

Class of 1964: **Mary Nan Cain Walker** of Rock Hill, SC passed away on February 17, 2012. Mary Nan taught school before achieving a law degree and becoming a civil litigator. She is survived by her brothers **John '62** and **Jim '63**.

Class of 1966: **Dennis Wezensky** passed away on November 29, 2011 in Mt Pleasant. Dennis was a teacher at Clare and St Henry's in Rosebush. He is the father of **Eryn '97**, son of **Victor '40** and brother of **Vic '74**, **Donna Peterson '69** and **Virginia Collins '71**.

Gerry Martin is president of the Lawrence (MI) District School Board and was President of the Van Buren Country Association of school Boards in 2010-11.

Class of 1969: **Pat Grisdale** passed away on March 10, 2012 at Covenant Hospital in Saginaw.

Class of 1977: **Cathy Kirsch Van Tilburg** of Traverse City, Michigan died on December 1, 2011. Cathy is the sister of **Steve Kirsch '74**.

Class of 1982: **REUNION NEWS** The Class of 1982 will be celebrating their 30th Class Reunion on Homecoming weekend September 21-23, 2012. Plans are still being finalized but tentative activities include the Homecoming game Friday night followed by the Alumni reception at the Parish Center, a dinner on Saturday evening (place TBA) and mass either on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. The class is still looking for addresses for **Mary Donna Croll Krause**, **David Clyne** and **Rhonda Smith**. If anyone has any information or questions, please contact **Vicki (Theisen) Begres**, Class President, at (989) 289-4142 or by email at victoriab125@aol.com.

Class of 1987: **Charlie Lux** and his wife Minde announced the birth of their son, Caiden Charles, on December 12,

2011 in Mt Pleasant. Caiden's three sisters are Carlie, Zoe and Abigail.

Class of 1989: **Chloe Jane Hackett** was born to **Ted Hackett** and his wife Hannah on December 21, 2011. Chloe is the Granddaughter of **Frank '65** and **Carol (Wezensky) Hackett '65** and the Great Granddaughter of **James Hackett '29**. Ted is a claims adjuster for Farm Bureau in Chattanooga, TN.

Class of 1991: **Jeff Pankhurst** is marketing director for Group-GolfDeals.com in Charlotte, NC.

Class of 1994: **Julie Heintz Wright** and husband Matt welcomed their daughter, Maya Jean, July 30, 2011 in Alma. Maya Jean's grandfather is **Joe Heintz '67** and great grandfather is **Bob Heintz '40**.

Class of 1997: **Colin Hughes** and his wife Kelly were the proud parents of twins, Nolan Francis and McCauley James, on September 17, 2011 in Bay City.

Class of 1998: **Alica Wickert Van Buskirk** and husband Joe welcomed their daughter, Alexis Renae, on January 3, 2012 in Alma. Grandfather is **Leo Wickert '69**.

Bryan Bollman and his wife Katie greeted their son, Mitchell Thomas, on December 30, 2011 in Mt Pleasant. Grandfather is **Tim Bollman '75**.

Nick Grinzinger and his wife Virginia of Grand Haven, Michigan welcomed their daughter, Shelby Elizabeth, on August 29, 2011. Grandma and grandpa are **Dave '74** and **Leigh Ann Quinlan Grinzinger '74** and great grandpa and grandma are **Harry Quinlan '50** and **Mary Keller Quinlan '49**.

Class of 1999: **Jennifer Ouvry Burke** and husband Tom welcomed their daughter, Madeline Rose, on August 19, 2011 in Midland, Michigan.

Tracy Pieprzyk Barber and her husband, Justin Barber, welcomed their

son Conner Timothy Barber on June 3, 2011.

Class of 2000: **Abby Kulick deRoo** and her husband Taylor announced the birth of their son, Murphy Woods deRoo, on September 13, 2011 in Zeeland, Michigan.

Class of 2001: **Eric McQuaid** and his wife Melissa welcomed their son, Miles LaRue, on October 23, 2011 in Alma. Grandfather is **Ed McQuaid '67** and great grandmother is Edwardine **Murphy McQuaid '27**.

Class of 2002: **Liz Burdick** married Carl Erickson on October 22, 2011 and resides in Traverse City where she is a Physician's Assistant.

Class of 2005: **Stacey Jaksa** earned a Master of Science Degree in Counseling & Student Development from Eastern Illinois University in May 2011 to go along with her Bachelor Degree in Family Studies from Central Michigan University which she earned in 2009. Stacey is currently living in Tampa, Florida where she is employed by the University of South Florida as a Residence Life Coordinator.

Class of 2006: **Patrick Sweeney** married Katherine Machelski on August 6, 2011. Pat is studying law at Washington and Lee University and the couple reside in Lexington, Virginia.





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The Class of 1956 celebrated their 55th anniversary August 12-14, 2011. Pictured are: (front row) JoAnn English French, Kay Breidenstein Harris, Phyllis Brock Williams, Judy Slattery Sowle, Kay Steig Kane, Susan Harrigan Adams, Mary Ellen Cotter Goodwin and Rosie Neyer McFarlane; (back row) Jim Graham, John Gabrysiak, Jack Sowle, Terry Coughlin, Ed Percha, Tom Cashen, Denny Donoghue, Gerry Farnan and Roger Gutka.