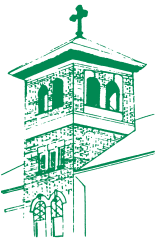




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James Thering '89, Alumni Director Earl Hartman '66, Assistant Director  
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## Wendy Endres awarded top Alumni honor for 2023

Wendy (McConnell '91) Endres says she was completely surprised to receive the top Alumni Award for 2023. "I'm sure there are others more deserving," she said. "I am only doing my part to help where and when I can." But helping where and when she can, is a whole lot of help.

Wendy has been the Chairperson of the SHAgala dinner/auction for the past seven years, and has worked not only to involve new parent volunteers, but has been in the lead role as the 2023 event logged its highest proceeds ever, breaking records for SHAgala income and for donations to the teachers. Wendy has been a classroom volunteer, chaperoned field trips and 5th & 6th grade leadership camp, and been actively involved in athletics to support the sports her boys play. She and her husband, Ryan, who is a past president of the SHA Athletic Association, have teamed up on many efforts for the Academy. They have volunteered for parish events and sold parish raffle tickets in addition to SHAgala cash raffle tickets.

Wendy is passionate about Catholic education and it shows in all she does for the Academy. "My parents (Jim & Karen McConnell) taught us to always stand up and advocate for what is right, to always be kind, and to give back when you can. They gifted me, my sister **Amanda Jasinkiewicz '95**, and my brother **Nick '97**, with a wonderful faith-based education. At Sacred Heart Academy, I was reminded daily to be community-minded. I learned to be independent, become a leader, and strive for excellence in all areas of life," she said.

Wendy says she gives back because she wants to see SHA thrive for another 133+ years. She also wants her children to experience exactly what she did at the Academy. "I want them to be passionate about giving back and be enthusiastic learners and youth leaders."

"SHAgala was always a perfect way for me to give back," Wendy said. "I wanted to support the teachers who support our students in and out of the classroom."

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**ABOVE:** Wendy (McConnell '91) Endres receives the *Alumnus of the Year* award from SHA Alumni Director James Thering '89. She will be formally recognized at Homecoming 2023. **BELOW:** In addition to her paying job, Wendy volunteers at the Academy and Parish, but her number one role is being a mom to sons Joey (left) and James (right), who are currently in grades 8 and 10, respectively,

## Grand Marshal 2023 Damon Brown to lead parade

Damon Brown started coaching at Sacred Heart Academy in 2003. He was the JV girls basketball coach for 5 years and then became the Lady Irish Varsity coach for 15 successful seasons. His coaching record includes 11 District Titles, 7 Regional trophies and 9 Conference championships. Damon led the IRISH to four semi-final appearances and appeared in two State Championships, winning the 2014 title. His overall record is an impressive 287 wins against only 69 losses.

For the mark he leaves in SHA athletic history, and for what he means to the athletes he coached and their families, Damon Brown will be honored as the Grand Marshal of the Academy's 2023 Homecoming festivities.

Damon said it was easy to "fall in love" with the girls basketball program at SHA. There was something different about the culture and I wanted to be part of it. "Mark DeNoyelles had created something really special and I wanted to keep that going," he said. "I also felt a commitment to the athletes coming up. I wanted to make sure they understood what it meant to be part of the Lady Irish basketball program."

Each varsity season had a theme which was unique to the team, for example: P.R.I.M.E., Count On Me, Compete, UMBUNTU, One Team, One Goal, Arete (Latin for "Pursuit of Excellence"), and Tradition. "Each team was different and each theme represented that team. "Count on Me" was the theme for the 2014 State Championship team. That year," Damon said, "We only had seven players on varsity. The players made a commitment to each other that in spite of the low number, their teammates could count on them to give 100 percent each game. You could actually hear the girls say it during the state championship, which was pretty cool."

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# Homecoming 2023 honorees

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Damon said the teams always looked forward to finding out what their theme was each year because it was something which tied them together.

"I'm still in shock that 20 years have gone by," he said. "The years run together but the amount of love I have for each team and the players makes my cup runeth over. The success we had as a program has nothing to do with me, but everything to do with the girls committing to be a part of something bigger than themselves. They believed in a vision and culture, and they committed to making sure that when they left the program as a senior, they left it in a better place than they found it. That honestly fills my heart the most! To hear alumni players talk about their journey today still warms my heart."

Damon says coaching basketball at SHA was never about the wins, championships and banners. It was always about the girls. "I hope they remember their journey in the program and how this program changed them for the better. Basketball is a lot like life. You win some days, you lose some, but it's what you do next that matters. How do you respond the next day? That was always the lesson I preached to each team," Damon said.

Damon taught his players a lesson he learned first hand. He and his family had some losses off the court. When his wife Keisha, a former SHA principal, counselor, and coach, developed breast cancer and was in the fight of her life, Damon said the SHA community fought right alongside her. "There aren't enough words to express how I feel about this community. That is one of the main reasons my daughter Angel and I stayed in Mt. Pleasant after Keisha passed," he said. "This community has been amazing. It takes a village to raise a child and our village was second to none. There were always caring people when I needed them. The rides home, places to hang out after school—so many reasons why SHA means the world to me. I can never say "thank you" enough to this community."

The Angel Wings Fund was also created during his coaching tenure at Sacred Heart. "While the Angel Wings Fund is named after Angel, I believe Keisha was inspired to create it because she was moved by the outpouring of love and



***As a coach at Sacred Heart, father to graduating senior Angel (center), husband to new wife Tosha (left), and mentor in his role as the Vice President of Student Affairs & Chief Diversity Officer at Alma College, Damon Brown continually motivates others. "It's how you respond to adversity and approach each day that matters," he says.***

support that we received from the SHA community," Damon said, adding that there will always be resources available to SHA families who may battle cancer. [Their child] will be able to receive a top notch K-12 education and be a part of a supportive community that treats them like family. "Just like Sacred Heart did for us."

Regarding the Grand Marshal honor, Damon is humble, as always. "To be honest, he said, "I'm speechless. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as

the head coach at SHA. I'm thankful to those who gave me the opportunity. I never thought I was going to be a coach. I was just trying to find a way to spend time with Keisha. Yet along the way I discovered a passion for coaching. I really can't find words to express what this means to me. All I can say is "Thank you" to the SHA community for the love and support through the years. While I'm not a graduate of Sacred Heart, the love and admiration I have for this school sure makes me feel like one! "

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There is no doubt Wendy sets a great example for her boys and for many others. Even in her work role as a speech-language pathologist, Wendy can be found working evenings and weekends, when patients need her. Although she works for a school system, it is common for Wendy to be at one of the local assisted living homes on the weekends. "Those patients need the help and it is hard to find professionals," she says. "I am happy to work a little harder when needed because it will improve someone else's life. It really is the right thing to do."

Wendy says the years since graduation from the Academy passed very quickly. "The Class of 1991 was the best class to ever walk the halls at SHA. We were close knit, true friends," she said, adding that she sees many classmates on a regular basis and most of them stay in touch. Social media and texting has allowed them to easily communicate. "When you need a friend, a high school classmate is always there to help or listen. The Class of 1991 were true friends: loyal, genuine and irreplaceable. I love them all, and each one of them touched my life in a beautiful, positive way," Wendy said. "I always remind my boys that to have a good friend, you need to be a good friend and the Class of 1991 was, and still are, the best of friends!"

Wendy says SHA has many alumni who could receive the Alumni award. "There are people who show up daily with selfless commitment to Catholic education. Our school is truly blessed."



# Lindsay Ley brings heart to SHA

The Luck o' the Irish has struck again! When Sacred Heart hired Lindsay Ley to fill the role of Development Director last year, the Academy, Parish, and SHA Foundation hit the jackpot. Lindsay is the perfect person for the role, proving it most recently when she led the school's largest annual fundraiser—the SHAgala dinner auction—to its most successful finish ever, raising over \$400,000.

One might say Lindsay is well-connected to Sacred Heart Academy. Her husband **Ryan Ley '02** graduated from SHA, as did her two brothers-in-law, **Brandon '05**, and **Corey '06**. Her mother-in-law, **Rose (Martin '79) Beebe** is a proud alum, along with Ryan's grandmother, **Barb (O'Brien '55) Ley**, and countless other aunts, uncles, and cousins. Oh, but the SHA connections do not stop there.

From 2000 to 2002, Lindsay's father, Bob Sherlock, served as the athletic director at Sacred Heart Academy. Her mother, Julia Sherlock, has been involved in Sacred Heart Parish over the years on the Worship Committee, as an usher at Mass, and on the Hospitality Committee. Plus, Lindsay's brother Justin Sherlock is the current IRISH boys basketball coach.

Lindsay, too, has always been active at the church and school. She is an usher at Mass, served on the SHA Athletic Association Board and was an active member of the Home & School Association. She was also a dedicated SHAgala volunteer, working on the decorations committee for many years, always using her creativity to give the school venue an unbelievable "makeover" for the popular annual fundraising event.

When the Development Director position became available, Lindsay was encouraged to apply. Her background is ideal; she has a degree in business and years of experience in finance and

customer service. Lindsay says the role at Sacred Heart was an opportunity for her to put her faith into everything she does, and it's a bonus if she gets to see her girls at school during a workday. "This past year has been rewarding in many ways.

My faith has grown deeper and stronger. I've gotten to know so many more people in our community and they have all been so welcoming. To feel like you are making a greater impact on the church your family attends and school your children attend means the world to me," Lindsay said. "God truly put me in this position when I needed it most, even if I didn't know I did. He always has a plan and I trust in it."

Lindsay is very tech-savvy and has already made changes which greatly improve giving opportunities, donor tracking, and database management. She goes about every day with a positive attitude and is creative beyond measure, bringing fresh, new ideas to some of the long-time school and

parish events. She is also working with Youth Ministry, alumni, Foundation, parish, and school leaders on ideas to increase support at all levels.

At the heart of it all, Lindsay gives credit to the volunteers who make things happen. "What I have found to be most rewarding is seeing how everyone comes together. Our volunteers are truly the best! From helping to sell tickets for various raffles, to the great events they help put together like the Parish golf outing, Parish picnic, Fish

Fries during Lent, and SHAgala.

We truly couldn't do it without the help of our amazing volunteers."

Lindsay is always available to donors and friends of the Academy, and encourages alums to reach out with questions, ideas, or for help if needed at [LLey@sha.net](mailto:LLey@sha.net) or (989) 772-1385.



**TOP:** Lindsay is pictured with her daughters, who are both SHA students. **At left, Addy, a 7th grader, and at right, Rylin, a 3rd grader. BOTTOM:** A photo from SHAgala 2023 captures members of the Ley family. **From left, Corey '06, Brandon '05, Lindsay, and her husband Ryan '02.**





# ACADEMY NEWS

**Lisa Roach**, Admissions Director



## Growing and sharing our faith

As we approach the end of a “normal” school year, I am finding joy in ways I never expected. Our mission statement, known by every student and staff member, reads:

***Sacred Heart Academy, a Catholic school founded in 1889, is 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 each student fulfills God's purpose.***

This mission allows us to celebrate our Catholic faith every day, in addition to creating a personalized admission process which helps us welcome new families into our unique and special environment.

### Admissions Update

This spring, we have been busy hosting events to welcome new students to Sacred Heart Academy. On Wednesday, March 15, we hosted an Open House for students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> who are interested in transferring to SHA for the 2023-24 school year. Student leaders who are members of the K-Kids, a Kiwanis organization for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, led new families on tours from a student's perspective. They shared fond memories and insight from their viewpoint. It was a great way for new students (and their parents) to connect.

On Monday, March 20, we hosted the Kinder-Prep & Kindergarten Round Up which provided the opportunity for new kinder-prep and kindergarten students to participate in a hearing and vision screening and receive an evaluation for placement for the 2023-24 school year, while their parents learned about all the wonderful aspects of Sacred Heart Academy and had the ability to ask questions about what to

expect. Many of the parents and students who attended these events have either already had a personalized tour or are scheduled to do so in the next month. Offering the personal welcome into our SHA family is part of the Sacred Heart difference, and the difference is real!

### Holy Week

Because we are a Catholic school, first and foremost, we are able to fully celebrate Holy Week, the most sacred week of the year. Leading up to Holy Week, our students have the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a gift which allows us to feel the true power of God's healing love for us. This year, Holy Week at Sacred Heart Academy provided a Stations of the Cross scavenger hunt, Adoration and a Seder Meal the morning of Holy Thursday for 6<sup>th</sup> graders, an invitation to the Mass of the Lord's Supper the evening of Holy Thursday, and a school-wide Good Friday retreat, among many individual classroom activities.

This Holy Week retreat provides an important opportunity for our students to fully embrace the tremendous sacrifice Jesus made for each and every one of us. Following the half-day of school, students were invited to attend the Good Friday service, Easter Vigil, and Sunday morning Easter Mass. These experiences allow me to continue to grow in my faith, and I pray it does the same for our students.



**Prospective Kinder-Prep student Gage Betts, with his father, Dan, (A Sacred Heart Parishioner) is excited to attend SHA!**



**SHA students Hannah Roslund and Ryan Wiggins participate in the Stations of the Cross scavenger hunt.**



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Mary Kay Yonker, Principal

# Experience the SHA Difference

It's been a busy winter at Sacred Heart Academy! Our Facebook tag-line is "Experience the SHA difference" **#experiencetheshadifference** and hopefully this list of experiences over the past three months will help you understand the SHA difference as it exists today.

Each year, Sacred Heart 6th graders learn and perform a Shakespearean play, under the direction of SHA 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Wendy Lemke. Student actors memorize their lines and student stage managers learn cues to adjust the stage lights or draw the curtains. This year, students performed *A Midsummer' Night's Dream*.

Two of our 6th grade students won the United Way "Pitch-er This" competition this winter. Students of all ages pitch an idea to the judges to make our community a better place. Lilly Dubridge and Sadie Wohlscheid pitched the idea of helping the Commission on Aging. As a result of their winning presentation (even beating out high school teams), the Commission on Aging will receive a \$5,000 grill with all the accessories to maintain and keep it working for years to come!

Eighth grader Addeline Struble, became Sacred Heart Academy's newest published author, under the direction of her English teacher, **Mrs. Theresa (Audretsch '89) Goenner**. Addie's poem, "Past, Present, Future," was published in the latest edition of *Blue Marble Review*.

The 8th grade students went to Caberfae Peaks Ski Resort to ski, snowboard, and play games in the lodge.

SHA art teacher Mrs. Sarah Chaffee, hosted "A Day with the Artists", in partnership with Art Reach of Mt. Pleasant. More than 20 very talented community members and Sacred Heart students shared their time and talents with our students, introducing them to a variety of artistic talents in the areas of leather working, storytelling, pottery, clay, music, painting, dance, drawing, impromptu acting, and poetry.

Sixth grade teacher Mrs. Julie O'Brien, was featured on 9 & 10 News for her work with our students on "The Butterfly Project." This Holocaust project teaches our students the importance of empathy while providing valuable knowledge to prevent historical tragedies.

Our seniors went on a field trip to Mid-Michigan College, where they were able to participate in mock job interviews. This experience allowed for the opportunity to create a cover letter, resume, and receive constructive feedback from experts, so they are prepared to succeed in life after Sacred Heart Academy.

Seven students participated in the MSAC (Mid-State Activities Conference) Honors Band under the direction of Mrs. Nikki Taylor.

**Jim '61** and **Lee Fabiano** very generously gave a \$57,800 match at SHAgala to be put in the Teachers Fund of the SHA Foundation. We are so appreciative of their kindness and generosity to our teachers.

The SHA Model UN team took second place in their MSAC competition. The team is coached by Mr. Chris Weber.

The elementary hosted a literacy night and book fair with nine authors organized by Kinder-Prep teacher Mrs. Karen Gostomski.

The 7th grade visited the Gratiot Isabella Tech Center, learning about career options and courses of study.

The 5th graders went to a play at the Broadway Theatre.

The 4th graders attended a concert at CMU's Staples Hall, and experienced riding IRide, Isabella County's local transportation system.

The 2nd graders went to the Chippewa Nature Center in Midland County and learned firsthand how maple syrup is made.

Seven of our students received honors from the Michigan Art Education Association State Level Art Show. Special recognition went to SHA senior Hilary Kohtz, who was the first-ever SHA student to receive the highest art honors for a student in the state of Michigan. Her piece landed in the Governor's Traveling Show! Hilary's piece will be on display in this prestigious show around the state of Michigan for the next year.

Four of our students qualified for the Michigan Indoor Track State Championships - Karis Terwilliger, Roman Addison, Wesley Chaffee, and Lily Deja (**Jason '92**). Wesley then qualified for nationals and competed in New York!

Juniors Jacob Reid and Bridget Ruiz competed in the Mt. Pleasant Women's City Club Music Scholarship competition. Jacob competed as a vocalist and Bridget played piano. Both had outstanding performances and were awarded college scholarship money.

SHA freshman Jeremy Diepstra (who was mentioned in the previous alumni news) competed in the 2023 USA Fencing Junior Olympics in Denver, and Olivia Middleton, SHA senior, won Artsonia's High School Artist of the Week contest.

Olivia Ervin (**Lisa Ervin '89 Williams, Marty Ervin '89, grandparents Kathy Anton '63 & Ron Ervin '63, grandmother Diane Scully '68 McConnell, great-great grandmother Anna Scully 1918 O'Hara**) earned the Laker Distinguished Scholarship from Mid Michigan College, which represents a full ride for one year.

Catholic Schools Week highlights included bingo with Senior parishioners and the Lion Heart Experience assemblies. At both performances (elementary and secondary) students were reminded about the importance of self-worth, identity, and that we are ALL God's master-pieces!

Both girls and boys basketball teams brought home district championships and won their first round of regional games.

An all-school (Kinder-Prep—12th) Good Friday retreat was held in the morning, creating an experience to remind students how much Jesus loved us; dying on the cross so we can have eternal salvation.

**The SHA difference is real!** Our goal is for students to be prepared for the future and ultimately, that they get to heaven.

Have a wonderful spring!



# Class Notes

**1944—**Rita Maxine (Whitney) Staton passed away peacefully on November 21, 2022, in Clinton Township, Michigan. She was living independently in a retirement community and had just turned 98 years old in October. Rita was the fourth of nine children born to William and Florence Whitney in the family farmhouse in Mt. Pleasant. After graduation she moved to Detroit where she helped do her part during World War II as a “Rosie the Riveter.” She continued working in the manufacturing industry for many years until her retirement. Rita was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. She loved to travel, dance, play cards, and bowl. She was on two different bowling leagues and bowled every other week until her 90<sup>th</sup> year. Rita was preceded in death by her only child, Cheryl Ann, in 2005. She is survived by her two granddaughters, three great-granddaughters, and two sisters.

**1950—**William “Bill” Buschle passed away January 10, 2023 at Schnepf Senior Care in Alma, surrounded by his family. After graduating from SHA, Bill attended Central Michigan University, then proudly served his country in the U S Army during the Korean War. He married Rosilyn “Rosie” Theisen ‘53 and they enjoyed more than 66 years together. Bill was a division manager for GTE, retiring after 30 years. He then spent five years working with the Gratiot-Isabella RESD as a project consultant. He was active in the community, and a faithful and devoted member of Nativity of the Lord Catholic Church. Bill is a member of the SHA Athletic Hall of Fame, and he and Rosie were honored as Alumni of the Year in 2020. His sister, Mary Jeanne Lannen ‘48, also graduated from SHA.

**1957—**Nancy Anne (Rinehart) Deckard passed from this life surrounded by her family on January 19, 2023, in New Braunfels, Texas. Her passion for family, laughter, and encouraging others remains as a legacy to reflect who she was. Nancy attended Central Michigan University and received a teaching degree in special education and biology, graduating after having four kids. She was a special education pioneer at the Mt. Pleasant Day School, then she was off to Texas where she continued teaching; being named Teacher of the Year in 2000 and 2001 at Stafford High School. In retirement, she shared her time as a volunteer with many organizations. Throughout her lifetime she enjoyed collecting books, playing golf, curling, bowling, and bridge. Her sister Mary Bentley ‘68 resides in Mt. Pleasant.

**1959—**Sue (Breidenstein) Murphy passed away at home April 11, 2023, with her husband of more than 50 years, Tim Murphy ‘58, by her side. Sue taught in the Mt. Pleasant School system for over 40 years. She enjoyed time with the Pentwater girls who were her classmates from high school.

They maintained a close relationship which continued with annual trips. An avid reader, Sue developed numerous friends within her book club. More than anything, she treasured time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Sue’s siblings are Joe Breidenstein ‘54 and Kay Harris ‘56.

**1960—**Friend of the class Rita (Huber) Eisenberger passed away peacefully April 8, 2023 at home in Shepherd with her family by her side. Rita attended SHA through the 11th grade and was always included with Class of 1960 reunion activities. She worked in many capacities throughout her life. Rita was an upholsterer, sewer, bus driver and para-professional at Shepherd Schools, and office manager for Farm Bureau. She eventually became a real estate agent and worked for ERA Realty, Coldwell Banker, and retired after working with Century 21.

**1962—**William “Bill” Natzel passed away December 4, 2022, at McLaren Central Michigan hospital. Bill founded Central Janitor Service in Mt. Pleasant and operated the company for over 40 years before retiring in the early 2000s. He enjoyed travel, fishing, and summers at Higgins Lake, but his greatest prize was his family, including children Dan ‘81, Nonie Fitzpatrick ‘82, and Heather Natzel, along with grandchildren Christopher Fitzpatrick ‘07 and Kaitlin (Fitzpatrick) ‘09 Putterman. Bill’s siblings are LaDawn Nester ‘60, Larry ‘64, and Mick ‘67.

**1963—**Diane (Wezensky) Prebble died February 18, 2023, at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant. Diane always had a passion for nature and animals. She was a “horse show mom” cheering on her kids at barrel racing events, while she enjoyed riding horses with friends at a more leisurely pace. Diane was a member of the Michigan Trail Riders Association. She rode her horse from the shore of Lake Huron (East Tawas) to the shore of Lake Michigan (Empire). Diane worked (and retired from) General Motors Corporation Oldsmobile Plant in Lansing. Her siblings were John Wezensky ‘53, Larry Wezensky ‘55, Margie Cruz ‘56, and Catherine Larson ‘59.

**1964—**Larry Natzel passed away December 26, 2022, at The Villa Assisted Living in Rose City, Michigan. Larry was an active child and well-known throughout the west side of Mt. Pleasant for his fun sports and activities. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1965 to 1969, receiving an honorable discharge, but left the service as a disabled veteran. The remainder of his life was difficult due to his severe health conditions. Although his family was told he probably needed to be institutionalized, his mother thought differently and brought him home, where his family provided housing and loving care for 40 years. When Larry was diagnosed with Parkinson’s Disease in 2005, he was hospitalized for long-term physical therapy. His siblings are LaDawn Nester ‘60, Bill ‘62, and Mick ‘67.

# Class Notes

**1965**—**Richard Farner** passed away April 5 at The Laurels Assisted Living Center in Mt. Pleasant. After graduation, Richard served in the U.S. Army. He loved his flower and vegetable gardens, beekeeping, fishing, and hunting. He will be remembered for being a simple man; his generosity and hard work ethic will be missed by many.

**1967**—**Robert “Bob” Brown** passed away March 20, 2023, at Woodland Hospice House in Mt. Pleasant. Following graduation, Bob served in the U. S. Army. In high school, he was a member of both the basketball and football teams. In later years, he enjoyed playing tennis and golf. Known for being a jokester, Bob loved playing games with his siblings—**Cedric ’60, John ’61, Mary McDonald ’62, Patty McGlinchey ’64, Jodie Harris, Bonnie Degen, and Sue McGuire**—and he had a special gift for making sure those around him were having a good time.

**1969**—**Jane (Campbell) Sweeney** died March 17, 2023, following a series of health challenges over the last few years. Jane had a larger-than-life personality and wicked sense of humor. She was the life of every party and loved to spend time with family and her friends celebrating with food, drink and playing cards. Jane was a lifelong Mt Pleasant resident who worked for many years at the Meijer store where she handily won “Cashier of the Year” several times. You could always count on a friendly conversation if you chose her lane! Jane had a warm smile and a sympathetic listening ear for anyone who needed it. Jane’s legacy at SHA included her siblings: **Jackie Fitzsimmons ’63, Sharon Hartman ’65, Janet Cappel ’65, JoAnn McManus ’67, Larry Campbell ’68, and Denise Harris ’78**, along with her daughter **Marie Natzel ’96** and many nieces and nephews.

**1973—REUNION NEWS!**—The Class of 1973 is planning a 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in conjunction with Homecoming, scheduled for September 22 & 23, 2023. A Facebook page has been created to improve communications. Please contact **Jerry Thering** at (517) 214-2949, **Kim (Sheppard) Allen** at (248) 931-9527, or **Pattie (McCann) Baderschneider** at (989) 854-2165 for information. Classmates are also reminded to update your information at [alumni@sha.net](mailto:alumni@sha.net) so everyone can be rounded up for the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

**Patricia “Trish” (Preston) Roberts** passed away December 14, 2022. She was a resident of Glen Ridge, New Jersey. Trish was a trained music therapist and a vocal psychotherapist who had a beautiful voice and a true joy for living.

**2006**—**Jacob Thering** and his wife Ashley welcomed a new baby August 1, 2022. Haidyn Margaret joined big sister Adelyn, age 3, at home. The family resides in Rosebush. Jake owns Sweeney Seed Co. in Mt. Pleasant. Grandfather **Bob Thering ’76** is happy as can be; great grandfather **Russell Thering** graduated from SHA in 1938.

**2008**—**Kelsey (DeNoyelles) Baker** and her husband Dan welcomed their third child, Emma Margaret, March 29, 2023 in Traverse City where the family resides. Baby Emma was welcomed at home by big brother Noah and big sister Isabelle. Kelsey is taking a break from executive human re-sources work to be a full time mom.

**2010**—**Taylor Sheahan-Stahl** and his wife Emily welcomed baby number three, a son named Vincent, on December 12, 2022. Baby Vincent was welcomed at home by big brother Jude, 3, and sister Cecilia, 2. The family resides in Mt. Pleasant, where Taylor is a funeral director at Clark Family Funeral Chapel and a cremation specialist at Daisy Hill Crematory. Proud grandmother is **Kathy (Sheahan ’74) Stahl**, great-grandparents **Dorothy (Voisin) & Jerry Sheahan** graduated from the Academy in 1947.

**2013**—**Mitchell Myler** and **Lucy Miller** were married August 20, 2022 at Nature in Maple City, Michigan. The newlyweds reside in Traverse City. Lucy works for Bonobo Winery and Mitchell works for Blackstar Farms.

**2017**—**Riley Edwards**, who earlier this year was named the play-by-play broadcaster, media relations, and broadcasting manager for the Bowling Green Hot Rods (the High-A minor league affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays), called his first major league baseball game on March 13, 2023. Riley did the play-by-play announcing for a game at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg when the Rays hosted the Detroit Tigers in pre-season play. He’s a major-leaguer for sure!

**Amanda (Campbell) & Ryan Ervin** welcomed their first child, a boy named Myles Edward, on March 22, 2023. The family resides in Grand Rapids, where Ryan works for Mercantile Bank and Amanda is a nurse at Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital. Baby Myles makes many generations happy, including grandmothers **Shelley (Schafer ’88) Campbell** and **Suzi (Fountain ’90) Ervin**, along with great grandparents **Bethel (Berg ’52) Schafer** and **Kathy (Anton ’63) & Ron Ervin ’63**.

**2019**—**Rebecca Collins-Pfeiffer** was one of just 25 senior initiates to Phi Beta Kappa selected by the faculty at Columbia University. This honor society celebrates and promotes excellence in liberal arts and sciences. To be selected into Phi Beta Kappa is one of the highest academic honors for undergraduate students and recognizes exceptional scholarship.

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## *Summer Slam: Back by popular demand*

Here it is! Your chance to win and support Sacred Heart Academy student athletes and coaches.

This is the summer series of the **Sacred Heart Academy Athletic Lottery**. The Summer Slam Series features two \$500 prizes each week for 10 weeks. Only 1000 tickets are sold, numbered 000 to 999. The winner is determined based on ***the ticket number which matches the Michigan Daily Lottery three-digit afternoon drawing on Mondays and Tuesdays, June 5 to August 8.*** During the 10-week series, there are 20 chances to win!

If you purchased Summer Slam tickets last year and have not completed your pre-sale purchase, **contact Lindsay Ley immediately** at [Lley@sha.net](mailto:Lley@sha.net) or (989) 772-1385. Scan the QR code at right to purchase tickets now. Tickets are limited, and the first drawing happens Monday, June 5, so **do not delay!** Your support of SHA Athletics is appreciated and helps continue the tradition of IRISH pride. Thank you for your ticket purchase.

(Michigan Lottery License #X08323)



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**SHA Homecoming**  
**Friday, September 22, 2023**  
Parade | Game | Alumni & Friends Reception

*Details coming  
in the August  
Alumni News*

