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HOMECOMING 2009



Friday, October 2



MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO JOIN US!

The afternoon parade, evening game and Annual Alumni and Friends Reception will all be that day. The classes of 1949, 1954, 1959, 1974 and 1994 are all planning reunions that weekend

WELCOME CLASS OF 2009

35 new members of the Alumni Association were added after graduation ceremonies on May 17, 2009. The class has lineage back to 1897 and includes Jim Cardon (Carolyn Straus Cardon '79, grandson of Ann McConnell Straus '53), Katy Fitzpatrick (Mike '82, Nonie Natzel Fitzpatrick '82, grandson of Joe Fitzpatrick '31), Jenna Fox (Joe '78, Deb McDonald Fox '81, granddaughter of Harold Fox '39 and Vada Simmer Fox '44), Erin Flannery (great granddaughter of Tom Carey '23, great-great granddaughter of Nellie Garvin Carey 1897), Erica Maylee (granddaughter of Georgia Smith Kreiner '48), Jackie Olson (Christina Cook McGinnis '81, great granddaughter of Ruth Milloy Olson '37), Sigourney Seybert (granddaughter of Earl Seybert '37), Steve Shaffer (grandson of Joe Packard '62, great grandson of Marie Pollard Packard '32) and Alex Wood (Margaret Simons Wood '72). Katy Kreitzburg is the class valedictorian and Maylee is the salutatorian. Jim Brandell '86 gave the commencement address.



ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Chairman of the Alumni Association Honors Committee, Bill Myler, Jr. '76 presents the 2009 Alumnus of the Year award to Bill Hauck '89. The Award is given annually to the graduate of the Academy who demonstrates the ideals of his/her Christian education through outstanding contributions to church, school, parish and community. Bill has served on the School Board, Athletic Association, Capital Campaign Committee and is a fish fry volunteer. He is an usher at church and a member of the Isabella County Parks and Recreation Board. He is the owner of Bill Hauck Painting in Mt. Pleasant. Bill and wife Dana have two daughters in the high school at Sacred Heart.



THANKS A MILLION!

Twenty-five years, 250 meals a day, 180 days a year. *That's over a million meals!!!!* And that is a conservative estimate. This year's co-Grand Marshals, Sally Schafer Wood '59 and Sharon Henry Cook '67, have worked in the school cafeteria for 25 and 23 years respectively. They have served lunches every school day for up to thirteen years for hundreds of alumni. Their efforts are often unappreciated and certainly under-appreciated but they will be acknowledged by leading this year's Homecoming parade on October 2. Sally's seven children are alumni including Pat '81, Chris '86, Mike '88, Greg '89, Jennifer Moyle '94, Diana Martinez '95 and Julie Smith '96. Sharon's three children also have graduated from the Academy including Chad '89, Greg '97 and Kevin '99.

REUNION NEWS

30 YEAR REUNION - The Class of '79

Great to see you!



The class of 1979 met at CoCo Joe's on Friday night August 7, 2009 along with the MPHS Class of 79. The golf outing was rained out but they still held a steak cookout at Pleasant Hills on Saturday.

Pictured from left are Tim Lannen, Jeff Gepford, Bill Hauck, Tim Wentworth, Bill Sowle III, Don Phelps, Cecilia Simons Jerome, Maureen Sheahan Yesmunt, Dave Zamarron, Judy Murphy Lannen, Rich Mankowski, Carolyn Strauss Cardon and Brian Fettig.

Also attending during the weekend but missing from photo were Caryn Campbell Manning, Carolyn Sheppard Skelton, Mark Mills, Jeff McDonald, Penny Zeneberg McDonald, Mike Rocheleau, Keith Milan, Bill McFarlane and Jim Pohl.

20 YEAR REUNION - The Class of '89



Pictured front row: Ted Hackett, Mike Hire, Sean O'Malley, Mike Beltinck, James Thering, Jim Hovey, John Hauck, Chad Cook. Middle row: Michele (Walling) Miller, Andrea Chiesa, Lisa (Hauck) Ervin, Marty Ervin, Erin Spencer, Allison (Grigaliunas) Reuter, Matt Vogel. Back row: Brett Hanson, John Carson, Aran Rush, Beth Doyle, Julie (Hovey) Sheets, Wendy (Walton) Wixson

10 YEAR REUNION - The Class of '99

Good Times



The class of 1999 gathered on July 24, 2009 to celebrate their 10th anniversary. Pictured are (kneeling) D. C. Collin; (front row) Dusty Jordan, Lisa Zitzelsberger, Karmen Chippeway Fox, Jordan Clark Elmore, Carly Krapohl, Deana West, Brianna McConnell Paisley, Eric Curtiss and Matt Rodgers; (back row) Ben Szelag, Steve Campbell and Luke Owen.

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Many Alumni received a letter from the Sacred Heart Parish office regarding the "Building on Faith" tuition assistance program for the Academy. The flyer was accompanied by an appeal letter from Bret Hyble, the Director of Development for the Parish and Academy. Mr. Hyble's job description is to help financially support the operations at Sacred Heart.

When the current Alumni Association was formed in 1976 we pledged that it was not intended to be a fund raising organization. Over these past 33 years our mailing list had only been shared with the Sacred Heart Academy Foundation for their annual fall appeal and the Alumni Association encourages support of that institution. The Association has agreed in principle to providing the mailing list to the Parish for periodic communications with Alumni.

\$35,000 is in the school budget for tuition assistance but requests for assistance totaled \$80,000 last year. The present campaign is attempting to provide additional monies for the funds by encouraging tax deductible donations to cover a day, a week, a month or a year for a family in need.

If you were missed or misplaced your letter and want to help parents in this difficult economic climate, contact Bret at the business office, 989-772-1385.

Let us know what you and other friends and family are doing!

Send us a note at: alumni@sha.net
or mail to: Alumni Association,
316 East Michigan St.,
Mt. Pleasant 48858



HALL OF FAME

Three former athletic stars will be inducted into the Hall of Fame during halftime ceremonies on October 2, 2009. **Dick Fabiano '59**, **Ken Neyer '63** and **Kim Epple Hire '83** will bring the total of enshrined athletes in the Hall to eighty.

Fabiano earned 12 varsity letters and held a school record 100 yard dash time of 10.3 seconds for over two decades. He also

was a member of the record setting 880 yard relay and was all conference as a high jumper and end in football.

Neyer accumulated 15 varsity letters at Sacred Heart including an 11'2" pole vault that still ranks as the second best in school history. He was MVP in baseball and track and scored all four touchdowns and an extra point in a 27-26 homecoming win in 1962.

Epple Hire accumulated nine varsity letters and was MVP in basketball, softball and volleyball. She earned all area honors in all three sports.

congratulations!

MEMBER NEWS

CLASS OF 1925

Received notice that **Kathleen Kirkey Weeks**, missing from our lists, died on March 30, 2001.

CLASS OF 1938

Eugene Breidenstein died on March 1, 2009 at Good Shepherd Hospice in Lakeland, Florida.

Patrick Quillen passed away on April 27, 2009.

Pat served in the Army during WWII earning a bronze star. He worked for Ferro Manufacturing, Borden's dairy and in the oil industry. Pat and his wife Heidi had eleven children graduate from Sacred Heart beginning with **Carol** in 1967 and ending with **Julie** in 1984.

CLASS OF 1940

Vera Ahlers Blind passed away on June 11, 2009 in Mt. Pleasant. Vera was a homemaker most of her life raising her family in Detroit. The Blinds retired to Beal City in 1975.

CLASS OF 1945

Reverend Ed Kline is a counselor at Detroit Catholic Central High School and assists at St. James Parish in Novi, Michigan. Ed is a member of the Basilian Fathers and has taught high school in Toronto, Houston, Rochester, NY, Oakland, CA, Jackson, MI, Gary, IN and Detroit.

CLASS OF 1949 - Reunion News!

Will be celebrating their 60th anniversary during Homecoming weekend October 2, including being in the parade and attending the game and reception.

CLASS OF 1954 - Reunion News!

The class will be meeting on homecoming weekend with a reception at the Green Suites (Pickard and Summerton Roads adjacent to the former Holiday Inn) after the parade, attending the game and alumni reception. Saturday and Sunday activities are also being planned.

Joe Breidenstein died on July 11, 2009 at his home at Walloon Lake, Michigan. Joe served in the Marine Corps and then the oil and gas industry before moving to Walloon Lake and becoming a champion of tourism in northern Michigan.

CLASS OF 1959 - Reunion News!

The class will meet Homecoming weekend, October 2-4. They will view the parade, tailgate before the game at the stadium, have a post game hospitality tent at the Green Suites (Pickard and Summerton Roads), a Saturday night dinner at the Soaring Eagle Inn (formerly the Holiday Inn), and an after Mass brunch at Riverwood on Sunday.

CLASS OF 1960 - Reunion News!

The class is already planning their 50th reunion for a September weekend in 2010. More information will be following.

CLASS OF 1963

Mary Ann Webster passed away on May 8, 2009 in Mt. Pleasant. Mary Ann is the daughter of **Lillian Voisin Webster '33**. Mary Ann volunteered at Sacred Heart in the Religious Education program and the Latch Key program.

CLASS OF 1968

Bill Flannery died in his hometown of Springfield, Missouri on January 10, 2009.

CLASS OF 1974 - Reunion News!

The class will celebrate at the Homecoming reception on Friday, October 2 and then enjoy a golf outing at Winding Brook Golf Club in Shepherd on Saturday afternoon, October 3 followed by an evening gathering at Winding Brook. Contact **Bruce Bigard** or the Association for more details.

CLASS OF 1990 - Reunion News!

Members of the Class of 1990 are gathering at Cheers Bar and Grill in Mt. Pleasant on Sat., October 3 (Homecoming weekend) from 6:30-9:00 P.M. to visit and discuss ideas for next year's reunion. Mick, Leslie, and Marcy will hope to you there!

CLASS OF 1994 - Reunion News!

Jill Jackson Stankewicz and her husband Justin, of Livonia, MI, announced the birth of their son, **Andrew Philip**, on March 4, 2009.

15-year reunion is Homecoming weekend October 2nd/3rd. Contact **Jill (Jackson) Stankewicz @ 734-525-3460** for details.

CLASS OF 1995

Katie Murphy Williams and husband John of Grand Haven, Michigan welcomed their son **Finnian Murphy Williams** on June 3, 2009.

CLASS OF 1996

Steve Horgan married Amy Van Coppenolle in Detroit on May 9, 2009 and resides in Harper Woods, Michigan. Steve graduated from Western Michigan University in 2000 and is employed by PTC, developers of product software.

Jolee Wright Throop and husband Tim of Mt. Pleasant announced the birth of their daughter, **Addysen**, on April 30, 2009.

CLASS OF 1997

Kirt Hartman and his wife Kristin announce the birth of their son, **Luke Allen**, on July 21, 2009 in Chicago. Kirt is a Senior Analyst for GEM Realty Capital in Chicago. Grandparents are **Earl '66 and Sharon Campbell Hartman '65**.

CLASS OF 1998

Tim Groves and wife Kyle of Mt Pleasant announced the birth of their daughter, **Lydia Gene**, on April 3, 2009.

CLASS OF 1999

Kip and Leslie Jackson Hartman '00 announced the birth of their son, **Kiplin Matthew Jr**, on May 24, 2009 in Marquette, MI. Kip has opened his own business, Marquette Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine Center. Leslie is Operations Manager for VIO. Grandparents are **Earl '66 and Sharon Campbell Hartman '65**.

CLASS OF 2000

Sarah Spence Schafer and husband Derrick of Plant City, Florida welcomed their son **McCartney** on July 1, 2009. Grandfather is **Marty Spence '76**.

CLASS OF 2002

Jeff Audretsch and wife Shannon announced the birth of their son, **Sean Patrick**, on April 11, 2009 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. The Audretsch's reside in Okemos.

Andy Theisen and **Megan Spence Theisen '03** welcomed home their daughter **Emerson**, born on June 19, 2009. Andy is a Project Manager for Konwinski Construction in Mt Pleasant (See LINEAGE).

CLASS OF 2003

Jeanette Maddocks and **Kurt Read** were married on June 20, 2009. The couple will reside in Cape Coral, Florida.

Updates!

What's New?

SACRED HEART TOPS MEAP

Congratulations, Sacred Heart Academy students and staff for your academic excellence on the 2008 MEAP tests results. Of the twelve area schools from Gratiot and Isabella Counties who participated, SHA ranked highest in 24 of the 28 assessment areas and 2nd highest in the other four areas. The strong academic scores are a result of hard work by our students, unwavering dedication of the staff and steadfast support of the parents. *Our hats off to all!!!*

Go Irish!

LINEAGE

Emerson Louise Theisen, born June 19, 2009 to **Andy '02 and Megan Spence Theisen '03**, will become the first known 6th generation student at the Academy when she enters in a few years. Emerson's grandparents are **Andy Spence '74, Andy Theisen '78 and Julie Flannery Theisen '78**. Her great-grandfather is **Bob Theisen '50**, great-great grandfather is **Tom Carey '23** and great-great-great grandmother is **Nellie Garvin Carey** from the class of 1897.

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DONATIONS

Many thanks to **Paul Fortino '43** and **Tom Connors '41** for their donations to the Association.

WEB PAGES

Some classes have their own web pages and we'd like to link them to the **sha.net** web page. If you have or know of one, please let us know by emailing **alumni@sha.net** and note whether we might link to it or publicize it through the NEWS. The classes of 1943 and 1979 have one produced by **Mike Voisin '79** that can be viewed at: <http://sha.linktomypast.com>.

WEBSITE

Check us out at www.sha.net for current information on the Academy plus Alumni data including past school newspapers, athletic records, former queen's list and more.

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