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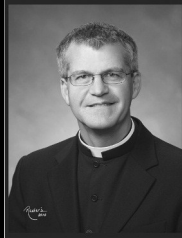
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## Knight Notes *from the President*



The first days of December bring a very exciting and challenging project to completion. In the State of Nebraska, all public schools must be *Accredited* by the Department of Education. Any non-public school that functions in the state must have *Approved* status by the Department of Education. While a number of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Omaha are *Approved* by the state, Archbishop Bergan is one of the few that is an *Accredited* school. Beyond our *Accredited* status, Bergan Jr./Sr. High School has been accredited through the North Central Association for a number of years. To be an *Accredited* school through North Central has meant that the guidelines that govern the standards and procedures of a school are more rigorous than those provided by the State of Nebraska.

For the past year, the School Board, administrators, faculty, and staff have been working to prepare our school for another

review process for accreditation. Currently, if any school wants to be accredited beyond the standards that are required by the state, they must engage in the process that is provided by *AdvancED*. This is the first time that the elementary school will be involved in the accreditation process, and we have been required by the state and *AdvancED* to be evaluated—and hopefully accredited—as a K-12 district. *AdvancED* provides a very rigorous and challenging framework, with school improvement and student achievement as its primary goals. All parts of the institution are evaluated, primarily through a detailed self-assessment that we have provided to *AdvancED*, and through a 2-day evaluation that is led by an “External Visitation Team.” The 6-member team that will evaluate Bergan from Monday evening, December 10, until Wednesday afternoon, December 12, is composed of administrators and teachers from across the State of Nebraska. While the chair and co-chair of the Team are appointed by the Department of Education, the other 4 members were selected by the chairs of the Team and Bergan’s

administration. The Team will spend most of their time observing in classrooms, but they will also be interviewing students, faculty and support staff members, parents, and community leaders.

I am very excited about this phase of our School Improvement process coming to a close, but it means that the real work of school improvement begins. Based on the commendations and recommendations in the Exit Report, we must develop a plan to improve in the areas that are outlined by the Visitation Team. We will have a period of 5 years to show that we are improving in these areas, with specific benchmarks to reach along the way.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to share the results of the *AdvancED* process with you. Please watch future newsletters for an update. Also, please continue to pray for all who are involved in making Bergan a great family of “faith, knowledge, and service” for the young people in our community.

*Father Dave*

## Live by Virtue by Father James Keiter

On Monday evening, December 3<sup>rd</sup> our Archbishop Bergan Senior Class of 2013 left on their 3 day 2 night retreat at the Creighton University Retreat Center in Griswold, Iowa. Our retreat theme this year during this Year of Faith was – Live by Virtue. In a few short months these Seniors will be graduating from Bergan and preparing to start the next chapter of their lives. Most will be moving out of their parent’s home and into college dorms or

apartments or military barracks. This is the first of many tests in their life of faith. Do they keep living that passion for Faith, Knowledge and Service as our school mission states? That’s why we chose, *Live by Virtue*. Through the course of the retreat with several talks, small groups discussions, skits, music and activities we focused on the virtues of Faith, Temperance, Prudence, Love, Hope, Justice and Courage.

*Faith* can often be tough to grasp but at its simplest and purest meaning, it is to say “Yes God, I trust in you.”

*Temperance* is the characteristic virtue of all the moral virtues. It helps us moderate our desires with what God really desires for us.

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# Alumni News

## We Remember...

Corley Campbell ('74)-July 10, 2012. Brother of Marguerite Campbell-Allen ('78).

Richard Vondenkamp ('72)-September 6, 2012. Brother of Vicki Vondenkamp Cary ('71); and June Vondenkamp Riggs ('74).

Mark Svoboda ('78)-September 24, 2012. Brother of Janene Svoboda Brandenburg ('68); and James Svoboda ('70).

Charlie Gilligan-September 23, 2012. Father of Tom Gilligan ('81).

Gary Tichota-October 30, 2012. Husband of Glenda Townsdin Tichota ('68); and brother of Tina Tichota Lewis ('87).

Jackie Ishmiel Collier ('61)-November 6, 2012. Brother of the late Ray Ishmiel ('53); and Greg Ishmiel ('62).

Mary Lou Beckius Hawkins ('56)-November 11, 2012.

William Oliver-November 24, 2012. Father of Steven Oliver ('88); and Sandra Oliver Kreutzian ('90).

In our last newsletter we listed Stan Novotny, deceased, grandfather to Chris Paulson. We omitted Stan's daughters, Susan Novotny Johnson ('71); Nancy Novotny Detmer ('73); Donna Novotny Ritonya ('77); and Denise Novotny Kary ('77). Our apologies for our omission.


**Sister Paulette Kiefer** died May 6, 2012 at St. Joseph Convent in Campbellsport, Wisconsin. Sr. Paulette taught at St. Patrick's High School, Fremont in the 1950s and at Bergan High School in the 1970s. A more complete bibliography can be found on our facebook page at [www.facebook.com/stpatsberganalumni](http://www.facebook.com/stpatsberganalumni)

## Tell us what's happening in your life!

We want to know about where and how you are, and so do your fellow classmates. Please submit news and

photos to Kathy Kaup, editor, [kkaup@stpatsfremont.org](mailto:kkaup@stpatsfremont.org), [berganalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:berganalumni@yahoo.com) or the Alumni Office, 422 East 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025.

**Congratulations**



Lisa Conklin ('83) Spellman and husband Scott pictured above are celebrating 25 years of marriage this year. Lisa and Scott currently live in Lees Summit, MO. Lisa is a Librarian/Teacher at the University Academy Charter School in Kansas City working with grades K-12. Scott is a Regional Information Tech Manager at Bunzl in Kansas City. Lisa and Scott have 4 children.

## Class of 1962



From left to right: Joyce (Cherek) Vopalensky, Greg Ishmiel, Jim Van Dyke, Norma (Beck) Hass, Shirley (Pfeifer) Allen, Dona (Rockwell) Ernst, Marlene (Ulrich) Filipi, Bonnie (Little) Buglewicz.

The class of 1962—sorry about the 1952 in the last newsletter—not only attended the annual reunion last July, but also met for a second time on October 6, 2012 at the home of Gary and Barb Ishmiel. Fourteen members of the class joined together for their 50 year reunion. There was a lot of food and fun with comments of "I wouldn't have ever recognized you" and "where is that red hair?"

**We hope to see you all in five years for your 55th reunion!**



Christina Maslen and Robert Harms ('02) were married September 16, 2012 at Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral in Boston, Mass. Robert is a staff sergeant with the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Corry Station in Pensacola, Fla. Christina is employed at Saltmarsh, Cleaveland and Gund CPA Firm in Pensacola.



## Archbishop Bergan Athletic Hall of Fame

The time is now to start thinking about nominations for the 2013 St. Patrick's - Archbishop Bergan Athletic Hall of Fame. This endeavor got off to a fantastic start in 2012, and we are looking to continue that positive momentum. The purpose of the Athletic Hall of Fame is to honor athletes for their outstanding high school careers, coaches for their success and or length of service, contributors for their significant impact, and teams for their outstanding high school achievements. Three total inductees will be selected from those four categories. The selection committee is ready to start receiving nominations effective immediately. These nominations must be turned in to the Bergan High School Athletic Office at 545 East 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025 by **May 1, 2013**. Nomination forms containing the criteria may be found on pages 5 & 6, at the high school athletic office, the high school student services office, or the church hospitality window. They are also available on-line at the Archbishop Bergan and Bergan Alumni Facebook pages. To receive a nomination form by e-mail, please send your request to Chris Rainforth, Assistant Principal, at [berganad@yahoo.com](mailto:berganad@yahoo.com). The inductees will be honored at our annual alumni reunion banquet to be held on Friday evening, July 12, 2013. Please consider nominating a worthy candidate today!

# St. Patrick's/Archbishop Bergan Catholic School News

## Greetings Alumni,

What a beautiful fall we have had. Here it is December and the temperature has been in the 60's. It has made putting up the outside Christmas decorations a pleasure. However, to really get into the Christmas spirit it would be good to see some snow within the next week or two.

We just finished the first weekend of winter sports. Both the boys and girls basketball teams won their games over Douglas County West. The wrestling team has grown in number this year and is looking toward a good season. Coach Marolf is doing a good job of building the wrestling program.

Enrollment is strong with 268 students in pre-school through grade 6 and 171 students in grades 7 through 12 for a total of 439 students.

The really good news is that financially the Parish we finished our 2011-12 budget in the black and are currently on track to do so again. We are currently \$19,666 ahead of our

budgeted income for the budget year, July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. In addition we just completed solicitation for a three year campaign to help pay back debt and went over our goal of \$2,500,000 with \$2,542,700 pledged.

I especially want to thank our alumni for your continued financial support of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. Your pledges and contributions to our campaigns and to the annual appeal, (ASAP), are greatly appreciated and needed. To date \$33,868.39 has been received for the 2012 annual appeal. Be watching, we will be launching our next annual appeal in March, 2013. We also appreciate getting any personal information to share with your classmates and alumni members through the newsletter.

In this newsletter you will find nomination forms for the second Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame. These awards will be presented at the annual Alumni Banquet which will be held on **Friday, July 12. NOTE THE REUNION WILL BE FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2013** this next summer. That day is a change from the past

when it has been on Saturday. In order to be considered for selection to the Hall of Fame the team or individual must be nominated. Last year selections were: coach – Lou Wewel, athlete – Sherri Rump Magee – '88, team – football '66.

I am not a regular user of Facebook, but when I get an email that says I have a message on Facebook I will read it and usually try to respond, but I am never sure if I am doing it right. (Can't teach an "old dog new tricks" – Ha!) My daughters make up for my lack of time on Facebook. I think they must need more to do. I do like reading about alumni on Facebook and appreciate any comments to me or about other alumni. I especially appreciated all the birthday wishes.

I want to share my new email address: [gschmidt@stpatsfremont.org](mailto:gschmidt@stpatsfremont.org)

Best wishes and a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

*Gary Schmidt*

## Movement & Growth/Building our Community of Faith

The enthusiasm around all the good news that is so much a part of our everyday life here at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School is a wonderful positive force that is transforming and renewing our school. All the good you experienced with the Bergan Family is now including more and more families from the parish and beyond. I am inviting you to consider how you can be a part of this great movement and growth.

A year end gift is a very tangible way for you to support Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. I thank you for your support over the years. If you have not contributed in the past, then now is the time to get on board. All alumni, no matter where they are, still are a part of the Community of Faith of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School.

Please help us continue to Build Our Community of Faith through our

school. Your investment allows us to continue our tradition of making an affordable, Christ-centered Catholic education possible in the Fremont area. We are so fortunate to have alumni who care and support the education that we offer in the community of Fremont. You are the leaders that empower our future leaders!

*Lyndsay Osborn, MS  
Director of Advancement*

## Bergan Student receives highest ACT score

Archbishop Bergan Catholic School is especially proud and pleased to have senior Thomas (T.J.) Fryklind receive a 36 ACT test score. T.J. is the son of Karl and Pam Fryklind. T.J. is planning to attend the University of Nebraska, Lincoln and major in engineering.



# 2012 Diamonds are for Knights



This year's Knight Event theme was all about James Bond and diamonds. Three hundred and seventy-five guests attended the event to experience the efforts of more than 100 volunteers. Entertainment was provided by Rusty Lord and Jim Siedlecki, a game of "top hats" or "tails" with the winner walking away with a Coach purse with goodies inside, and a live auction with many wonderful offerings.

The decorating committee did an outstanding job on the decorations, turning an ordinary gymnasium into an elegant dining room.

The meal started with delicious appetizers and finished with a scrumptious meal complete with dessert.

There were four rooms filled with goodies to bid on. There was

definitely something for everyone, from homemade items, class projects, a hot tubs and trips to various destinations.

We want to thank everyone who participated in any way to make this evening a success!

Next year's Knight Event is scheduled for Friday, November 22, 2013.

## Live by Virtue, (continued from page 1)

**Prudence** is the flashlight that helps us see where we are going.

We live in a world that has many definitions of **Love**, but, true love is a gift of ourself. It is agape love. It is the love of Jesus Christ.

When we are able to fill our lives with this agape love it is much easier to have **Hope**, to know and trust that God has something even greater prepared for us.

The virtue of **Justice** helps us realize that we don't live in this world by our self. We are many parts; but, we are all one body. There are 27 students who make up the one Class of 2013. We are all called by justice to help each other do good and get to heaven!

Lastly, is the virtue of **Courage**. Courage is interesting because it is both a gift of the Holy Spirit – given to us by God but is also a virtue which

means we have to practice and work at building it up in our life.

It will take a lot of courage for our Seniors and all of us to Live by Virtue. It will take courage to keep living a passion for Faith, Knowledge and Service. It will take living a life of virtues to build up our community of faith. Ad Multos Annos!

*Fr. Jim Keiter*

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# OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM



## NOMINEE INFORMATION:

\_\_\_\_ Athlete    \_\_\_\_ Coach    \_\_\_\_ Contributor    \_\_\_\_ Team (year & sport) \_\_\_\_\_

First Name/Team Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate if Deceased \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Years attended Bergan: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (nominee): \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Spouse/Closest Living Relative: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### CHECK SPORT(S) IN WHICH NOMINEE WAS INVOLVED

|                    |                |               |                 |                  |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| ____ Baseball      | ____ Football  | ____ Soccer   | ____ Tennis     | ____ Other _____ |
| ____ Basketball    | ____ Golf      | ____ Softball | ____ Track      | _____            |
| ____ Cross Country | ____ Wrestling | ____ Swimming | ____ Volleyball | _____            |

### OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND OF NOMINEE

College Name, City, State Years at School \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

College Name, City, State Years at School \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

### ACHIEVEMENTS, CONTRIBUTIONS, HONORS

This is where you make your point in support of the nomination. List objective, statistical records, such as won-lost records, titles, points scored, career facts and highlights and the like. List the years and achievements, from high school through post-high school as appropriate or compile your own list on a separate sheet. You are to focus on the nominee's contributions that had the most significant impact on high school sports. For team nominations include the name of the head and assistant coaches. Artifacts may help tell the story so feel free to include pictures, copies, newspaper articles and the other supportive information. Please include additional pages as necessary.

**Each year the Hall of Fame Committee may honor a maximum of one team and/or a maximum of one posthumous inductee who competed a minimum of 5 years prior to consideration.**



# Archbishop Bergan Catholic High School Athletic Hall of Fame



### PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee (Relative, colleague, friend, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete all requested information printed or typewritten form.
2. May include optional support materials such as:
  - a. letters of recommendation, limited to one typewritten page.
  - b. a current black and white or color photo of nominee
  - c. black and white or color photos of nominee during the period of time he/she was involved in the category.
  - d. newspaper clippings, magazine articles, statistics or other supporting materials may be attached.
3. The form, letters and photos will be retained by the Archbishop Bergan Catholic Athletic School Hall of Fame Committee.

### GENERAL CRITERIA

1. The nominee must have been involved in an athletic activity at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School in the category for which he or she is nominated.
2. The nominee must have demonstrated outstanding abilities and contributions in the category for which nominated.
3. The nominee must have demonstrated high moral character, outstanding citizenship and ideals.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chris Rainforth, Activities Director – phone (402)721-9683, fax (402)721-5366

### BECOME AN ARCHBISHOP BERGAN KNIGHT ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CONTRIBUTOR

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$25.00 \_\_\_ \$50.00 \_\_\_ \$100.00 \_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_ OTHER

Please send contributions to: Archbishop Bergan High School Athletic Hall of Fame  
Attn: Chris Rainforth, Activities Director  
545 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Fremont, NE 68025

**Special thanks to the Archbishop Bergan Athletic Booster Club for providing funds to help establish and maintain the Archbishop Bergan Athletic Hall of Fame and to the Archbishop Bergan Athletic Hall of Fame Committee for their efforts in establishing the Archbishop Bergan Athletic Hall of Fame. Your contributions help administer and support the Archbishop Bergan Athletic Hall of Fame and are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!**



# RECRUITMENT NEWS



The Archbishop Bergan Catholic School Recruitment Committee hosted its First Annual **Trunk or Treat Open House** on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> in sponsorship with the Knights of Columbus.

Recruitment Committee members include: Lyndsay Osborn, Fr. Jim Keiter, Ron Beacom, Chris Rainforth, Chris Paulson, Patti Bowman, Lori McIntyre, Beth Wilmes, Joe Gaver, Karl Fryklind, Steve Kneifl and Lynne Walz.

It was a big success! There were 146 children in attendance. What a great feeling to know that the Recruitment Committee is working to grow the Bergan Family through fun events like this.



## What Do You Desire in Your Child's School?

**Faith, Courage, Respect, Honor, Wisdom, Responsibility, Achievement - That's our mission.**

Our graduates average a total of 15 college credits prior to graduation. Our average ACT score is 24.2 compared to the Nebraska state average of 22. We have a 100% graduation rate for the last 10 years. At least 65% of our graduates receive scholarships for college averaging a total of over \$12,500 per student. We

have a student to teacher ratio of 12:1. We welcome families and students of any faith. Over 35% of our student body comes from faiths other than Catholic. Our tuition cost is \$275 per month versus an average of \$625 per month in the Omaha Metropolitan Area.

As you look at future options and begin to make decisions about your child's education and school for the upcoming years, I would like to invite

you to Build Our Community of Faith by choosing Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. We exist to instill a passion, as exemplified by Christ, for Faith, Knowledge and Service.

*Lyndsay Osborn, MS  
Director of Advancement*



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### Memorial Funds

Memorial funds can be established to Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. For more information contact the St. Patrick's Parish Office, 422 E. 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025 or 402-721-6611

### Donation Matching Program

Many companies provide matching gift programs that multiply their employees' charitable donations. To obtain a matching gift, contact your employer's human resources department for a form or information about online procedures. Complete the donor/employee portion of the form and send it to: Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, Development Office, 422 East 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025. The Development staff will complete their part of the form, and return it to the company to initiate its fulfillment of the match.

### Estate Planning

Remember Archbishop Bergan Catholic School in your estate planning. For more information contact Gary Schmidt at gschmidt@strpatsfremont.org or 402-721-1846, ext. 17.

### Don't forget SCRIP

SCRIP may be purchased at the Parish Office and is available in various denominations for Hy-Vee, Wal-Mart, Food 4 Less, BP gas, Shell gas, Menards and Burger King, just to name a few.

Our SCRIP program is able to purchase the gift certificates at a discounted rate, and we sell them to you for full face value. The difference provides the revenue. The money raised by the SCRIP program pays for special projects for the school and provides tuition relief. The SCRIP program will allow the SCRIP purchaser to contribute tuition credit to the family of their choice when purchasing SCRIP.

SCRIP can be purchased at the Parish Office, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or before and after Saturday and Sunday Masses. In addition, you can have your child drop off your

completed order form and payment in the school office in the morning and he/she can pick up the completed order from the office after school at Bergan Junior/Senior High Building.



### **New Date and Exciting changes to the annual Alumni Reunion Celebration**

The next Alumni Reunion Banquet will be held on **Friday, July 12, 2013**. Last year we added a beer garden outside on the green and a live band and plan to have that again this year. We have also invited the recipients of the Hall of Fame awards and their guests to join us for the evening. Make plans to attend!



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