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A Note from Father Dave...

Faith... Foundation... Future... As I complete my first year as President of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, these 3 words come to mind as the core values that I believe are key to the success of our school. **Faith** in God and in His Risen Son, Jesus Christ, is the cornerstone that holds our lives and our school together. Without Jesus Christ in our lives, we can do nothing! Through the celebration of Sacraments, through praying and serving together, through the challenging curriculum that we offer and are always striving to improve, through the life skills that we teach throughout our school, we are building a rock-solid **foundation** upon which the children and families that are served by Bergan can build their lives of faith and service.

Finally, everything that has been done in the past and in the present contributes to the bright **future** of each of our students. Our primary task as a school is to prepare our students to be responsible, moral adults that have the

skills to participate in-and contribute to-society, Church, and family.

You know first-hand how important it is to have Archbishop Bergan Catholic School as a primary ministry in our parish. Through the program of study and faith formation that we provide for our students, we have a sacred opportunity to form and develop the student as a whole person and to prepare them to live and serve in the 21st Century. Thank you for all that the past generations have done to provide the ministry of Catholic education in the community of Fremont. Please know that you have my personal pledge to work tirelessly and faithfully to ensure that Bergan will continue to be an integral part of Saint Patrick's Parish, the community of Fremont, and the Church.

May God continue to bless Archbishop Bergan Catholic School and all of its past and present benefactors!

Congratulations Class of 2011



Front Row: L to R: Emily Greitens, Catherine Booth, Maria Cohee, Lyssi Dirkschneider, Janae Radtke, Kortney Classen, Jessy Schroedter Middle Row L to R: Marcus Lewis, Tyler Maple, Mitchell Swanson, Cody Brdicko, Riley Gross, Tanner Anderson, Connor Hotovy, Derek Pacula Back Row L to R: Joshua Boggs, Christian Victor, T.J. Bottorff, A.J. Wiese, Evan Stober, Spencer Morrissey, John Spellerberg, Jerry Dolejs, Fr. Dave Belt

The class of 2011 ranked first all-time at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School in accepted scholarships per class member at an average of \$26,169. To date, a total of \$601,900 in scholarships have been accepted. Academic Scholarships make up \$236,700 and Athletic Scholarships equal \$365,200. Thirty-nine percent of the students plan to attend a 4 year public college, forty-eight percent plan to attend a 4 year private college, nine percent plan on attending a 2 year community college, leaving four percent who are planning to join the military service prior to college. "Most impressively," Ron Beacom, principal, said, "the Class of 2011 seemed to accomplish all of this without ever taking themselves too seriously, and understanding that they are mere instruments for God to do His work.."

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Alumni News

Remembering our Alumni

Alyce Gross — February 28, 2011. Grandmother of Isaac Morrissey ('08); and Spencer Morrissey ('11); current students, Riley and Carly Gross,

Norma J. Schauer — March 3, 2011. Norma was a teacher at St. Patrick's Bergan in the 1950's

Leona Meiergerd — March 10, 2011. Grandmother of Molly Meiergerd ('08); and Grant Meiergerd ('10)

Bryn Dirkschneider — March 13, 2011. Brother of Lyssi Dirkschneider ('11); and current student, Addi Dirkschneider

Rita Stoltenberg — March 19, 2011. Mother of Robert Stoltenberg ('54); Eleanor Stoltenberg ('57); and James Stoltenberg ('59)

Jeannette Berry — March 26, 2011. Mother of Jason Berry ('93); and Justin Berry ('95); and wife of Jay Berry who taught at Archbishop Bergan from 1973 to 1997

Wilma Blum — March 29, 2011. Grandmother of Jason Dreyer ('97); and Brandon Dreyer ('00)

Helen Kassmeier — March 29, 2011. Grandmother of Annette Kassmeier Otteman ('82); Judi Kassmeier Borenpohl ('83); Tim Kassmeier ('88); Jill Kassmeier Gossett ('90); and Ryan Kassmeier ('93)

Richard Krings ('62) - April 4, 2011. Brother of Carol Krings ('54); and Gloria Krings Presnel ('53)

Kenneth Fees — March 13, 2011. Father of Joan Fees Sauter (1970); and Donald Fees (1971)

George E. Svoboda — April 13, 2011. Father of Janene Svoboda Brandenberg ('68); James Svoboda ('70); and Mark Svoboda ('78)

Norma Uhlik — April 18, 2011. Mother of Delbert Uhlik, Jr. ('77); Charles and Christopher Uhlik ('83); and Grandmother of Tracy Uhlik Parr ('95); and Troy Uhlik ('77)

Robert Givens — April 26, 2011. Brother to Janet Givens Holcomb ('55); Barbara Givens Giard ('58); Tom Givens ('70); and Diane Givens Paul ('72)

Paul Siems — April 26, 2011. Brother of Tom Siems ('56); and Richard Siems ('61)

Lois Spurrier — April 20, 2011. Wife of Gary Spurrier ('56) (deceased)

New Arrivals

Johnson and Jessica (Limmer, '01) Lawson of Omaha are the parents of Aliyah Grace, born April 19, 2011. Aliyah joins brothers Jae, Tyrese, and sister Kameryn.

This and That

John Nicola ('03) and Lissy Fauss Nicola are living in Grand Island where John is a National Guard flight engineer and Lissy is a nurse.

Micky and Amy (Nicola, '04) Jennings are living in Omaha where Amy is a student at Creighton University and Micky works as a tool and die machinist.



Class Reunion Coordinators:

Please identify yourselves and keep us informed of your reunion plans so we may pass the information to our alumni. Please contact Gary Schmidt at garystpatsbergan@yahoo.com or 402-721-1846, ext. 17 or Kathy Kaup at kkaup@stpatsfremont.org or 402-721-1846 ext. 23 with your information.

Let your classmates know about you

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, berganalumni@yahoo.com or the Alumni Office, 422 East 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025.

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 garystpatsbergan@yahoo.com or 402-721-1846, ext. 17



Mark Your Calendar

June 12, 2011

Father Ronald A. Battiato (1953)
50th Anniversary of Ordination of
the Priesthood
2:30 p.m. at
St. Patrick's Church.

July 9

9 a.m.—11 a.m. Tour of Church
Complimentary cookies, punch &
coffee served in Delaney Hall
2:30 p.m. Middle School/High School
Bergan tours
4:00 p.m. Elementary School tour
5:30 p.m. Mass

Alumni Banquet:

6:30 p.m. Social Hour
7:00 p.m. Dinner
8:30 p.m. Program

July 10

1:30 p.m. John C. Fremont Parade:
Celebrate our 50th Anniversary
walking in the parade with the float
and band

St. Patrick's/Archbishop Bergan Alumni Reunion News



We appreciate your generosity in giving of your time, talent and treasures through our Adopt a Student Assistance Program. Your response was inspiring. In an effort to continue promoting Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, please join us in showing your support by walking with parents and students, Preschool – 12th Grade, in the John C. Fremont parade on Sunday, July 10th. There will be a 50th Anniversary float. The Bergan band will be marching and performing as well. Wear your Bergan spirit wear or a Commemorative 50th Anniversary t-shirt. Commemorative t-shirts are available for \$10 to identify ourselves as Archbishop Bergan Catholic School supporters. To place an order, please fill out the Alumni Banquet Registration form located on the back of this newsletter. T-shirts will be available for pick up at the banquet.



"Changing Times Reunion"

Calling all "Changing Times" members to the Bergan Reunion on Saturday, July 9, 2011. We are planning to sing before and during the 5:30 p.m. Saturday evening Mass. It will be a simple performance, the songs will be selected from the music performed during "Changing Times" years. All former "Changing Times" alumni are invited to this reunion, including members of honored classes. We are open to suggestions for song selections. The schedule would include a gathering at 2:30 p.m. with practice from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a half hour prelude to Mass.

Interested Alumni please contact "Changing Times" Reunion Chairpersons Bob and Renee Brown at (home) 402-727-5267 or (cell) 402-719-4555, or email rbrown@q.com. or fill out the information on the reservation form located on the last page of this newsletter.

Band Performance

The current Band Director, Mrs. Kelly Everson, is leading the Archbishop Bergan band, as well as any alumni interested in dusting off their band instruments and joining in the performance as the band marches through the John C. Fremont Parade on Sunday, July 10th. Interested Alumni should call the Parish Office at 402-721-1846, email kkaup@stpatsfremont.org or simply fill out and return their information on the reservation form located on the last page of this newsletter.

Information regarding honored classes and their events:

Class of 1951

July 8 at 5:30 p.m. dinner at Farmer Brown's Restaurant, 2620 River Road Drive, Waterloo. Contact Stu Roach, 402-753-6413 or sjroach@q.com

Class of 1956

July 8 at Fremont Golf Club, 6:30 p.m. dinner. Contact Eleanor (Kummel) Kubin, 402-721-7517, chuckkubin@msn.com or contact Mary Lou (Bacchius) Hawkins, 402-466-0981, mlhawkins2@msn.com

Class of 1961

July 8 social hour and dinner at the Clarion Inn (formerly Wilderness Lodge),

Cabin Creek Room, 1220 East 23rd Street, 6:00 p.m. Joanne (LaRocca) Gemar, phone 402-721-1836 or jbgmar@yahoo.com

Class of 1971

Lance Vance, 402-720-0374 or lvance53@yahoo.com

Class of 1976

July 8th at 8 p.m. for food, drinks and music at Dean and Judy (Foxhoven) Papa's cabin at Rainbow Lake, 1300 South Street. Mary (Mahlberg) Jacobs, Jill (Vance) Stober, (402-727-0748), Julie (Bodell) Bradrick and Judy (Foxhoven) Papa

Class of 1981

Judy (Dakota) Scheer, 402-727-8776 or jscheer002@neb.rr.com

Class of 1986

Tom Wiesen, 402-727-4042 or twiesen2005@msn.com

Class of 1991

July 8th at the Clarion Inn, 1220 East 23rd Street, social at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. dinner. After dinner at Pat Dix's house. Contact Joey Bergmanis, 402-721-3946 or Brian Villwok, 402-753-1032 or d_villwok@yahoo.com

Class of 1996

Carrie (Shea) Knowlton, Jessica (Brannon) Koenig

Class of 2001

Hillary (Kola) Hunke, for more information contact Hillary Hunke at hunke10@yahoo.com

Class of 2006

Ari Schomburg, for more information contact Ari Schomburg at schomburg.ari@live.com

Thank You!

A big thank you to all who volunteered their time to contact Alumni for the Adopt a Student Program (A.S.A.P.)/phonathon. Thank you to the Alumni and friends who responded with your treasure. Your generosity has provided tuition assistance for students in need.

**"It's not how much we give but
how much love we put into giving."**

Mother Teresa

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WANTED: FORMER BAND MEMBERS! Bring your band instrument and celebrate the 50th Anniversary by playing along with the Archbishop Bergan Band in the John C. Fremont Parade on Sunday, July 10th.

I am interested in playing with the Bergan HS Band.

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I am interested in singing with the "Changing Times" Alumni

July 9, 2011 Alumni Banquet Reservation Form

Notice — Alumni Banquet Tickets are \$20 per person and includes: Dinner, Entertainment and Dance

Name _____ Maiden name _____

Class of _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Number of Tickets @ \$20 per person _____

Commemorative T-Shirt @\$10 each ___Small___Medium___Large___X-large___XXL

Method of payment: ___Check___Visa___MasterCard___American Express

Card number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

___Online registration and payment: www.berganknights.org click *online donation*

RSVP deadline by July 1, 2011

Please return this portion to: Bergan Alumni Association, 422 East 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025

