

SOARING EAGLE

ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY AND BISHOP HOGAN MEMORIAL
ALUMNI NEWSLETTER
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From the Principal:

Once the Valentine parties are over and daylight savings time has arrived the rest of the school year seems to fly by. At Bishop Hogan, the students are completing their Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and will be working on the eighth grade's shadow Stations of the Cross. Fourth quarter will soon be starting and students will be looking forward to summer vacation. I would like to thank all who gave to the bathroom project. It has been a wonderful improvement to the school. To keep the school and church healthy and active, there are always projects to do and repairs to complete. The Dinner Auction will be May 2nd. I invite all to come and have a great evening of good food and fun. When you are in Chillicothe, feel free to come and see your school. You are always welcome to stop by and visit.

Bishop Hogan Website

Check out the school's website – www.bishophogan.org. The website was created by Brenda Fellhoelter. Thanks, Brenda for your work.

Alumni Help

If you know someone who would like to receive the Soaring Eagle, please contact Jeanne Hinkebein at bhink@greenhills.net.

Next Project – New Church Steeple

The Church has received permission from Bishop Finn to proceed with the steeple project. First, all of the cracks in the mortar on the inside of the bell tower will be repaired and sealed. We are going to try to replicate the look of the bell tower when the original steeple was in place, so we are going to remove the bricks which were added to the top of the bell tower when the previous steeple was taken down. Finally, a copper steeple will be installed on the bell tower. We have received a bequest to cover some of the cost for the steeple. There is an account opened at Chillicothe State Bank for the specific cost of the steeple. If any Alumni would like to donate to this account, you can do so by contacting the bank at: Chillicothe State Bank, 600 Washington Street, Chillicothe, MO 64601 or phone 660-646-5120. The steeple on the Church will be a visible way of showing parish's intentions to turn to prayer and to lead all closer to God.

Bishop Hogan Dinner Auction

Bishop Hogan Memorial School has announced the date of this year's dinner auction. Aptly named "Crusade for Education" the dinner auction will have a Renaissance theme and will take place the evening of May 2nd. Mike Miller Auction Service will provide the live auction "entertainment" and Hy-Vee will cater the dinner. A silent auction will also take place. Your generous support of this event is greatly appreciated...and crucial to its success. If you would like to sponsor a table or make a donation (either an item or special service), please call BHS at 660-646-0705 during regular school hours. You may also call Sheila Ealey at 660-707-0688. Remember... this is for the kids!

New Births and Baptism

Alexis Caitlin Hecker daughter of Brett and Mendi Hecker
Daniel Connor Perry son of Daniel & Amy Peery
Rylie Marie Riddle daughter of Jill Anderson Riddle Scott
Gavin Leifker son of Scott & Janette Summy Leifker
Elizabeth Mae Constant daughter of Kyle & Emily Gastineau Constant
Sadie Foster Bonderer daughter of Doug & Jodi Bailey Bonderer
Peyton Davis son of Doug & Sarah Timmons Davis
Morgan Anna Marie Rupp daughter of George & Gina Smith Rupp
Kaitlyn Marie Searcy daughter of Jeremy & Tabby Howerton Searcy
Jackson Trace Searcy son of Jeremy & Tabby Howerton Searcy
Dawson Rose Baxter daughter of Shane & Kathy Bonderer Baxter
Gage VanDusen son of Heath & Jessica Laffey VanDusen
Henry Robert Link son of David & Nancy Paschen Link
Madilyn Elizabeth Bishop daughter of Alex & Brandi Pfaff Bishop
Simon Haobin Pfaff son of Richard Thomas & Tina Hwang Pfaff, Jr
Ryder Travis Ficken son of Spencer and Melissa (Searcy) Ficken
Emerson Grace daughter of Ryan & Stephanie (Durnil) Brobst
Callie Michele Link daughter of Zach and Rebecca Link

In Memory

Rosemary (Potts) Ralson 9/09/08
Patricia (Pat) Saale 10/14/08
Rev, Msgr. Lawrence Speichinger 10/16/08
Elizabeth (Betty) Diegelman 11/21/08
Rev. Mr. Joseph Crookshanks 11/25/08
Gertrude (Dorney) Timmons 12/02/08
Elmer Schnittker 12/03/08
Dorothy Koehly 12/27/08
Vivian Van Dyke 1/13/09
Xoa (Decker) Wolf 2/27/09

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

Congratulations are extended to all alumni who have graduated in the winter term of their colleges/universities. We wish them the best of happiness in their new fields of work.

Meet the Alumni

Robert D. Hecker

Robert (Bobby) graduated from Bishop Hogan School in 1969 (the same year the Academy closed.) He is most appreciative of the quality of education that he received and wishes he could have attended the Academy. He and his wife, Sherry, live in Chillicothe and are members of St. Columban Church. They have two grown sons: Brian and Brett. Robert volunteered as a basketball coach at Bishop Hogan for several years. He now works for a concrete company located in Lee's Summit, MO.

Brian D. Hecker

Brian graduated from Bishop Hogan School in 1989. He, too, is most thankful for the quality of education that he received and often speaks of Verna Septon as having had a great influence over his education. Playing basketball at Bishop Hogan was also a highlight for him. He is now an American Family Insurance Agent in Chillicothe and is a member of St. Columban Church. He and his wife, Emily, are the parents of two children Abby (5) and Andrew (3).

Brett M Hecker

Brett graduated from Bishop Hogan School in 1993 (the same year the Sisters of St. Francis left Bishop Hogan). As President of the Student Council, he remembers sadly giving the farewell speech. The Sisters were a great inspiration for him and he is now a 4th grade teacher at Parkade Elementary School in Columbia, MO. He, too, has great basketball memories. He and his wife, Mendi, have two children; Zach (4) and Lexi, (9 months). They are members of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia.

Congratulations!

Bishop Hogan has the following winners.

- American Legion Essay Contest winners - Connor Bonderer (7th Grade) and Shayler Keller (5th Grade)
- Patriot Pen Contest winners - Elliott Keller (7th grade) , Mackenzie Barnett (7th grade) and Nathan Laidler (7th grade).
- DAR Essay contest winners - Taylor Richardson (7th grade) and Bridgett Keiffer (8th grade).
- Geography Bee winners - Elliott Keller (7th grade), Jackson Haney (8th grade), Brooks Sturm (8th grade) and Carly Carlton (6th grade).
- Soil and Water Conservation Poster Winners - 3rd and 4th grade level - Ryan Fleming, Jalynn Reeter, Maggie Leatherman, Emily Skoglund, Johnathan Shiflett and Alexander Rupp.
- 5th and 6th grade level - Shayler Keller, Robert Rupp, Carly Carlton, and Stephanie Summerville.

Congratulations to all.