

SOARING EAGLE September, 2009

ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY AND BISHOP HOGAN MEMORIAL ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

From the Principal

This fall Bishop Hogan completed a comprehensive evaluation needed for accreditation by Missouri Non-Public Schools Accreditation Association, as well as AdvancEd, formerly known as North Central Accreditation. In their report, the accreditation team stated that Bishop Hogan clearly carries out its mission of creating caring, responsible, knowledgeable youth through a strong religious and academic educational curriculum. Students, parents and teachers focus on prayer and the Catholic faith as important strengths of their school. This information was based on a study that started four years ago.

This past summer the main building received new paint on the exterior. On the inside, new flooring was installed in the main hallway and cafeteria. It is planned to have the classroom floors replaced next summer and to eventually replace the flooring in the gym. This is an expensive process due to the fact that the old asbestos tile flooring must be removed before the new tile floor can be laid. If any alumni would like to help with the expense of replacing the floors, donations may be mailed to St. Columban Church, 1111 Trenton St., Chillicothe, MO 64601. For more information, contact Father Tom Hermes at 660-646-0190. Alumni are always welcome to stop by and visit Bishop Hogan to see all the improvements.

Teachers and staff for the 2009-2010 school year:

Principal - Fr. Tom Hermes
Kindergarten - Toby Saale Minnis
Grades 1 & 2 - Emily Gastineau Constant
Grades 3 & 4 - Jill Scott
Grades 5 & 6 - Donna Saale Saccaro
Grades 7 & 8 - Brian Murrell and Denise Toole (Math)
Music & Computers - Mary Garr
Title I Reading - Brenda O'Halloran
Health & PE - Krystle Stover
Cook - Sonny Miller
Office Staff - Jim Luzader
Custodial & Main. Joe Darr & Chris Summerville

Early Learning Staff:

Preschool - Pam Luzader
Infants & toddlers - Damaris Summerville & Angela DeVorss

Dinner Auction

Bishop Hogan's Dinner Auction was held on May 2, 2009. The theme was a Renaissance Festival "A Crusade for Education." It was a big success raising close to \$58,000. A special thank you is extended to Mike Miller Auction Service, Community Press for printing the book, and Jeff Frampton and Chillicothe Hy-Vee Food Store for catering the delicious dinner. All proceeds are used to supplement Bishop Hogan's yearly budget. The Dinner Auction for 2010 will be held on the 1st Saturday in May and will have a Hawaiian theme. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Weddings

- Chad Crawford & Kaci Allnut, 9/6/08
- James Randolph & Kristy Watson, 10/18/08
- Jason Ralls & Pamela Lynn Hackstedt, 12/6/08
- Cody Quinn & Kami Mullen, 7/27/09
- Matt Gabrielson & Ashley Kelly 5/22/09
- Brian Robertson & Ashley Campbell 9/11/09
- Charles Kerr & Katherine Jennings, 8/8/09
- Scott Johnson & Kasey Hibler 9/12/09
- Jason Brobst & Jana Howe 9/19/09

In Memory

James Gibson, 1/9/09
Richard Regan, 3/8/09
E.W. "Dub" Timmons, 4/4/09
John Trageser, 4/6/09
Irene Murphy, 4/19/09
Leo Luetticke, 6/1/09
William Saale, 6/11/09
Esther Virginia Garcia, 6/19/09
Marie Carter, 6/20/09
Dr. Edmund J. Krautmann, 7/17/09
Lauretta Quinn, 9/23/09

2009 BHS Graduating Students

Evinne Bowman granddaughter of Amanda Bowman
Jackson Haney son of Jill Gibson and Kevin Haney
Bridgett Kieffer daughter of Kim and Jason Kieffer
Brooks Sturm son of Jan and Paul Sturm

Congratulations and best wishes as you continue your education.

Meet the Alumni

My name is Emily Gastineau Constant. I graduated from Bishop Hogan Memorial School in 1997. After high school, I attended North Central Missouri College in Trenton where I received my Associates of Art degree. I then transferred to Columbia College in Columbia, Missouri where I earned my Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies. I am married to Kyle Constant, we have two daughters: Lillian Grace and Elizabeth Mae. I now reside in Chillicothe and teach first and second grades at Bishop Hogan. I enjoy the small class sizes and having God in the classroom. I love being able to teach at my alma mater!

Special Memorials

Marilyn Brennan Reich of Birmingham, AL made a memorial donation to the Education Endowment in loving memory of her brothers and sister, Raymond Brennan, Jr., Robert Brennan, and Margaret Brennon Berry, all children of Dr. Brennon a long time doctor in the Chillicothe area. All the children attended our parish schools, and Marilyn went on to attend Notre Dame where she met her husband. Thank you for remembering Bishop Hogan Memorial School with your generous donation.

Where Are They Now?

This article will focus on a very special alumni, Brother Blaise (George) Bonderer. Brother Baize will celebrate 50 years of being a Benedictine. He provided the following information for the Soaring Eagle.

I started at St. Joseph Academy the school year of 1952, right out of a one room school house. You can imagine the anxiety of being thrown in with all those "city" kids. Shy and withdrawn as I am, it took me a half day to become comfortable. I was the ninth Bonderer sibling to attend the Academy so I am sure the Sisters knew what to expect. We were spread out over 20 years but still had many of the same teachers.

I am sure we took for granted the privilege of having Religious teachers and the quality of education. How few and far between they are now. If asked to single out any one teacher, I guess it would be Sister Marianne, now Sr. Dorothy. I hear she can still quote Shakespeare even though daily things are a little fuzzy.

I think there were eleven in our class, and the only ones I have seen since graduation are Sharon Moling, Pat Pfaff, and Jim Slattery.

Sr. Marianne had the most infectious laugh. She made life enjoyable. Sr. Clara had the most beautiful smile, which you might see once every six months. Some of the biggest battles during the school day, before classes started, during the lunch hour, or any free time, was between JoAnn Zosso and myself at the ping-pong table. A sight to behold, myself all six foot tall and JoAnn all five foot tall. I never kept a tally but I am sure she won more than lost.

Other fond memories were on the dance floor. We actually had a dance instructor give us lessons at some point. Then we would strut our stuff at the CYO parties. It seems Carolyn Conway and I were the best suited dance couple. We even had CYO parties in other towns. I still have a "love" letter from Rosalie in Norborne in my scrapbook along with a Valentine with George + Nikki.

In my Senior year retreat either Sr. Joan or Sr. Annunciata said "George you have a vocation to the priesthood." I felt like St. Paul when he was knocked off his ass by a thunderbolt except, for me, it was in the guise of a little bitty nun. How convenient during a retreat, directed by a Benedictine monk and thus the saga begins.

After graduation, I entered Conception Seminary College for the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. This is run by the Benedictine Monks. This first year provided me the opportunity to see what monastic life was about. I had no clue what a monk was or did. When I saw the brothers heading out every day to the dairy, the farm, gardens, etc. I found it very appealing, much more appealing than Latin grammar. After one year of college, I decided to give it a try.

After about 2 years of formation and experience, I made my first vows on May 10, 1960. We were much more agrarian and not geared toward intellectualism. I have seen many changes in 50 years. Now most of our manual labor is done with hired help. I have worked in practically every department since being here, dairy, print shop, maintenance, kitchen, church manager, weatherman, and orchard.

My most memorable experience was the renewal of the Abbey Basilica. This took almost 10 years, and I was on the planning committee from the beginning. The Basilica is the very heart of the community where we gather 5 times a day to sing/recite the Divine Office (psalms, hymns, and Scripture readings). This and daily Mass are what sustains us through the trials of community living. Rubbing elbows with the same people day in and day out allows enduring bonds and a few bruises.

Growing up in a large and loving family was a great preparation for monastic life.

Every year at Thanksgiving we honor the Jubilarians who celebrate Profession or Ordination anniversaries. It is mostly a community celebration and is very low key. A family celebration will be held the weekend of May 8-9, 2010 in Chillicothe at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Births and Baptisms

- Grace Vulgamott, daughter of Kerby and Amanda (Watson) Vulgamott, 01/11/05
- Addison Vulgamott, daughter of Kerby and Amanda (Watson) Vulgamott, 10/20/06
- Quentin Fromaz son of Steve and Sarah (Vulgamott) Fromaz, 5/8/08
- Tyler Carmichael Jackson, son of Sean and Debbie (Bonderer) Jackson, 9/4/08
- Margaux Harris daughter of Jill (Lair) and James Harris, 12/10/08
- Quinn Bourne Saccaro, son of Nicholas and Kimberly Bourne Saccaro, 12/3/09
- Derrick Alexander Tate son of Shawn and Kayla Tate, 2/13/09
- Clara Ashton Burnett daughter of Clint and Misty Burnett, 3/19/09
- Elijah Lyon Constant son of J.W. and Courtney (Walker) Constant, 3/30/09
- Olivia Grace Lightner daughter of Shane and Heather Lightner, 4/2/09
- Corbin Dale Potts son of Clint and Kelly Potts, 4/5/09
- Lake Englert son of Tracy and Andrea Englert, 4/18/09
- Abigail Rose Marshall daughter of Jeff and Kim Marshall, 6/8/09
- Patrick Ryne Skradski son of Jimmy and Abby (Murrell) Skradski, June 17, 2009
- Marin Willo Hinkebein, daughter of Chris and Tiffeny (Dominique) Hinkebein, 7/9/09
- Suzannah Rose Leifker daughter of Scott and Janette (Summy) Leifker, 7/18/09
- Rocky Behrand Sherer, son of Kelly and Amanda (Miller) Sherer 9/26/09

Congratulations!

Awards received by Bishop Hogan Students in May

- Taylor Richardson received first place in the DAR American History Essay Competition grade 7.
- Shayler Keller received first place in the American Legion Essay

Contest on the 5th grade level.

- Connor Bonderer received first place in the American Legion Essay Contest on the 7th grade level.
- Bridgett Kieffer received first place in the American Legion Essay Contest on the 8th grade level.
- Elliot Keller received first place for Bishop Hogan in the VFW Patriot Pen Contest.
- Mackenzie Barnett received second place for Bishop Hogan in the VFW Patriot Pen Contest.
- Nathan Laidler received third place for Bishop Hogan in the VFW Patriot Pen Contest.
- Shayler Keller Bishop Hogan winner in the 5th grade Soil and Water Conservation poster contest.
- Robert Rupp Bishop Hogan winner in 5th grade Soil and Water Conservation poster contest.
- Carly Carlton Bishop Hogan winner in 6th grade Soil and Water Conservation poster contest.
- Elliot Keller Bishop Hogan winner in 7th grade Soil and Water Conservation poster contest.
- Stephanie Summerville Bishop Hogan winner in the 6th Soil and Water Conservation poster contest.
- Robert Rupp received first place, and Shaylor Keller received Honorable Mention in the state poster contest sponsored by the Missouri Highway Patrol titled "Bring Our Missing Children Home"

Congratulations to Bishop Hogan Alumni or Friends of Alumni

Zach Garr, Evan Metry, Marissa Foli, Jake Mathew, Danielle Beck, Andie Cassity, Thomas Cassity, and Aaron Kerr were recognized in CHS Instrumental and Vocal Students.

Mike Lair for receiving special recognition as an outstanding first year representative in the 2008-09 term in Missouri House of Representatives. Mike served on BHS School Board.

Reece Crawford was selected the Constitution-Tribune's 2009 Dad of the Year. His daughter Carleigh wrote: "My daddy should be father of the year' because he loves his BIG family. He had to take care of me and my four brothers one weekend because my mom was sick. He took us 4-wheel riding and to church all by himself. He tries to set good examples. That is why he is the best dad ever." Congratulations, Reece.

Robert and Judy Quinn for celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on August 4, 2009.

Bob and Pat Trantham for celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on July 18, 2009.

Charlie and Sharron Stedem for celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on April 11, 2009.

Charlie Kerr for attending the Missouri Farm Bureau annual Legislative Briefing in Jefferson City.

Rebecca Kerr for attending the Missouri Farm Bureau 2009 Young Farmers

and Ranchers Leadership Conference at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach.

Andie Cassity for being one of two class speakers at graduation. What an honor!

Reverend Allan Stetz. OSB appointed Pastor of St. Columban Parish, Conception Junction effective July 9, 2009.

Reverend Augustine Dreiling, O. S. B. to retire to Conception Abbey.

New Church Steeple

Recently, the new copper steeple was raised on St. Columban Church. The original cross, which has been copper covered was placed at the top of the steeple. This brings the church back to its original height and appearance. See the complete article at www.stcolumbanonline.org.

