

SOARING EAGLE

ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY AND BISHOP HOGAN MEMORIAL ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Vol. No. 4
February, 2008

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings again from Bishop Hogan Memorial School. We are rapidly approaching the third quarter. St. Valentine's Day parties are now over and when this time comes, the end of the school year is not far behind. I want to personally thank all who gave so generously to the mailing. The funds were used for needed textbooks. We are now on a new project to improve the bathrooms. (See article in this newsletter.) If you can, please give generously to a much needed improvement. God bless you and remember to keep Bishop Hogan in your prayers. - Fr. Tom

CAN YOU HELP US?

We are constantly trying to update our list of alumni. We still have many holes or weak spots. If you know the location of a St. Joseph Academy and/or a Bishop Hogan Memorial alumni, please email the address to J. Hinkebein (bhink@greenhills.net)

YEARLY DINNER AUCTION

This year's dinner auction will be held on Saturday, April 12th. The theme is "Guess Who's Turning 50?". Mark your calendar and plan to attend an evening of fun. If you cannot attend but have items that can be used in the auction, call the school office (660-646-0705) or Sheila Ealey, donations coordinator (660-707-0688) and you will be contacted.

BHS CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Winners of the local VFW writing contest: Hannah Boone, daughter of Mike and Liz Boone won first and Addie Stottlemire, daughter of Chad Stottlemire won second. Congratulations to both.

Bishop Hogan fifth and sixth graders placed first in the Chillicothe Holiday Parade in the Youth Division.

The eighth grade class and two students from the CCD class traveled to Washington DC on January 19 to 23 to participate in the March For Life. This is a very moving field trip.

WEDDING BELLS

Ashley Hoyt and Clinton Isaacs on August 25, 2007

Elizabeth (Beth) Hinkebein and Anthony Heil on September 15, 2007
Abby Murrell and James Skradski on September 22, 2007

Clint Lauhoff and Kristy Singer on September 29, 2007

Adrienne Conrad and Justin Fowler on October 13, 2007

Justin Walter and Kimberly Marie Lampe on October 27, 2007

Erica Davis and Joshua Penn on January 26, 2008

NEW ADDITIONS

Kaelyn Grace Potts daughter of Clint and Kelly Diggs Potts born on 4/10/2007

Margo McVey Maddox daughter of Curt and Maury Marshall born on 5/25/2007

Jack Maclain Marshall son of Jarrod and Amber Gerhart Marshall born on 7/11/2007

Evie Theresa Moore daughter of Matt and Tracie May Moore born on 7/20/2007

Maecy Marquel Hinkebein daughter of Chris and Tiffeny Dominique Hinkebein born on 9/10/2007

Gracie Jo Sherer daughter of Kelly and Amanda Miller Sherer born on 9/20/2007

Gavin Marshal Leifker, son of Scott and Janette Summy Leifker born on 10/17/2007

Addilynn Grace Ficken daughter of Doug and Jodi Bailey Bonderer and Spencer Ficken born on 10/27/2007

Glenna McVey Barnett and Gracelynn Marie Barnett twin daughters of Blaine and Molly Marshall Barnett born on 11/13/2007

Oliver Benson Perry son of Brent and Lindsey Paulus Perry born on 11/29/2007

Emerson Reese Staton daughter of Jeff and Shelley Staton born on 1/15/2008

IN MEMORY:

Clarence Ralston - 9/1/2007

Emily Bauer - 9/9/2007

Virginia Simkins - 9/18/2007

Gertrude Peggy Stauber - 10/8/2007

Mary Lou Haston - 10/23/2007

Joseph Forrest Donoho - 10/31/2007

William Fostek - 1/07/2008

Donna Fish - 1/14/2008

Faye Englert - 1/15/2008

Mary Jensen - 1/17/2008

Joseph Ruppel - 2/8/2008

ALUMNI ACCOLADES

Congratulations to Rebecca Kerr who has been named a Missouri Farm Bureau Ambassador. Rebecca is a student at University of Missouri in Columbia.

MEET THE ALUMNI

Bob Conrad -When I left Chillicothe in August of 1971, I never imagined I would come back on a permanent basis.

Since my return in October 1981, I can't imagine living anywhere else. My parents were still living here then, but both are now gone. My wife, Mary, and I raised two daughters here and both attended Bishop Hogan. Now I know most of us have a humorous story from when we attended Bishop Hogan or St. Joseph Academy. I know I have my share of memories, and now fully realize why most of them ended up being painful when I was caught.

The recent return of one of my classmates to the area has helped

rekindle an interest in getting the group together on a regular basis. The first gathering was attended by every classmate that we could contact, or about two-thirds of the boys in the 1967 eighth grade class. The evening was a wonderful trip down memory lane, and each of our subsequent gatherings has been just as enjoyable. At some of our more recent get-togethers, we have included classmates from the public high school who became friends during our junior and senior years. They laugh just as hard as we do at our forty year old recollections. At the last gathering, one of them said that we seemed to have had a lot more fun in school than they had. My response was "That's why I never felt like a Hornet, but that I would always be an Eagle."

If any of our out-of-town classmates plan to be in Chillicothe and would like to get together, don't hesitate to call. We'll arrange something. For the locals we may have been unable to contact, you're always welcome. Just let us know if you want to be included in our next gathering.

Editor's note: I want to thank Bob for his continued support and help given to Bishop Hogan. Never once when I was principal and asked for help, did he ever turn me down, even when it was right in the middle of busy tax time. Thanks Bob, I will always appreciate your kindness. J.H.

Stephan Franke - Almost everyday I find myself reminiscing about one of the many activities I participated in at Bishop Hogan; from the 8th grade Haunted House, to the bake-sales, or the great games of kickball. During my ten plus years at Bishop Hogan I enjoyed some of the best times of my life. After my eighth grade graduation I was nervous about the length and difficulty of the high school work ahead of me. As it turned out my six fellow graduates and I were better equipped to excel than most other students in our grade. Bishop Hogan not only prepares students academically but the close working conditions create special relationships with classmates. It was truly great; everyday I got to spend seven hours with my closest friends. Students not only create bonds with fellow classmates but also with their teachers. I came to love all of my teachers, a few of which I know I will stay in contact with for life. The fall of 2007 I started as a Junior at Pembroke Hill in

Kansas City and I am swimming for the K.C. Blazer Swim Team. I will always feel a sense of pride when talking about Bishop Hogan. When walking the halls of my old school I can't help but think of the family of friends it has given me.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Sister Ancilla Grovijohn, OSF is a graduate of St. Joseph Academy and also a former teacher. Sister entered the Sisters of St. Francis in 1936 at the age of sixteen and finished high school at the Academy in 1938. After her profession of vows in 1940, Sister was sent to a variety of parishes and schools in Missouri, and in her long teaching career taught a wide range of grade levels. Finally returning to St. Joseph's Academy in the 1960's, she taught American History. Sister remembers her teaching days with much fondness, but now in "semi-retirement" is fulfilling God's will by serving in the convent dining room and visiting the sick at LaVerna Village in Savannah. (You can reach St. Ancilla at 104 E. Park St., Box 488, Savannah, MO 64485-0488.)

A NEW PROJECT

We are now beginning a new project. Remember those years that you were swinging from the stalls in the main bathrooms or bouncing balls against them? Well, the bathrooms are in desperate need of repair and now you can make restitution! ☺ This project will replace the toilets, sinks, stalls, and lighting in both girls' and boys' bathrooms. Our target date for completion is August 2008, in time for the new school year. We currently have \$7,052.00 toward the total cost of \$17,126.00 which includes all labor and parts. If you can help, your kindness will be greatly appreciated. You can send your donation to St. Columban Church c/o Bishop Hogan School Bathroom Project, 1111 Trenton Street, Chillicothe, MO 64601.