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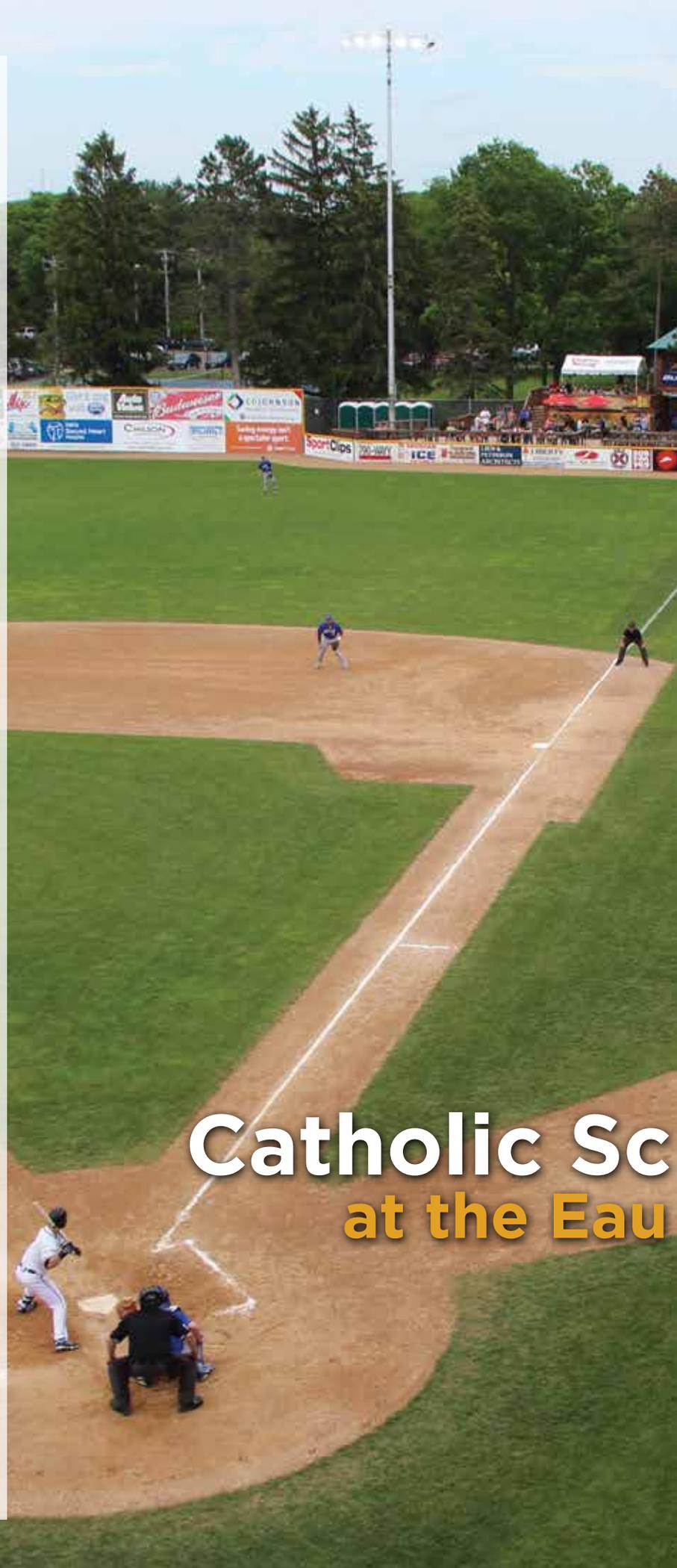
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Families from Catholic schools around the area gathered at Eau Claire's Carson Park on June 7 to celebrate faith-based education at the ballpark! It was an evening of fun and fellowship, sponsored by Regis Catholic Schools.

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Report from the Dean

Congratulations on a successful year at Regis Catholic Schools!

This is my first year as Dean and I would like to say that I am impressed with the caliber of quality among the students, faculty and staff. It is a pleasure for me to hear from people about the good impressions made by the Regis community to the Eau Claire area. You represent the Faith and the Church well!

May the Lord give you a summer of relaxation and enjoyment in preparation for the coming school year.

Rev. Don Meuret
Dean, Eau Claire Deanery

Report from the President

As we tie-up the loose ends of the 2014-15 academic year and start implementing the vision for 2015-16, we at Regis Catholic Schools take time to reflect and give thanks for all the wonderful things that have transpired. On June 3, sixty graduates from Regis High School joined the thousands of alumni from that institution and St. Patrick's High School. All of us at Regis Catholic Schools take pride in their accomplishments and look forward to seeing them prosper in the pursuit of their dreams.

During the summer, we are always looking for ways to improve. The principals are assessing the student progress monitoring tools we used for the first time this past school year. Initial reports show these were a success and next year, we will add an additional measurement in math. Other than a new format for checking academic growth for our kindergarten and first grade students, we will enter Phase Two of the long-range plan in providing feedback to our teachers and parents.

One important change was predicated on the resignation of our Controller Denise Boos. Her contributions to Regis Catholic Schools were important as we improved our system's financial state. Her intelligence and integrity will be missed and we wish her the best at her new place of employment, Northwestern Bank in Chippewa Falls. We are pleased to announce that Todd Littfin has taken her place. (You can read more about Todd in a few pages!) I would also like to thank our Accounting Assistant Shari Strand who left us on June 17. She went above and beyond during the interim when we had no Controller.

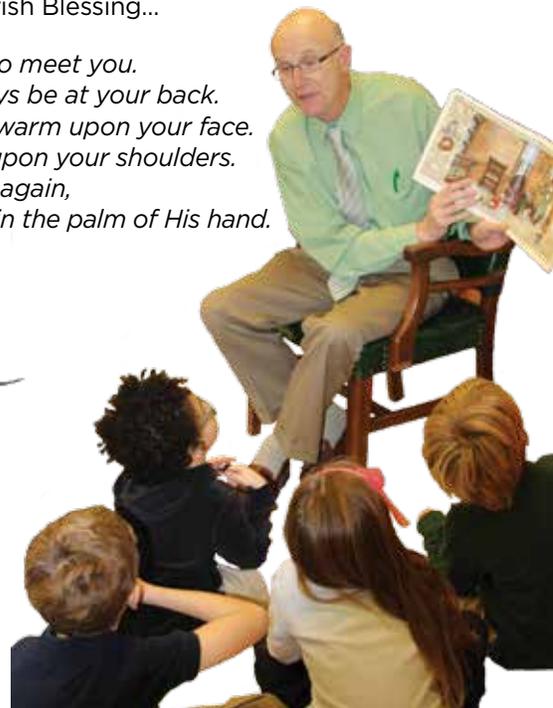
At the last teachers meeting, it was time to say farewell to a couple of Regis High School alumni who have retired from teaching. Sr. Judy Kramer '56 came back and taught middle school Spanish and was a delightful asset to our community. Mr. Terry Allen '67 must have the longevity record with 42 years of faithful service at Regis High School. (He was the Athletic Director for 39 years.) We will miss their contributions and professionalism, but rejoice in celebrating how blessed we were to have their presence at Regis Catholic Schools.

At this time, it is appropriate to say a final good-bye to the graduating seniors, retiring faculty and staff members not returning for the 2015-16 school year with that familiar Irish Blessing...

*May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
And rains fall soft upon your shoulders.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

God Bless.

Mark Gobler '73
President





Teacher Appreciation Day 2015

To help celebrate, Regis Catholic Schools President Mark Gobler visited our teachers on May 5 to hand-deliver apples in appreciation for all they do! We are blessed to have such wonderful educators at our facilities.



ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

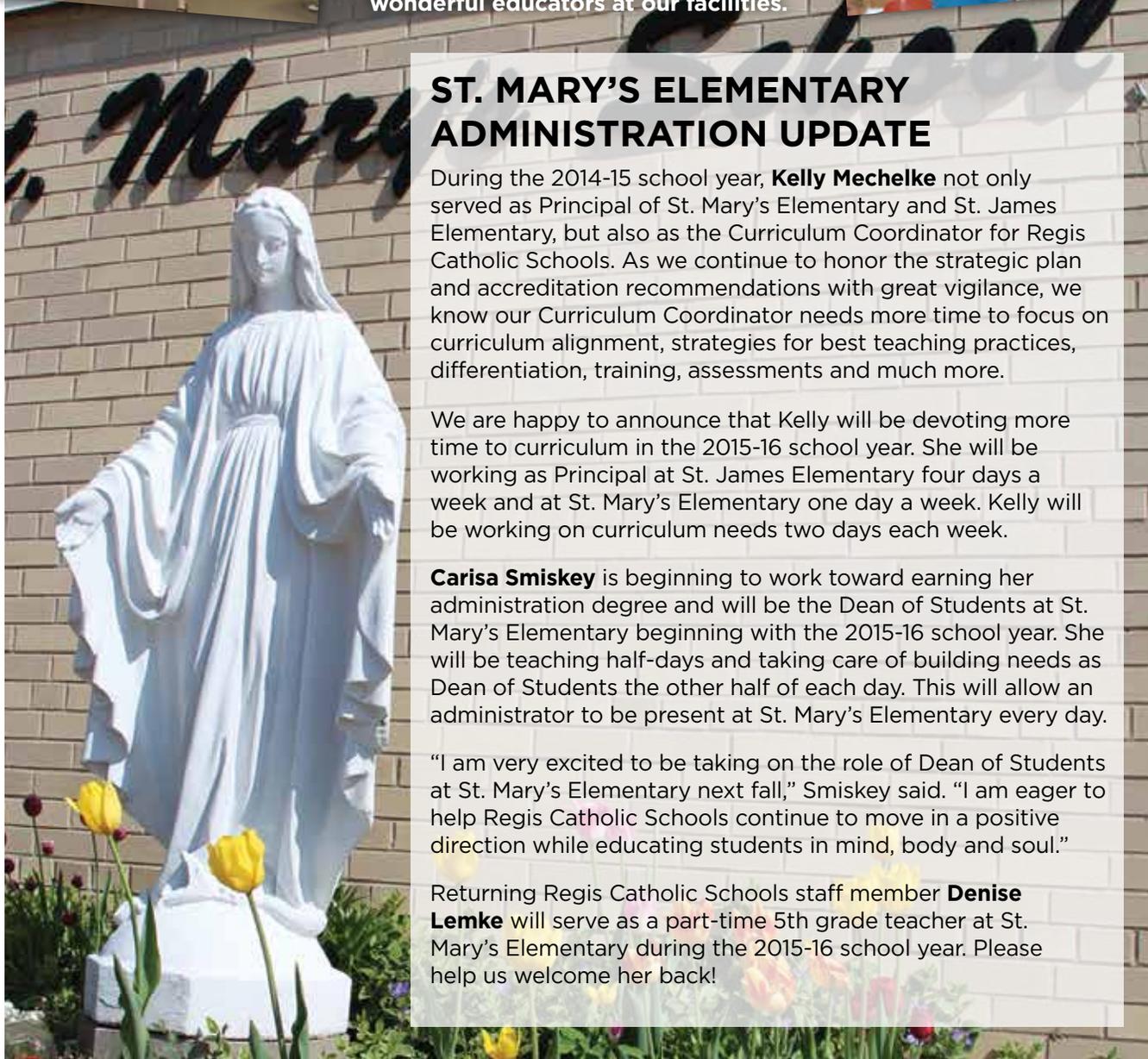
During the 2014-15 school year, **Kelly Mechelke** not only served as Principal of St. Mary's Elementary and St. James Elementary, but also as the Curriculum Coordinator for Regis Catholic Schools. As we continue to honor the strategic plan and accreditation recommendations with great vigilance, we know our Curriculum Coordinator needs more time to focus on curriculum alignment, strategies for best teaching practices, differentiation, training, assessments and much more.

We are happy to announce that Kelly will be devoting more time to curriculum in the 2015-16 school year. She will be working as Principal at St. James Elementary four days a week and at St. Mary's Elementary one day a week. Kelly will be working on curriculum needs two days each week.

Carisa Smiskey is beginning to work toward earning her administration degree and will be the Dean of Students at St. Mary's Elementary beginning with the 2015-16 school year. She will be teaching half-days and taking care of building needs as Dean of Students the other half of each day. This will allow an administrator to be present at St. Mary's Elementary every day.

"I am very excited to be taking on the role of Dean of Students at St. Mary's Elementary next fall," Smiskey said. "I am eager to help Regis Catholic Schools continue to move in a positive direction while educating students in mind, body and soul."

Returning Regis Catholic Schools staff member **Denise Lemke** will serve as a part-time 5th grade teacher at St. Mary's Elementary during the 2015-16 school year. Please help us welcome her back!



Administration & Pastoral Changes



Regis Catholic Schools is happy to introduce **Todd Littfin** as our new Controller.

Todd grew up in northern Wisconsin and served in the United States Air Force in the early 1990s. In 1996, he was honorably discharged

from the active Air Force and joined the Air Force Reserve.

In 1998, Todd started his collegiate studies at UW-La Crosse and then transferred to UW-River Falls, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 2001.

Shortly after graduation and following 9/11, Todd found himself back on active duty for nearly 2 1/2 years in support of the Global War on Terror. Todd's family moved to the Eau Claire area in 2006 and returned again after a short stint living in the Denver area and working at Buckley AFB.

Todd and his wife, Susan, have two children in the Regis Catholic Schools system.



Regis Catholic Schools is happy to introduce **Tracy Yengo** as our new Regis High School Athletic Director and Safe Environment Coordinator.

Tracy grew up in New Jersey. After transferring from West Point, she earned a Bachelor

of Science degree in Physical/Health Education from Springfield College in Massachusetts. After being awarded a teaching fellowship, she earned a Master of Science degree in Athletic Administration. She is an employee at UW-Eau Claire in the Kinesiology and Athletic Departments.

Tracy and her husband, Sean, have four children in the Regis Catholic Schools system.

Diocesan Changes



Dr. Susan Holman, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, resigned from her position at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

Thomas Reichenbacher, Assistant Superintendent

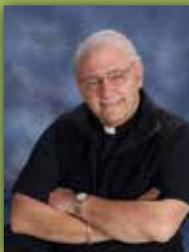
of Catholic Schools, was appointed Superintendent of Catholic Schools, effective June 1, 2015. We welcome Mr. Reichenbacher to his new role!

Pastoral Changes



The Reverend Daniel E. Oudenhoven, Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor) of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish in Wisconsin Rapids and Chaplain at Assumption Middle and High Schools in Wisconsin Rapids, has been

appointed Parochial Administrator of the Newman Parish in Eau Claire. Fr. David Olson moved to an academic career, teaching at Mundelein Seminary.



The Reverend Paul E. Hoffman, Pastor of Saint Anthony de Padua Parish in Athens and Saint Thomas in Milan, has been appointed Pastor of St. Olaf Parish in Eau Claire. The Reverend Felix Tigoy has been appointed

Pastor of Saint Patrick Parish in Halder and Sacred Heart Parish in Cassel.

Faculty & Staff Appreciation Awards

2015 Teacher of the Year

Regis Child Development Center: Jessica Hatzinger

Jessica has been a teacher in our Regis Catholic Schools early childhood program for eight years, with a focus on infant and toddlers. Jessica has grace, skill and a gentle soul that young children gravitate toward. She has extraordinary levels of patience, enthusiasm, creativity and, above all, a love for early childhood education. She cares tremendously about the progress and well-being of each child in her care and is committed to providing a loving and educational environment for young children.

Genesis Child Development Center: Cassie Pettis

Cassie has been working with the infants at the Genesis Child Development Center for the past two years. She has a special nurturing and calming nature that parents trust and young children respond to. She provides an encouraging environment and many hands-on activities that promote each child's growth and development.

Immaculate Conception Elementary: Christi Machler

Christi is a 5th grade teacher at Immaculate Conception Elementary. Her pleasant personality allows her to be both caring and heartfelt in the classroom. She instills motivation in the students with global outreach community service projects such as collections for military families, the St. Francis Food Pantry, Catholic Charities and Bob's House for Dogs.

St. James Elementary: Andy Niese

Andy is the physical education teacher at St. James Elementary. He also teaches middle school physical education and is the Regis Middle School Athletic Director. He places an emphasis on our students' health and wellness and is a staff member we can count on. Andy also works hard each year to help organize and run Sports Day for our 4th and 5th grade students.

St. Mary's Elementary: Wendy Peterson

Wendy is a veteran teacher who shares with novice teachers. As a preschool teacher, she works with the Altoona Public School District and Regis Catholic Schools to juggle schedule variances with grace. Wendy's lessons are consistently dynamic and she is quick to share her passion for teaching with others.

Tony Olson

Tony is the physical education teacher at St. Mary's Elementary. He also teaches physical education at Immaculate Conception Elementary. He approaches teaching with the utmost care for students' health and wellness, giving them the opportunity to enjoy physical activity. Tony also helps organize and run the annual Sports Day event for our 4th and 5th grade students.

Regis Middle School: Sr. Judy Kramer

Sr. Judy Kramer '56 has retired after many years of service to Regis. She was most recently a middle school Spanish teacher. Her energy and sense of humor in the classroom made learning fun and meaningful. Sr. Judy also brought a strong faith dimension to her lessons. She will be missed by students and staff alike!

Regis High School: Terry Allen

Terry '67 has retired after 42 years of service to Regis. His dedicated service to Regis will be greatly missed. Terry was always known to 'make time' for coaches when questions and concerns came up and he is widely respected among area athletic directors and coaches.

2015 Support Staff of the Year

Bonnie Firkus

Bonnie is the Regis High School and Athletic Administrative Assistant. She has worked for the Regis Catholic Schools system for the past 19 years, spending 18 of them as an elementary computer teacher. Bonnie has a very strong work ethic and is quick to find solutions to problems. She is a valued individual who does a great job of keeping the high school office running smoothly!

Years of Service

5 Years

Kayla Bahhub
Jack Paulsrud

10 Years

Corissa McCoy
Mary Knutson
Jeffrey McLain
Carisa Smiskey
Ann Hoffmann

20 Years

Donna Naedler
Bonita Roach
Renee Cassidy

Retiring

Sr. Judy Kramer
Terry Allen

Diocesan Administrator of the Year

Renee Cassidy, Principal of Immaculate Conception Elementary, has been recognized as the Diocesan Administrator of the Year for 2014-2015.

On April 17, hundreds of faculty and administrators gathered in Altoona for the annual Diocesan Staff Development event. That's when Superintendent Dr. Susan Holman presented Cassidy with this prestigious award.

"I am humbled, honored and proud to represent Immaculate Conception Elementary and Regis Catholic Schools as the recipient of this award," Cassidy said. "I could not do my job without the support and dedication of the staff at Immaculate Conception Elementary."

"Renee was the driving force behind our recent accreditation success from AdvanceED and is widely recognized within the Diocese for her

contributions in curricular and staff evaluation committees," added Regis Catholic Schools President Mark Gobler. "We are blessed to have her at Regis Catholic Schools."



Walk for Virtues



On May 15, students from Immaculate Conception Elementary, St. James Elementary and St. Mary's Elementary gathered for the 2015 Walk for Virtues! The annual event is an opportunity to publicly illustrate our faith-based education while raising awareness of and support for our elementary schools.

During the school year, our elementary students focus on various virtues; values such as Faith, Love, Patience, Kindness, Compassion, Sacrifice and Forgiveness. Those virtues were displayed along the three mile route to visually reinforce our commitment to our faith-based education.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ELEMENTARY

Raised **\$34,000**, which will be used for field trip transportation, iPads, student desks and chairs, guided reading books and items not budgeted.

ST. JAMES ELEMENTARY

Raised **\$9,800**, which will be used for an air conditioning unit for the new computer lab and to expand the iPad cart.

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY

Raised **\$11,050**, which went towards the playground project.



THANK YOU to those of you who made generous donations of money and time. We are grateful for your support.

New Playground at St. Mary's Elementary

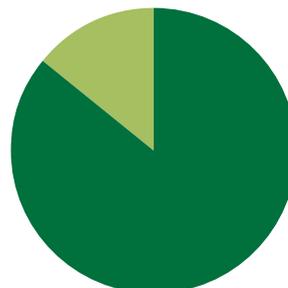


There's a new and exciting addition to St. Mary's Elementary! The school has installed a brand new playground for its youngest students.

The new playground, which is both safer and age appropriate, has space for climbing, sliding, jumping, running, music, art, dramatic play and exploring the outdoors.

The time students spend outdoors every day is just as important to their learning and growth as the time they spend inside the classroom. St. Mary's Elementary is excited to share this new addition with students for years to come!

Playground Funding



14%
St. Mary's
Elementary

86%
Regis Catholic
Schools

Report

from the classrooms

Regis Catholic Schools continues to utilize AimsWeb, our in-house computer program, which allows us to measure each student's academic level and use progress monitoring for their individual growth more efficiently and effectively. We are continuing staff development in grades 2-8, as we must unfold the assessment training in an appropriate sequential manner.

We will be implementing PALS (Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening) with our K-1 students during the 2015-16 school year. PALS-K is a measure of a child's knowledge of several important literacy fundamentals, such as phonological awareness, alphabet recognition, concept of word, knowledge of letter sounds and spelling. The program provides a direct means of matching literacy instruction to specific literacy needs.

Beyond kindergarten, PALS is designed to measure a young child's knowledge of important literacy fundamentals and can be used as a diagnostic tool to provide teachers with explicit information to help guide their teaching and subsequently student learning. This assessment also provides a means of identifying those children who need extra support in their acquisition of these fundamental literacy skills.

We currently use PALS-Pre-K for our 4K programs at St. Mary's Elementary and the Genesis and Regis Child Development Centers.

AimsWeb and PALS both aid us in helping all students achieve at their highest potential by using progress monitoring more efficiently and effectively. Maintaining a culture that supports continuous improvement requires on-going self-reflection mixed with encouraging motivation and active engagement for all.



Kelly Mechelke
Curriculum Coordinator



Scholarship

Regis Middle School student Anna Allen has been selected as a local winner in the 2015 Kohl's Cares® Scholarship Program! She received a Kohl's Cares® certificate, a \$50 Kohl's gift card and a window cling to show others her achievement! Her teacher, Mrs. Klotz, nominated Anna for her outstanding number of volunteer service hours in the community.

Way to go!

Congratulations Graduates!

On June 3, Regis High School presented diplomas to **sixty graduates from the Class of 2015.**



It was a special evening that marked the end of one chapter and the beginning of another.



Please keep our graduates in your prayers as they begin a new journey in *life.*

“ It is a great source of pride to watch our students walk across the stage on graduation night. Their accomplishments both academically and in co-curricular activities once again continue the great Regis tradition of excellence. ”

Principal Paul Pedersen,
Regis High School



Class of 2015

Shane Allen
St. Cloud Technical and
Community College

Adam Anderson

UW-Stout

Jacob Andre

Winona State
University

Kathryn Annis

UW-Eau Claire

Joseph Bayola

UW-Stout

Adam Behling

UW-Stout

Emily Behling

UW-Oshkosh

Christina Benning

University of
St. Thomas

Jessica Benson

UW-Eau Claire

Brooke Bergeman

UW-Stout

Zachary Brandrup

Marian University

Moriah Branick

The College of
St. Scholastica

Brianna Brickner

Providence College

Jaxon Brown

North Dakota
State University

Gabrielle Brucker

Gordon College
(Wenham, MA)

Tyler Bush

UW-Stout

Samuel Byrne

Michigan Technological
University

Mary Callaghan

UW-Madison

Andrew Darge

Concordia University
(Chicago)

Colton Davis

UW-La Crosse

Daylon DeSouza

North Iowa Bulls
Hockey (Mason City, IA)

Haley Gibbons

Davenport
University

Meghan Gobler

UW-Stevens Point

Samuel Hellman

St. Norbert College

Allison Jacobson

UW-Madison

Brianna Johnson

Lakeland College

Samuel Johnson

UW-Stout

Sean Jordan

Berklee College
of Music

Gunnar Kern

South Dakota
State University

Nolan Kern

University of
Sioux Falls

Akber Khan

UW-Madison

Aissa Kidess

Creighton University

Matthew Laatsch

The College of
St. Scholastica

Sean Lokken

UW-Stout

Nicklaus Lovelien

Working, Touring
with 513FREE

Logan Marlaire

Winona State
University

Brady Martin

Viterbo University

Tahlyr McCarty

UW-Eau Claire

Katie Menning

Madison Area
Technical College (Medical)

Taylor Millington

Texas Christian
University

Richard Misischia

Birmingham-Southern
College

Natalia Nunez

Chippewa Valley
Technical College

Hannah Ottevaere

UW-La Crosse

Cameron Pedersen

North Dakota
State University

Tyler Peterson

University of
Minnesota-Twin Cities

Mitchell Petit

South Dakota
State University

Natalie Pieterick

Hamline University

Patrick Reardon

University of
St. Thomas

Hannah Redinger

University of
Mary (North Dakota)

Madison Roettger

University of
Minnesota-Rochester

Quintin Sabelko

UW-Stout

Delaney Schober

Winona State
University

Ruyuan Shen

Marymount California
University

Beth Strand

UW-Madison

John Thurner

University of
St. Thomas

Bridget Usher

Saint Mary's College
(Notre Dame, IN)

Benjamin Walker

UW-Eau Claire

William Wampler

Drake University

Benjamin Wislinsky

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Minnesota-Duluth

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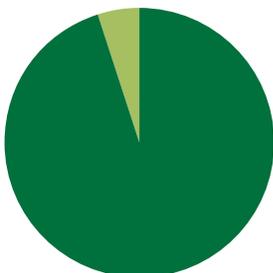
Natalie Pieterick '15: David Pieterick '83 (Father)
Katie Menning '15: Mary Gagnon '73 (Mother),
 Monica (Walter) Gagnon '48 (Grandmother)
Meghan Gobler '15: Jim Gobler '81 (Father),
 George Gobler '51 (Grandfather)
Brianna Johnson '15: Gloria Mae (Girard)
 Johnson '50 (Grandmother)
Nolan Kern '15: Rich Kern '86 (Father)
Samuel Hellman '15: Eugene Hellman '57 (Grandfather)

BACK ROW

Zachary Brandrup '15: Tiffany Brandrup '92 (Mother),
 Carol (Aylesworth) Brandrup '65 (Grandmother)
Tyler Bush '15: Charles Bush '57 (Grandfather)
Logan Marlaire '15: Natalyn (Persons)
 Marlaire '88 (Mother)
Cameron Pedersen '15: Paul Pedersen '89 (Father),
 Dan Pedersen '69 (Grandfather), Jane (Knutson)
 Pedersen '69 (Grandmother)
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Samuel Byrne '15: Lisa (Campbell) Byrne '82 (Mother)

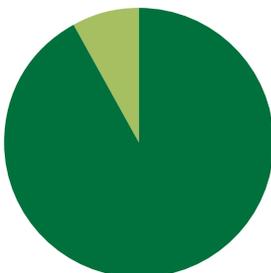
2015 REGIS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR EXIT SURVEY

Did you have a positive learning experience at Regis High School?



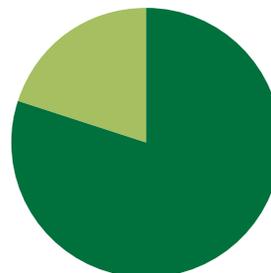
95% Yes
5% No

Did you feel you received challenging subject matter in the courses you took at Regis High School?



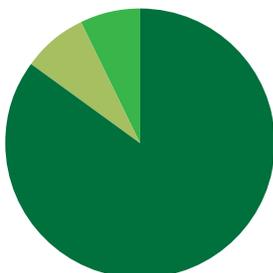
92% Yes
8% No

Did Regis High School provide you with an adequate foundation in your spiritual growth?



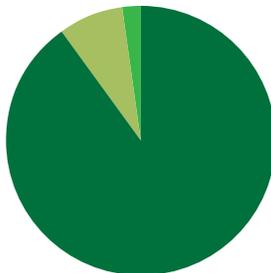
80% Yes
20% No

Overall, how would you rate the learning environment at Regis High School?



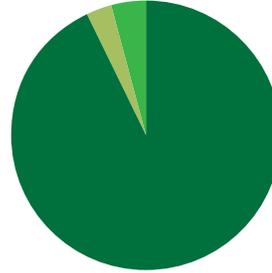
85% Excellent/Good
8% Average
7% Below Average

Overall, how well did your experience at Regis High School help you become a positive contributing member of society?



90% Excellent/Good
8% Average
2% Below Average

How proud are you about having graduated from Regis High School?



93% Excellent/Good
3% Average
4% Below Average

Caps and Gowns

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Taking it easy is not in Christina Benning's vocabulary.

Benning was a 4.0 student at Regis High School and was accepted at prestigious schools like New York University, the University of Connecticut, Creighton University and Marquette University.

While at Regis, she was president of the Rotary Club, participated in forensics for four years, and was involved in campus ministry, Pep Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Academic Decathlon and the National Honor Society.

Benning also is heavily involved outside of school. Regis requires students to complete at least 25 hours of community service. Benning completed 176 hours as a junior and a similar amount as a senior.

Among the recipients of her time were The Community Table, St. Francis Food Pantry, serving as a teacher's assistant for religious studies for fourth-graders at Immaculate Conception School and being a peer tutor for other students at Regis.

Being active was encouraged by her parents, Earl and Dawn Benning, Benning said. "My parents always stressed getting involved and getting out there," she said. "Get involved as much as you can. My grandma said that too."

Staying involved and keeping her grades up became more of a challenge between Benning's junior and senior years in high school.

On her 18th birthday on July 30, she was diagnosed with Graves' disease, an immune system disorder that results in the overproduction of thyroid hormones. Signs and symptoms can be wide ranging. Graves' disease is most common among women under the age of 40.

Benning had surgery earlier this month to address swollen muscles around her eyes and will need to be on hormone replacement pills for the rest of her life. Benning's father, Earl, was diagnosed with prostate cancer at the end of her junior year and he had surgery a week before her 18th birthday. He never regained his color and was subsequently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

“My parents always stressed getting involved and getting out there.”

Earl Benning started chemotherapy and radiation and in February had surgery. The disease was diagnosed early and doctors thought they removed all the cancer through surgery.

But in late April doctors discovered that the cancer has spread throughout his abdomen. "He's back on chemotherapy. That's basically all they can do right now," Benning said.

Benning was originally going to

attend New York University but chose to stay closer to home by going to St. Thomas University in St. Paul. "I just wanted to spend as much time as I have with my dad and my family," she said. "But I am looking forward to going to St. Thomas."

Benning won three gold medals and one silver at the state forensics competition. A gold medal requires a perfect score of 25 out of 25 points. In her senior year, she scored 24 out of 25 points to receive a silver medal.

"She has maturity beyond her years," Judine Brey, an English teacher at Regis and the school's forensics coach, said of Benning.

If she couldn't make a practice or tournament because of health issues, "she rises to what's expected of her and a lot of times exceeds that," Brey said.

Benning was successful at forensics because she's thorough, Brey said.

"She likes writing and she's also very good at it. We don't have to spend a lot of time on rewrites," Brey said. "She also takes criticism well and is easy to coach."

Benning plans to major in psychology and pre-law at St. Thomas. She hopes to become a lawyer.

"I like the idea of being able to help people," she said, adding that her cousin is a medical malpractice attorney. "That helped me pave my interest a little more."

(During the time since this original article was published, Earl Benning passed away at the age of 53. The Benning family has established an endowed scholarship through the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation that will be given to a Regis High School senior who plans to study accounting in college.)

2015 VALEDICTORIANS



Christina Benning
Parents: Dawn & Earl Benning
(Immaculate Conception Parish)

Christina plans to attend the University of St. Thomas with

hopes to eventually go to law school for some form of medically-centered law.

How would you describe your experience at Regis High School?

"I really liked the people who were in my class and having the unique opportunity of knowing the majority of them from a really young age. The teachers were all very accommodating and helpful and I felt like I gained a lot of knowledge from the classes I took."

How does it feel to be one of the top students in your graduating class?

"Good. I feel like I've worked hard and overcame a lot to get here and maintain it and I'm looking forward to what will happen in the future."



Samuel Byrne
Parents: Don & Lisa Byrne
(St. James the Greater Parish)

Samuel plans to attend Michigan Technological

University to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. He hopes to one day work in the field of robotics.

How would you describe your experience at Regis High School?

"It was a good experience, and a lot of memories were made."

How does it feel to be one of the top students in your graduating class?

"It feels good to be rewarded for a lot of hard work."



Samuel Hellman
Parents: David & Elizabeth Hellman
(St. Mary's Parish)

Samuel plans to attend St. Norbert College with hopes to move into a

career or graduate school following graduation.

How would you describe your experience at Regis High School?

"I enjoyed my time at Regis. I made

some great friends, and received a quality education that will surely help me later in life."

How does it feel to be one of the top students in your graduating class?

"It is an honor, and a culmination of four years of dedication to my studies."



Allison Jacobson
Parents: Denise Escher, Kevin Escher & Randall Jacobson
(St. Mark Lutheran Church)

Allison plans to attend UW-Madison to

complete an undergraduate degree. She then wants to attend medical school, with plans to pursue a career as a doctor.

How would you describe your experience at Regis High School?

"My experience at Regis High School was one that was very interesting and I felt like I was a part of the Regis family. Regis was the best choice of high school for me in the area and I'm very glad I came here."

How does it feel to be one of the top students in your graduating class?

"It feels very satisfying to know that I'm at the top of my class. I worked extremely hard to maintain my GPA and balance extracurricular activities, and my hard work completely paid off. I'm proud to be one of the top students in my graduating class."



Sean Jordan
Parents: John & Marie Jordan
(Peace Lutheran Church)

Sean plans to attend the Berklee College of Music with goals of

working in the music industry, either as an audio engineer or a performer.

How would you describe your experience at Regis High School?

"Overall, I am very glad I came to Regis. It was initially a tough decision to move from Black River Falls to Eau Claire, but I am very glad that I did."

How does it feel to be one of the top students in your graduating class?

"It is a very satisfying feeling. It took a lot of hard work, but ultimately it has all been worth it."



Beth Strand
Parents: Shari & Harold Strand
(St. James the Greater Parish)

Beth plans to attend UW-Madison to study nursing.

How would you describe your experience at Regis High School?

"My experience at Regis High School was great. I enjoyed the learning environment and being able to know everyone. Regis provided me with a positive environment to learn and succeed later in life."

How does it feel to be one of the top students in your graduating class?

"To be one of the top students in my class feels rewarding. It is great to feel like my hard work throughout my high school career is paying off. The skills that I have gained from Regis will assist me throughout the rest of my life."

2015 SALUTATORIAN



Mitchell Petit
Parents: Doug & Paula Petit

Mitchell plans to attend South Dakota State University to study computer

science. He would love to get a career in software engineering. One of his dreams is to make games that people enjoy!

How would you describe your experience at Regis High School?

"My experience at Regis has been filled with the most memorable experiences of my life thus far. I am confident that the time I have spent here will prepare me for whatever the future throws at me."

How does it feel to be one of the top students in your graduating class?

"I am honored to be among the best, but I am grateful to be among them all. I have high hopes for the rest of my class, and know that all of us will do great things."

2015 Scholarship & Award Recipients

Art & Betty Coleman Scholarship

Heidi Skwierczynski

Father Daniel O'Reilly Memorial Scholarship

Laura Sokup

Sacred Heart/St. Patrick's Parish Scholarship

Marne Milanowski

Al Corneiller Memorial Scholarship

Vincent Lokken

St. James Parish Council of Catholic Women Scholarship

Evan Cook & Mason Lewis

Lydia Hanson Rock Scholarship

Laura Sokup

Class of 1980 Scholarship

Mason Lewis

Bob & Elsie Kappus Scholarship

McKenna Haller

Dave & Sandy Pieterick Scholarship

Keaton Comero

Bishop's Scholarship

Rebekah Thurner & Marne Milanowski

Bishop John Paul Class of '51 Scholarship

Jamie Holm

Greg "Mouse" Bement Memorial Scholarship

Lorren Postl

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Cheryl Wackwitz Memorial Scholarship

Natnael Raehl

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Edward A. Carlson Class of 1958 Scholarship

Regan Alexander

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St. Olaf Parish Scholarships

Drew Atkinson, Sarah Liming, Callie Jones, Savannah Heath & Lorren Postl

Frances Kurth Memorial Scholarship

Thane Ciulla

Trent Mobraaten Scholarship

Dakota Roettger

Regis Bridge Club Scholarship

Amber Darge

Mary Kay Bissell Memorial Scholarship

Julia Szepieniec

Michael J. Fedie Memorial Scholarship

Alayna Deignan

Emilio & Patricia Rinaldi Family Scholarship

Heidi Skwierczynski & Ethan Petersilka

John, Patricia & Neil McElroy Memorial Scholarship

Victoria Matson

George "Mike" & Patricia Carroll Memorial Scholarship

Tucker Comero

Michael Carroll '67 Memorial Scholarship

John Usher

Joseph Janz Class of 1983 Memorial Scholarship

Mishae Brey

Bob Duren Memorial Scholarship

Leanne Back & Savannah Heath

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

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Gunnar Kern, Mitchell Petit & Delaney Schober

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Emily Behling

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Jessica Benson

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Meghan Gobler

Grace Walsh Memorial Scholarship

Aissa Kidess & Mitchell Petit

AWARDS

Bishop's Medal

Samuel Byrne

Frank Zukaitis Awards

Natalie Pieterick & Zachary Brandrup



Sports



Girls Basketball

The Regis Girls Basketball team had a very good year, with a final record of 19-6. The team tied for 1st place in the Cloverbelt Conference. All-Conference Team members included Shae Brey (1st Team), Haley Gibbons and Hannah Anderson (2nd Team). Haley Gibbons was also selected to play in the WBCA Girls Basketball All-Star Game, representing Regis High School on the Division 4 North Team.

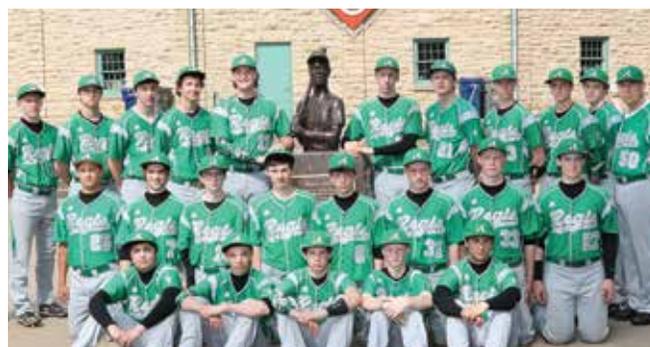
In May, Jim Negrini announced his resignation as Head Coach of the Girls Basketball team. Negrini began coaching at Regis in 1988 and continued through the 1998-99 season, returning again for the 2013-15 seasons.

Regis High School is happy to introduce Patrick Boughton as the new Head Coach of the Girls Basketball team.



Softball

The Regis Softball team finished the season with an overall record of 8-11 and a Cloverbelt Conference record of 7-8, putting the team in 4th place. The team entered the playoffs as the 6th seed, going on to beat 3rd seed Boyceville, but later losing to 2nd seed Elk Mound.



Baseball

The Regis Baseball team finished the season with an overall record of 14-10, while going 6-8 in the Western Cloverbelt Conference. After beating Cadott 10-3 to open the playoffs, the Ramblers were eliminated from the playoffs in a 4-3 heartbreaker to Durand.

2015 marked the third consecutive winning season for the Regis Baseball team, the longest such stretch since four consecutive winning seasons in 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.

In recognition of his outstanding senior season, Richie Mischia was named to the WBCA All-Star Classic in Oshkosh, which was held in late June. Additionally, Andy Niese was named as part of the twelve-member coaching staff.



Boys Golf

The Regis Boys Golf team had two players qualify for the WIAA Sectional Tournament; Grant Sandberg and Ben Walker. Ben missed a trip to the WIAA State Tournament by one stroke!

The team took 5th out of 11 teams in the Cloverbelt Conference.

Report



Track & Field

The Regis Boys and Girls Track & Field teams had a very successful 2015 season!

The Girls team won the Western Cloverbelt Conference title, the WIAA Regional title and the WIAA Sectional title, all for the third straight year. The Lady Ramblers qualified six athletes for the WIAA State Track & Field Championship, held at UW-La Crosse. Junior Kayla Neff placed 6th in the 200 and the 400 meter dashes and the 400 meter relay team placed 8th.



The Boys team won the Western Cloverbelt Conference title, was 2nd at the WIAA Regional and 4th at the WIAA Sectional. The Ramblers qualified six boys for the WIAA State Track & Field Championship. Junior Tom Cicha placed 4th in the 100 meter dash and the relay team of Jaxon Brown, Sean Jordan, Colton (Bubba) Davis and Tom Cicha placed 2nd in the 800 meter relay and took 1st in the 400 meter relay...both setting new school records!



Boys Tennis

The Regis Boys Tennis team had another successful season, winning a 7th straight Middle Border Conference Championship and advancing to the WIAA State Team Tournament for the 3rd straight season.

The team finished the regular season at 17-3 and advanced Marcus Bourget, Sam Stone and Brock Martin to the WIAA State Individual Championships.



Girls Soccer

A youthful Regis/McDonell Girls Soccer team ended its season with a WIAA Sectional Semi-Final loss to 2014 WIAA State Champion Wisconsin Rapids Assumption. The team finished the season with a 12-11-1 record.

Boys Basketball

A Season to Remember



I want to thank the Regis community for all your support of the Boys Basketball team this past season. We are proud to say we won 26 consecutive games, making it to the WIAA State Tournament and having the opportunity to play at the Kohl Center in Madison. We played and lost to a very talented Whitefish Bay Dominican team, led by Diamond Stone, a McDonald's All-American player.

I was pleased with how well our team handled the success we had this past season and how well the boys played as a team. It was during our tournament run that I started to see the chemistry of the team really come together. Our seniors provided the talent, leadership and experience to help us advance. Before every game, I would start our pregame preparation with a reminder that the team needed to "Play Hard, Play Smart and Together". They did just that.

We had some individual talent with Billy Wampler, a Division 1 player going to Drake University, who became the city of Eau Claire's All-Time Leading Scorer, overtaking another former player of mine and Regis graduate, Andy Fisher '93. Junior Logan Rohrscheib had a fantastic season and has

already scored more than 1,000 points. Other stand-out players included seniors Brady Martin, Zac Brandrup and Patrick Reardon and sophomores Cody Osborn and Brock Martin.

A special thanks to my assistant coaches, the parents, former Regis Athletic Director Terry Allen and the Regis Booster Club for their support. It was great to see the energy and enthusiasm back at the games. It was like old times again at Regis.

Playing in the WIAA State Tournament is something our team will never forget. I wish the outcome could have been a little different, but I was glad to be part of what these young men from Regis High School accomplished this past season.

Thank you for your support!

Bill Uelmen

Bill Uelmen
Head Coach



History of the Rambler



1964 - LATE 1970s



1970s



1970s



LATE 1970s - 2012



CURRENT RAMBLER

When Regis High School was built, Bishop John Paul chose the nickname “Ramblers” to connect the school to Notre Dame University, which had the “Ramblers” nickname prior to being named the “Fighting Irish”.

Notre Dame competed under the nickname “Catholics” during the 1800s and became more widely known as the “Ramblers” during the early 1920s in the days of the Four Horsemen.

The reasoning behind the “Ramblers” nickname for Notre Dame was that in the pre-flight days of college football, Notre Dame was the only team to take trains from coast to coast, so to compete against the best competition. The team train would make a RAMBLE RAMBLE noise as it came into town and the opposing teams and their fans would yell ‘Here come the Ramblers!’

Bishop John Paul’s strong admiration for Notre Dame University influenced close parallels between Notre Dame and Regis High School; everything from our school nickname to the Bishop John Paul Chapel at Regis, which was fashioned after the grotto on the campus of Notre Dame.

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Activities



Forensics

On April 18, thirty-six members of the Regis Forensics team competed at the Wisconsin High School Forensics Association State Festival. Students received medals based on their score, out of a possible 25.

REGIS AWARD WINNERS WERE:

Bronze Medalists (20-22 Points)

Senior Nick Lovelien - Radio Announcing
Senior Emily Behling - Prose
Sophomores Caleb Brickner, Jake Burns & Logan Jacobson - Group Interpretation

Silver Medalists (23-24 Points)

Senior Christina Benning - Moments in History
Junior Kate Dolan - Farrago

Senior Moriah Branick - Poetry
Senior Bridget Usher - Prose
Junior Sarah Liming - Prose
Seniors Tyler Bush, Patrick Reardon, John Thurner & Ben Wislinsky - Group Interpretation
Seniors Brianna Brickner, Taylor Millington, Hannah Ottevaere & Madi Roettger - Group Interpretation

Gold Medalists (25 Points)

Senior Tyler Peterson - Demonstration
Sophomore Jack Usher - Extemporaneous
Junior Joe Larsen - Extemporaneous
Senior Aissa Kidess - Extemporaneous
Freshman Nati Raehl - Four Minute
Freshman Lorren Postl - Four Minute
Freshman Anne McMenemy - Four Minute
Junior Olivia Huang - Moments in History
Junior Tori Matson - Poetry
Freshman Dakota Roettger - Prose
Junior Bridget McMenemy - Solo Acting
Sophomores Kate Burhop, Paige Daniels, Ariana Madson & Megan Ott - Play Acting
Seniors Meghan Gobler, Mitchell Petit & Junior Isaac Wolfe - Play Acting

Special congratulations to Mitchell Petit, who received his fourth consecutive gold medal at the 2015 Wisconsin High School Forensics Association State Festival. He is one of only three Regis students to have accomplished this feat!

Judges rate each student or performing group and the top five percent of point-earning schools are recognized with Excellence in Speech Awards. This year, 18 schools earned this honor, including Regis High School.



Theatre

In the spring of 2015, several Regis Middle and High School students were part of the cast for the production of 'Peter Pan', with senior Meghan Gobler serving as Student Director. The performances went beautifully, with some of the largest audiences ever for the spring play! The cast and crew did a fantastic job.

Report



Spanish Club

In March, members of the Spanish Club traveled to Spain! The group started in Madrid and toured south to the region of Andalucia. They traveled and toured through the cities of Segovia, Toledo, Granada, Sevilla and Huelva, where they stayed with Spanish families. The students say it was amazing to be immersed in another culture!

German Club

In March 2016, Regis High School junior and senior German students will be going to Germany! They will travel to Munich, Oberammergau, Rothenburg and Heidelberg.

Band & Choir

On April 23, the Regis High School Choir performed in a Wisconsin School Music Association-sanctioned adjudicated choral festival at Memorial High School. The choir sang three challenging Class A songs for a renowned choral educator and adjudicator, and was judged on the performance. Overall, the choir earned a rating of Superior "1", which is the best score a choir can receive!

On May 2, ten Regis High School Choir and Band members performed at the WSMA State Solo and Ensemble Festival at UW-Eau Claire. They were senior Mary Martha Callaghan, juniors Regan Alexander, Lianna Belling, Savannah Heath, Michael Hoffmann and Taylor Peterson, sophomores Ariana Madson, Therese Milanowski and Josie Semerad and freshman Emily Haag. Of the ten events performed, eight received a Superior "1" rating and two events received an Excellent "2" rating. In addition, Taylor Peterson received an Exemplary Soloist Award for

her musical theatre solo and Emily Haag was nominated for her flute solo.

Matthew Kim, a Regis Middle School band student, has been selected to be part of the Wisconsin School Music Association All-State Honor Middle School Band. He is working on the music throughout the summer and will perform at the WSMA State Music Convention in Madison in late October.



National Honor Society

During the 2014-15 school year, National Honor Society members completed sixteen different projects, helping to raise more than \$4,500! This included the Regis Blood Drive, which set a record for the most pints of blood ever donated at Regis!



Yearbook

The Regis High School Yearbook staff was hard at work this year! The theme of the 2014-15 Chi-Rio was "Soph15ticated" and the staff worked to gather both historical heritage pictures from Regis' past, as well as contemporary shots of the student body. With a focus on Regis' rich legacy, powerful photos and classic styling, the 2015 Chi-Rio is bound to be a yearbook to remember!

Living Faith

2015 First Communion



Immaculate Conception Elementary

FRONT ROW: Carly Borst, Katelyn Muehlenkamp, Caitlyn Hatzinger, Grace Market, Federica Arbelbide, Ayva Crotteau, Megan Bremness, Ella Hendrickson, Ava Stow, Lucie Reese, Addison Siverling

BACK ROW: Max Tornehl, Vincent Slaby, Jonah Gentry, Jacob Wolff, Owen Weisenberger, Ivan Koch, Cade Bessinger, Holden Caporusso, Andrew Berschback, Sean McEllistream, George Axelrod, Noah Tarras



St. Mary's Elementary

FRONT ROW: Connor Evitch, Abigail Hawker, Levi Frank, Kamryn Duex, John Buscherfeld, Rebecca Catt, Jamison Kostka, Ava Skwierczynski, Paul Neibarger

MIDDLE ROW: Evan Vinopal, Leo Endres, Jacelin Jensen, Peyton Steward, Malia Kassing, Mason Nuesse, Lillian Hoeschen, Nash Cullinan, Eva Kopacz

BACK ROW: Fr. Sakowski, Sydney Marx, Cameron St. John, Bernadette Falbo, Brandon Albee, Sawyer Webster



St. James Elementary

FRONT ROW: Ben Wilson, Emilie Henriksen, Gage Addis, Lydia Sargeant, Violet Gillett

MIDDLE ROW: Brady Nodolf, Emilia Jaquish, Henry Sollberger, Trevor Kern, Willow Brugge, A.J. Perkins, Lana Herrington

BACK ROW: Fr. Krieg, Logan Carroll, Shane Nelson, Hailey Adamski, Alaina Milner, McKail Johnson, Julianna Lemanski-Truillo, Linda Schultz

2015 Confirmation



Regis High School

Alex Rocksvold, Kendra Skwierczynski, Alison Niese, Marcus Bourget, Brock Martin, Sam Stone, Cody Osborn, Shelby Laffey, Danielle Yengo, Katie Henriksen, Paige Daniels, Mackenzie Milner, Therese Milanowski, Ethan Cook, Grace Gobler, Hannah Anderson, Sarah Andre, Noel Ortiz, Josie Semerad, Jordan Bayola, Ariana Madson, Megan Ott, Kate Burhop, Eileen Endres, Michael Wackwitz, Caleb Brickner, Shane Denial, Jake Maenner, Jack Usher, Ben Sokup, Thane Ciulla, Nolan Sabelko, Mason Job, Matt McCann



Splish, Splash!

On March 20, the Regis Child Development Center hosted a BEACH DAY! The kids (& adults) had a ton of fun.



Kindergarten... Here we come!

In May, students from the 4K programs at the Regis and Genesis Child Development Centers celebrated with two special graduation ceremonies. Good luck to the Class of 2028!

Regis Catholic Schools Donations

During the 2014-15 school year, students and families at our facilities made significant donations to help support various non-profits.

Regis Middle & High School
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Immaculate Conception Elementary
(Jeans for Jesus)
\$14,421.36

St. James Elementary
(Jeans for Jesus)
\$2,731.98

St. Mary's Elementary
(Casual for Christ)
\$1,617.35

...plus, countless gifts of crafts and donations of requested supplies, food and time! Thank you.

REGIS TO REPLACE SEATS IN FR. DOWD AUDITORIUM

The seats in the Regis auditorium are original to the building and are the same ones our alumni sat in when they attended Regis High School!

As expected, these wooden seats have worn through the years. We plan to install more than 500 new, cushioned seats to help improve the aesthetics and comfort for those who use the auditorium.

We need your help!

We are asking our Regis High School alumni and friends to help us replace the current auditorium seats with new cushioned seats.

A donation of \$200 would help us purchase one new seat for the Fr. Dowd Auditorium. Each person who donates money for a new seat will have the opportunity to place a name on the back of it, using a 4" X 1" plaque.

If you'd like, you can purchase more than one seat!

1 Seat = \$200

2+ Seats = \$175/Each

A seat sponsorship is a great way to...

- Honor a student or alumnus
- Recognize a past or present teacher
- Highlight a cast or event
- Remember a loved one
- Show your family's support for the project

If you are willing to help us make a major improvement to the Regis High School building by donating money for this project, please send your donation to...

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Please make your check payable to the **Regis Catholic Schools Foundation.**

You can also donate online via PayPal at **www.RegisCatholicSchoolsFoundation.com**. Just look under "Giving Opportunities".

Please remember to include the name(s) you would like on the back of each seat ordered.

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To become a member of the Regis Legacy Society, visit www.RegisCatholicSchoolsFoundation.com and click "Regis Legacy Society" under the "Giving Opportunities" tab. Download and fill out the Planned Giving Form, which basically states you named the **Regis Catholic Schools Foundation** in your will.

What will your legacy be?

This wall will feature a display that will list all past estate gifts and all future estate gifts to the **Regis Catholic Schools Foundation**. It will be displayed in appreciation of those generous donors whose legacy will live on through their planned gifts to the **Regis Catholic Schools Foundation**. These gifts will help ensure current and future generations receive an excellent Regis High School education.

There are a number of ways to remember Regis through the **Regis Catholic Schools Foundation** in your estate plan.

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, which allows you to enjoy all the benefits afforded by the US Tax Code when making gifts to Regis.

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Remember, please make your will or trust out to the **Regis Catholic Schools Foundation**.

If you have any questions, contact Advancement Director Bill Uelmen at (715) 830-2273, ext. 7 or buelmen@RegisCatholicSchools.com.



Thank you to those of you who supported the annual Regis Fund in 2014-15!

The annual fund appeal for last year ended on June 30, 2015. The new annual fund appeal for 2015-16 began on July 1, 2015.

Support of this fund is the best and most important way to ensure that our current and future needs are met. Charitable gifts made to the **Regis Catholic Schools Foundation** through the Regis Fund are used to help with the annual budget and to enhance curriculum, materials, and programs for our students.

Last year's appeal raised more than \$226,000!

Regis Catholic Schools relies on the loyalty and generosity of our alumni, current parents, friends, grandparents, and businesses to advance our mission. We know there are many ways you support our students. Your support and involvement is greatly appreciated!

As we begin the 2015-16 Regis Fund appeal, please prayerfully consider supporting this effort when we contact you in September. Every gift is a blessing and makes an impact, no matter what the amount!

Thank you for investing in Regis Catholic Schools and our students.

Mark Gobler '73
President

Bill Uelmen
Advancement Director

EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT

On behalf of the Regis Catholic Schools Education Commission, I would like to thank all of the stakeholders of Catholic education. That includes our teaching staff, supporting pastors and parishes, benefactors, volunteers, and countless others who worked tirelessly (visibly and invisibly) to support the tremendous work that was done this past school year through all of our grades, programs, and buildings.

We look forward to a bright and promising future. Our challenges continue and remain; to provide the best educational Catholic environment for all of our students in a financially challenging time. But, with continual partnership with our parish communities, we look to enhance and strengthen our role and the education ministry.

As with all organizational leadership, we will see some changes in membership regarding the Education Commission over the summer and look forward to implementing a more visible role for our lay appointed parish representatives within their respective churches. We continue to seek those individuals who would like to bring their voice and talents to our subcommittees of Catholic Identity/Mission Integration, School Life, Advancement, Finance, and Teaching and Learning, amongst others. Please contact the Regis Catholic Schools Central Office at (715) 830-2273 for further information and to get an application.

As always, we continue the important work of implementing our strategic plan and Core Values. I am grateful and humbled to have served as the Chair over this past year.

Thank you for all that each of you do for Regis Catholic Schools and God Bless.

Patricia R. Usher, JD
Chair, Regis Education Commission 2015-2016



At Regis High School, there is an increasing expansion of the world. How so? The school has partnered with gphomestay to accommodate the growing number of international students attending from China! Some Regis High School students and parents may already know that there are international students in the school community. What they may not know is they have the opportunity to significantly impact an international student's life and their own through cross-cultural exchange.

All Regis High School parents and families, as well as anyone from the local community, have a chance to welcome a new family member and gain a life-long friend by hosting one of these international students.

Regis host parents Kent and Becky Hoff share how hosting their international student, Mark, has changed their perception.

"Learning that we have to be more specific and stern because they really don't understand completely what we mean. Everything needs great detail and you have to be the 'parent', not just a place for them to stay. Some leniency, but you must stick to what you believe in as well as what's best for the student."

The Paulsrud family, who also hosted for Regis High School, reflected on their experience with their international student.

"The year goes by so fast! We feel we were just getting started! Our son really enjoyed having a 'big brother' for the school year. Our family really enjoyed showing and experiencing new adventures with our student. The look on someone's face is priceless when they are experiencing something new that is really outside of their culture!"

What makes the hosts and international students unique at Regis High School is that they are fully supported by gphomestay's resources and local staff.

Regis host parents Terry and Joelle Comero reflected on having local support and how it made their host experience rewarding.

"Gphomestay was a great organization to have supporting us. I would encourage all families to think about hosting an international student. If you want it to be a great time, it will be."

All approved host families receive a monthly stipend for the 10-month academic year. The local Residential Coordinator aids in the transition for international students and is also the support for all residential programming throughout the hosting process. Additionally, fun and interactive quarterly events for the hosts and international students are planned throughout the year.

Gphomestay students arrive in the U.S. with their own insurance and spending money. It is recommended that host families speak English at home and ensure that the student eats three nutritious meals per day. Being able to involve the student in family events and activities is a big plus, and helps to facilitate meaningful and positive interactions between students and hosts. You do not have to have a child currently enrolled at Regis Catholic Schools in order to host a student.

Gphomestay is a leader in the educational service industry and specializes in bringing support to international student programs at American high schools across the country. Our trained staff is committed to the success of each student by arranging and overseeing safe residential accommodations that enhance the students' overall American experiences. Please visit www.gphomestay.com or contact us at info@gphomestay.com or (781) 996-0429 for more information.

(Article submitted by gphomestay.)

Alumni Report



Pat Egan '47 and Ann (O'Donnell) Egan recently celebrated 60 years of marriage! Pictured are their 9 children, 30 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren!

Sowah Simmonds '67 is currently retired and living in Ghana, West Africa.

Mary Garvey Verrill '74 received the degree of Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Leadership, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. She has been an adjunct instructor in post-secondary classrooms and online since 2001, most recently at UW-River Falls.

The Reverend William A. Dhein '86, Pastor of Saint Charles Borromeo Parish at Genoa, has also been appointed Chancellor

of the Diocese of La Crosse.

The Very Reverend Woodrow H. Pace '85, Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Independence, Saint Ansgar Parish in Blair and Saint John the Apostle Parish in Whitehall, and vicar forane of the Arcadia Deanery, has also been appointed Director of the Mission Office.

Adam Thorson '00 and his wife Allison welcomed their second child, Adelaide Marie, on July 31, 2014. She joins her 3-year-old brother, Gabriel Thomas. Adam is a Director of Business Development for Catalina Marketing and the family lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Kathryn West '09 is a Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, currently in pilot training at Del Rio, Texas. She will graduate in September 2015.



Jim O'Neill '77 is the Founder/ Executive Director of STARskaters in Sugar Land, Texas. The non-profit organization provides an on-ice experience for individuals with physical or developmental disabilities. In 2011, STARskaters was named a U.S. Paralympic Sport Club, which provides their athletes

a path to the Paralympic games.

STARskaters also supports Sled Hockey in Texas, with the team winning gold at this year's USA Disabled Hockey National Sled Hockey Tournament in Buffalo, New York.

In 2009, O'Neill was named a 'Houston Hockey Hero' by the Houston Aeros.

You can learn more about STARskaters at www.STARskaters.org.

O'Neill works as the CEO of GEWI North America and Chief Creative Officer at Lone Star Sound & Video Productions.



Regis High School is working to update its photo board of alumni who have pursued priestly and religious vocations. Do you know of an aunt, uncle or cousin who became a priest, brother, sister or nun and is an alumnus of Regis High School? We'd like to put his/her photo on our photo board at Regis High School! Please submit names to Regis Chaplain Fr. Alan Guanella at aguanella@RegisCatholicSchools.com.

The names we already have are:

Sr. Dorothy Eisold, OSB '40
Msgr. James Finucan '41
Sr. Dale Lenore Wollum, OSB '42
Sr. Mary Jane Cournoyer, OSB '43
Fr. Al Sonnberger '47
Fr. Thomas Finucan '48
Sr. Mary Jo Donaldson, OSB '49
Fr. Thomas McInnis '49
Fr. Gerald Fisher '49
Sr. Mary Frances Gebhard, OSB '50
Sr. Clarita Selz, OSB '50
Sr. Monica Mai, OSB '51
Sr. Margaret Michaud, OSB '53
Sr. Kathleen Bernard Heit, OSB '54
Sr. Judy Kramer '56
Fr. Thomas Donaldson '57
Sr. Bridget Donaldson, OSB '58
Sr. Connie Ostrander, OSB '58
Sr. Judith Ann Wagner, SSND '59
Sr. Ruth Feeney, OSB '63
Sr. Michaela Hedican, OSB '63
Msgr. David Kunz '72
Fr. Woodrow Pace '85
Fr. William Dhein '86

CALLING ALL ALUMNI!

Do you have exciting news? We want to know! Send your updates and any photos to rschultz-krogman@RegisCatholicSchools.com to be featured in future issues of The Rambler Report!

REUNIONS

Class of 1955

60th Reunion

September 12, 2015
Princeton Valley Golf Course
12 to 6 p.m. (Lunch served at 2 p.m.)
Contact: Jeanne (Miller) Novacek
at (715) 835-5779

Class of 1965

50th All-Schools Reunion

(Regis, North & Memorial High Schools)

September 11, 2015
Wild Ridge Golf Course
5:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$20
Contact: Ron Krippner
at (715) 695-3111

Class of 1968

Pot Luck Picnic

September 12, 2015
Braun's Bay Pavilion, Carson Park
12 to 4 p.m.
(B.Y.O.B and a dish to pass!)

Class of 1970

45th Reunion

September 19, 2015
Houligan's Steak & Seafood Pub
415 S. Barstow Street, Eau Claire
5 p.m.
www.facebook.com/Regis1970
Contact: John Muldoon at
john@muldoons.com

Class of 1985

30th Reunion

August 22, 2015
Maple Manor Lounge
2507 S. Hastings Way, Eau Claire
6 to 11 p.m.
Contact: Suzy (Wahl) Sturz at
(715) 579-4942 or sturz@charter.net
(Friend us on Facebook for all the
details and updates! Look for
"Regis 1985 Alumni".)

Class of 1990

25th Reunion

September 19, 2015
Playmakers Bar and Grill, Eau Claire
6 p.m.
Contact: Greg Ender
at (414) 839-7582
or gregender1334@gmail.com



Class of 1975

On June 13, members of the Regis High School Class of 1975 gathered at Pine Meadows Golf Course in Eau Claire to celebrate their 40th reunion!

**Please contact us at
(715) 830-2271, ext. 1018 if
you have questions about
organizing your reunion
or if you have questions
about your class!**

In Memorium

Alumni

Lawrence Smith '34
(St. Patrick's)

Dolores (Chaput) White '37
(St. Patrick's)

Lorne Brandl '37
(St. Patrick's)

William "Dave" McSorley '39
(St. Patrick's)

**Lorraine (Robillard)
McFarlane-Kassing** '40
(St. Patrick's)

Dorothy (Gilchrist) Backstrom '41
(St. Patrick's)

Mary (Sonderegger) Howie '42
(St. Patrick's)

Eileen (McInnis) Bruer '43
(St. Patrick's)

Audrey (Gonderzik) Persons '45
(St. Patrick's)

Gerry Gebhard '46
(St. Patrick's)

Jeane (Amundson) Casey '48
(St. Patrick's)

J.J. "Mike" Egan '48
(St. Patrick's)

William Bauer '50
(St. Patrick's)

John Nowak '51
(St. Patrick's)

Agnes Tufariello '53

George Voll '54

Arlene (Haas) Menard '55

Shirley (Johnson) Millwood '55

Joseph Figmiller '57

Ruth (Rust) Johnson '60

Stephen Gerkey '61

Robert Arndt '61

Betsy (Nordrum) Sotka '62

Susan (Conley) Hendricks '65

Stephen Muza '70

Janice (Persons) McMahon '75

Randall Schwoerer '81

Friends

Dr. Richard Crane was a parent of Regis alumni. Memorial gifts were designated to the academic programs at Regis Middle and High School.

Dave Ender was a parent of Regis alumni. He was an avid supporter of Regis and Regis athletics.

Ina Ophiem was a physical education teacher at Regis who coached the cheerleaders and ran the girls intramural athletic association. She was the pioneer of the first Girls Athletic Association, coaching and taking girls teams to competitive athletic activities and helping those programs joining the WISAA.

Fred Urmann was a parent of Regis alumni and a former member of the Foundation. The family has established the Fred Urmann Memorial Scholarship, which will be endowed through the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation in honor of Fred.

Earl Benning was a parent of a Regis graduate. He was a supporter of Regis Catholic Schools and was the Treasurer of the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation. The family has established an endowed scholarship through the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation that will be given to a Regis High School senior who plans to study accounting in college.

Eternal rest, grant unto him/her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Upcoming Events

First Day of School

September 1

Non Sibi Awards Dinner

September 19 - Regis High School

Regis Homecoming

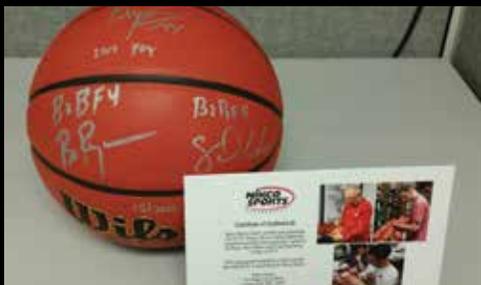
October 3 - 1 p.m. Game
Carson Park

Picnic in the Park

October 3
Pine Pavilion, Carson Park

The Regis Auction

November 7 - Florian Gardens



Here's your chance to own a part of Wisconsin Men's Basketball history! Regis Catholic Schools is raffling off a triple-signed Wilson official NCAA men's basketball signed by...

Frank Kaminsky: 2015 NCAA Player of the Year, Drafted #9 overall by the Charlotte Hornets

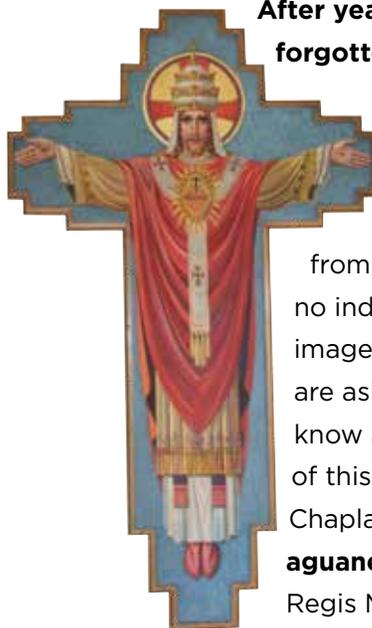
Sam Dekker: Drafted #18 overall by the Houston Rockets

Head Coach Bo Ryan: Recently announcing his retirement after the 2015-16 season

This is a very limited edition ball with only 200 having been signed. The ball comes with a Nikco Sports Certificate of Authenticity and is numbered 15 of 200.

Tickets are \$10 each and the drawing will be held on October 5 at 1 p.m. at the Regis Catholic School Central Office at 2728 Mall Drive in Eau Claire.

Contact Robyn Schultz-Krogman at (715) 830-2273, ext. 2010 or rschultz-krogman@RegisCatholicSchools.com to get your ticket.



After years of being stored away in a forgotten storage room, this image of

Christ the King was recently found on the Regis High School campus. The artistic style seems to be

from the 1950s or 1960s. There is no indication about the origin of this image of Christ the King. We are asking readers who might know anything about the history of this image to contact Regis Chaplain Fr. Alan Guanella at

aguanella@RegisCatholicSchools.com.

Regis Middle and High School administrators are looking for a

dignified and suitable place to permanently display the image on the Regis campus.

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Then...

1995 Regis High School Prom Court: Greg Gillett, Jill Brogelman, Joe Winter, Katie Fisher, Brent Schwebach, Nicky Hatfield, Dan Cahill, Kim Hawn, Andy Myers, Shannon Manydeeds, King Dave Jacobs and Queen Nicole O'Donahoe (1994 King John Pristash and Queen Megan McCombs)



...and Now!

2015 Regis High School Prom Court: Scott Robinson, Mishae Brey, Tommy Cicha, Callie Jones, Matt Manas, Regan Alexander, Dominic Bourget, Alexis Schaffer, King Jared Merkel, Queen Lauren Clark, Adam Erickson, Channa Steinmetz, Lauren Newby, Noah Schober, Kayla Neff and Michael Hoffmann



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2015 ScRambler Golf Outing



On June 20, 125 golfers played in the 23rd annual Regis ScRambler Golf Outing. The event helped raise nearly \$13,000 to help support the St. Benedict Scholarship Fund and our deserving students.