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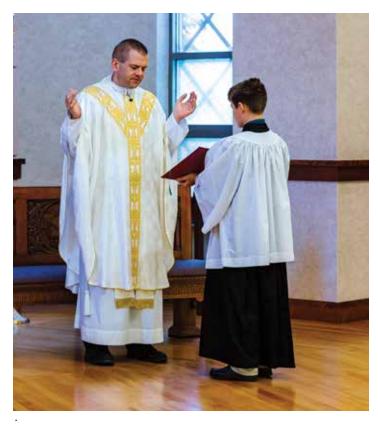
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Report from the Dean



Dear Families, Alumni, and Regis Supporters,

A chapter in our Regis story comes to a close as President Mark Gobler (Class of '73) has now formally announced his retirement. His last day of employment will be June 30, 2020.

Mark has been hinting and planning for this moment for almost two years now – always indicating to me how important it is to allow time and planning for a seamless transition to our next chapter. Now that moment is upon us.

Mark became President of Regis Catholic Schools in 2013. Completing seven years of service as President is an arduous, stressful, and often thankless task. I know because my own mother did it for Assumption Catholic Schools. During his years of service, Mark has been regularly and visibly present in our school buildings, our parishes, our liturgies, and our extracurricular events. He has brought his knack for noticing talents in our employees and encouraging ongoing development. He has left us with many talented "prospects" among our staff who are capable of serving in bigger and better ways. Thank you, Mark!

I have spent many hours praying, consulting, and discerning about the best path forward. Our Regis Central Office will be noticeably different when we begin the 2020-21 school year. In many ways, this chapter change in our Regis story feels as dramatic as the end of

Act One of a play. The curtain is closing, and our team will be bustling about to prepare for the entrance of new characters and new scenery. We will definitely be looking to you, our stakeholders, to join us as we form search committees and do our hiring.

However, just like in a play, you do not necessarily leave the set exactly as is when you make a transition to the next Act. In the weeks ahead, it is not a given that we just post vacant positions and hire. First, we need step back to look at the whole structure, asking where we are in our Regis story and what roles any new characters will need to play. It is quite possible we will do some restructuring and reorganizing.

To that purpose, we are placing Kelly Mechelke into an interim supervisory role in our Central Office. She will lead a review of our system's needs, our various roles and goals, our job descriptions, our organizational structure, and our team chemistry. She has been a proven team builder in our system and will be a great asset during this time of transition. Mark, myself, and others are there, of course, to support her in this important task.

There will be added support from the soon-to-be formed Management Committee. This will be a small group of confidential advisors chosen from you our stakeholders. In addition to listening to their recommendations for the transition we presently face, we also hope to receive regular counsel from them and accountability in the month-to-month business operations of Regis Catholic Schools. This is an area of need identified by our third-party investigation, and reaffirmed by our Finance Council, Education Commission, and Pastors.

Here at Regis Catholic Schools, Our Core Values include living our faith, accepting responsibility, and achieving excellence. I am so proud of the ways we have grown in our Catholic identity and our academic excellence. I love and admire our staff. For their sake and yours, we need to take this serious look at how responsible and excellent we are on the managerial side of things. Please pray often for us this winter as we examine ourselves and consider how we can live out Our Core Values with renewed vigor.

We are deeply grateful to Mark and to all those who have played their parts during the course of our amazing Regis story – including each of you. Like any good play, there is sometimes drama, including joys and struggles and lessons learned along the way. With your help and support, we will ensure that the parts of our story that are yet to be told are even more amazing.

Thank you!

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Fr. Derek Sakowski Dean, Eau Claire Deanery

Report from the President



Greetings!

I have been blessed in so many ways in my life and I can trace it all back to being raised by loving and

supportive parents. I appreciate the sacrifices they made to send myself and my five younger siblings to St. Patrick's School and Regis High School. My experiences at those schools instilled a value system in me that became the basis of the servant leadership and core values to which I practice throughout my life's journey.

Overachieving is a good thing and I did that as I found my best friend and spouse of 40 years. Thus, with Sandy's support and reflective prayer, I take this opportunity to announce to our alumni and supporters my retirement as President of Regis Catholic Schools effective June 30, 2020. I am fortunate

to finish my 39 year career in education in the Catholic school system that had such a big impact on my life.

I obviously have a number of people besides my parents, wife, and my three daughters to thank. However, the list is long and I will have plenty of time to thank them personally. I would like to acknowledge the Benedictine

Sisters, Diocesan Priests, and lay staff from my days at St. Pat's and Regis who blended the proper amount of

> discipline and compassion, along with the academics throughout my formative years.

The timing of this announcement is strategic as to allow ample time for Regis Catholic Schools to start the process of hiring my successor. I know it will be a comprehensive search that will include many of our Regis Catholic Schools

alumni, friends, and families who continue



In the Spirit of the Lord,

Mark Gobler '73 President

2018-2019 Financial Report

Revenue

Net Tuition and Fees	\$3,682,597
Parish Support	1,442,789
Donations, Foundation, Fundraising	1,197,868
Other Food Service, Athletic, Scrip (NET)	747,113
Child Care (NET)	75,677
TOTAL REVENUE	\$7,146,043

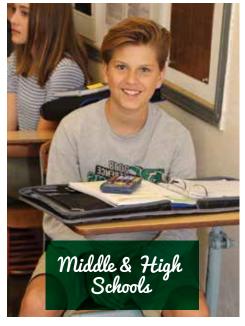
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Wages and Benefits	\$5,049,176
Educational and Related Activities	1,194,402
Building, Repairs, Utilities, Maintenance, Depreciation	531,458
Building Use Agreements	258,157
General Operational, In-Service, Fundraising	298,693
Debt and Interest Payments	7,061
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,338,947

NET PROFIT (LOSS) (\$192,904)



Enrollment & Academic Report











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Graduation Year 2019

Mathematics

STATE

23.1

REGIS

20.2

English

STATE REGIS

22.9 19.4

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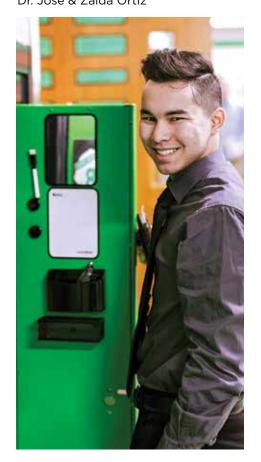
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- 1. The annual Regis Fund is the largest—source of charitable and unrestricted income for Regis Catholic Schools.
- The average student/faculty ratio is 18 students per faculty member.
- 3 Every gift matters...regardless of the amount! During last year's annual Regis Fund, the reason some gave for not giving was, "My gift would be too small to make a difference." This simply is not true! All gifts are important and valued.
- 4. The annual Regis Fund helps bridge the difference between tuition charged and the actual cost to educate each student.
- 5. Regis Catholic Schools would not be the same today without the support of its donors. When everyone takes special pride in what Regis Catholic Schools offers, we all help in continuing its mission.
- The smallest and largest gifts of the annual Regis Fund last year were \$10 and \$20,000 respectively. Remember, no gift is too large or too small!
- 7. Graduates from the Regis High School Class of 2019 were accepted to 23 different colleges and universities.
- A "matching gift" is a contribution from your company or your spouse's company that doubles the amount of your gift. Please consider this great way of giving.
- The 2019 tax year ends December 31. Take advantage of this chance to donate now before that deadline!
- 10 Regis is tradition. Our alumni, parents, past parents of alumni, and friends continue to support Regis Catholic Schools because the education they or their family members received changed their lives. We appreciate the support of those who wish to continue the mission St. Patrick's began in 1932. We appreciate those who understand without monetary support, Catholic schools may become a thing of the past.











2019 Non Sibi Awards Dinner & Regis Catholic Night of Recognition

On October 5, the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation hosted its 33rd annual Non Sibi Awards Dinner & Regis Catholic Schools Night of Recognition. This event honors and celebrates the people who help make Regis Catholic Schools great. We recognized our Honored Educators, our Honored Volunteers, our Regis High School Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, our Distinguished Alumni, and our Non Sibi Award recipients. Thank you for a wonderful evening!

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Tim & Maura Nash



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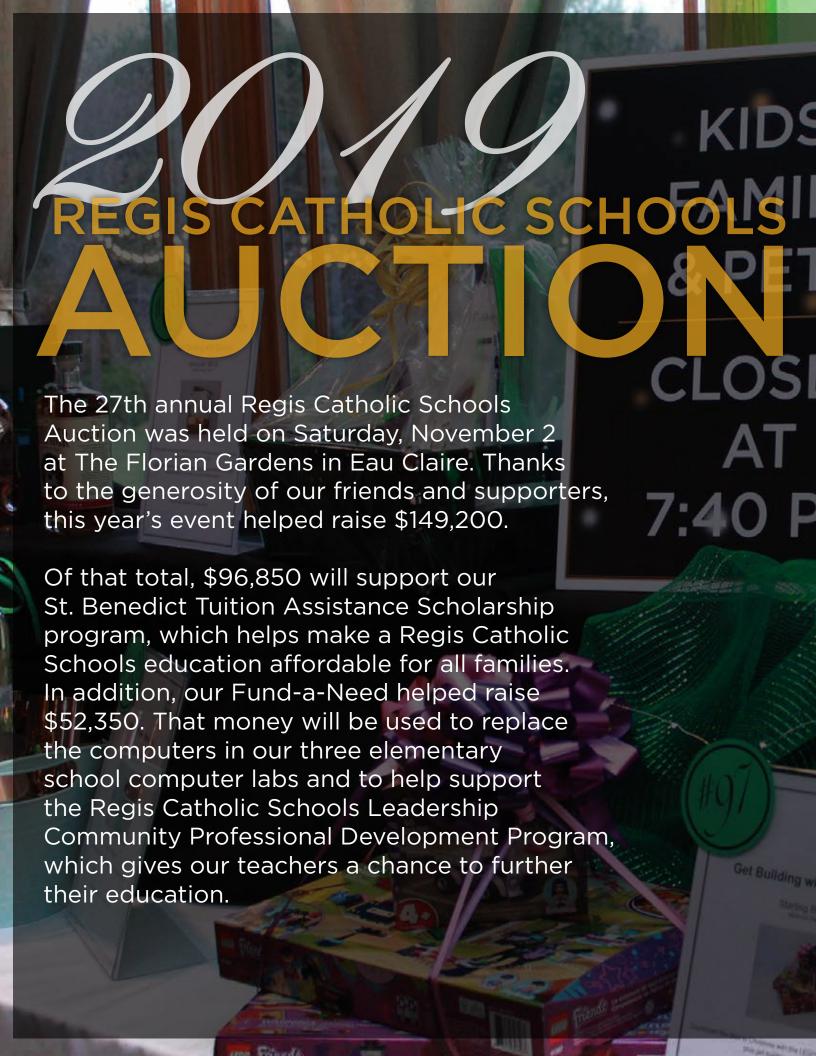


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It was an evening of fun,
expression of community,
and a commitment
to the future of
Regis Catholic Schools!









Fall Sports Report



Football

The 2019 Regis Football team finished its regular season as Cloverbelt Conference champions with a 9-0 record. The team went on to win an additional four playoff games (13-0 record) and as of the printing of this issue of The Rambler Report, has advanced to the Division 6 WIAA State Tournament at UW-Madison's Camp Randall Stadium.

The Ramblers consistently utilized a team approach on offense and defense with significant contributions by many players as the team has outscored its opponents by a 43-7 average throughout the season thus far. Eleven seniors will play their last game at Camp Randall, the same location where they ended their freshman season as state champions. A huge thank you to all of the players, coaches, team assistants, trainers, and parents for their commitment and dedication to Regis Football. Go Ramblers!



Volleyball

The Lady Ramblers had a successful season, winning the regional championship and finishing 23-11 overall.

Bria Thalacker received All-Conference First Team honors. Elle Matson received All-Conference Second

Team honors, and Makenna Rohrscheib received All-Conference Honorable Mentions honors.



Girls Tennis

The Regis Girls Tennis Team had a fantastic season that ended at the WIAA State Tournament in Madison. The team compiled an 18-13 recordwhile competing in some of the most challenging tournaments in the state.

The team sent singles player Caroline Kowieski to the WIAA Individual State Tournament, where she lost in the second round. The doubles team of Elena Bourget and Evie Shepich placed 6th in the WIAA Doubles State Tournament. The team lost 1-6 to eventual state champion Catholic Memorial. The team will return seven starters and is looking forward to next season, sending special thanks to seniors Elena Bourget, Caroline Kowieski, and Marianna Kern.

Check out our online home for the Regis Ramblers!

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Fall Sports Report

Girls Golf

The Regis-Altoona Girls Golf team placed second in the league to state qualifier Osseo-Fairchild/Fall Creek and finished tied for sixth out of ten teams in the WIAA Division 1 Regional in Superior.

Freshman Elli Anderson qualified for the sectional meet at Stevens Point. The team will miss the leadership of seniors Emma Knoblach and Quinn Petersilka.





Cross Country

The Regis Boys and Girls Cross Country teams had a successful season in 2019!

The Boys team was ranked in state through most of the season, placing 2nd in the Conference Meet and 4th in the WIAA Sectional Meet. The team, made up mostly of nine seniors, was Regis' best since 2012. Andrew Schlitz, a four-year letter winner, place 49th as an individual at the WIAA State Meet. The Girls team increased its number to nine and was the best since 2015. The Ramblers finished 5th in the Conference Meet and 8th in the Sectional Meet. The team was lead by two sophomores, Alison Haag and Eydie Myers.

Head Coach John Snyder is retiring from coaching after 36 years and he received excellent help from assistant coaches Tracy Yengo, Rachel Haviland, and Sydney Alexander.

Picnis, the park,

The Regis High School Booster Club would like to thank all the Rambler families, alumni, and friends who attended the 36th annual Picnic in the Park! A special thank you to Ray's Place and Park Ridge Distributing for their longtime support of this great event and to Mark McFarlane for the music and entertainment.









Congratulations to the 2019 raffle ticket winners!

1st Prize (\$1,000) Rick Jackson

2nd Prize (\$250)

Steve Gutsch & Kris Miller

3rd Prize (\$100)

Jim Bauer, Regina Mauer & Flo Derouin

Alumni Report



The St. Patrick's High School Class of 1951 recently gathered together for a fun reunion. Attendees enjoyed getting a chance to catch up!

Tim Russell '57 and his wife, Connie, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on October 10.



Tom Pettit '60 and his wife and celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on October 1. They recently got to visit with the newest addition to the family, great great nephew Frank!



Brian Goldbeck '70 called on U.S.
Ambassador Klecheski during a July Mongolia visit, met with Foreign Minister Tsogtbaatar, and gave a presentation entitled "President Bush's 2005 Mongolia Visit: A Bilateral Relations Milestone"

(https://youtu.be/px6ofJwFaq8) at the American Center of Mongolian Studies. Brian served in Ulaanbaatar as the deputy ambassador 2005-08.

Steven Wise '70 has retired after working 40 years in the shipyards in San Diego, California. He has moved to Mount Vernon, Washington to be closer to family and is enjoying new life living in a 55+ retirement community!

Dr. Frances Ihle '80 is an associate professor of literacy and special education at The College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York. She is currently helping to lead Project THRIVE (Targeting Healthy Resiliency in Vested Eductors), a five-year grant-based initiative to train educators to address issues of diversity and mental health among school-age children with disabilities.



Nell Gelhaus '98, her wife Kelsey, and son Leif welcomed Leif's new baby brother, Soren Thomas Gelhaus, on June 28, 2019.

Congratulations!

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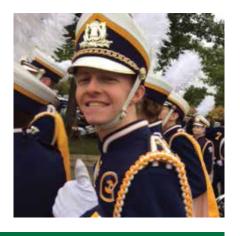
Steven Hofacker '11 and Andrea (DeMars) Hofacker '11 were married on September 7, 2019.

Congratulations!



Lorren Postl '18 is a new member of the NET Ministries team, which leads Catholic retreats at middle and high schools across the country. Lorren is currently studying at the University of Mary.

Matt Talley '18 is in his second year as a member of the Blugold Marching Band! In January, he will join the band on a trip to Australia and New Zealand to play at the Sydney Opera House and on a cruise ship. Matt is currently also a member of the UW-Eau Claire jazz band and has played in the orchestra and wind symphony.





A Regis Tradition

Three generations of Ramblers gathered at the Homecoming game on September 28 to capture this great photo. Included are John Wahl '58, John "Jack" Wahl '83, and Brooks Wahl '20.

Alumni Report

Reunions

Class of 1945 (St. Patrick's) | 75th Reunion Save the dates! July 26, 27 & 28, 2020

Details to follow, but the gathering will include dinner, Mass, and a tour of St. Patrick's School.

For questions, please contact Mary Lou Tomashek at (715) 835-9506 or Mary Ann Culbert Gleason at **mgleason15@tampabay.rr.com**.

(Friends from the class of 1946 are welcome to join!)

Regis High School Alumni Association

We are excited to announce the formation of the new Regis High School Alumni Association. This endeavor is in the beginning stages and we need your help!

We would like to recruit official representatives from each graduating class in an effort to help you reconnect and stay connected with friends, classmates, and their families through fun events, social gatherings, volunteer opportunities, and more. A member of the Regis High School Alumni Association will reach out to our alumni soon.

Please watch for more information and announcements from the Regis High School Alumni Association regarding alumni news and system events, including Homecoming, the Regis Catholic Schools Auction, the Non Sibi Awards Dinner & Regis Catholic Schools Night of Recognition, and the ScRambler Golf Outing. We also plan to schedule official alumni gathering, including happy hours, lunches, and more!

If you would like to get involved and be a representative for your graduating class, please contact Robyn Brenner at

rbrenner@RegisCatholicSchools.com and/or (715) 830-2271 ext. 1016 or Mark Golden '83 at (715) 829-0429.

IN MEMORIUM

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.

ALUMNI

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WRISA Accreditation Update



In November, Regis Catholic Schools hosted the WRISA (Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Association) accreditation state visit. Two years ago, we formed committees from each of our five schools to collect evidence for the required standards. The visiting team members from the Dioceses of La Crosse and Superior were impressed with our evidences and agreed we are a strong system with numerous accolades.

The final report and ratings will be sent to us in two months. We wish to share some of their comments over the final days of their visit.

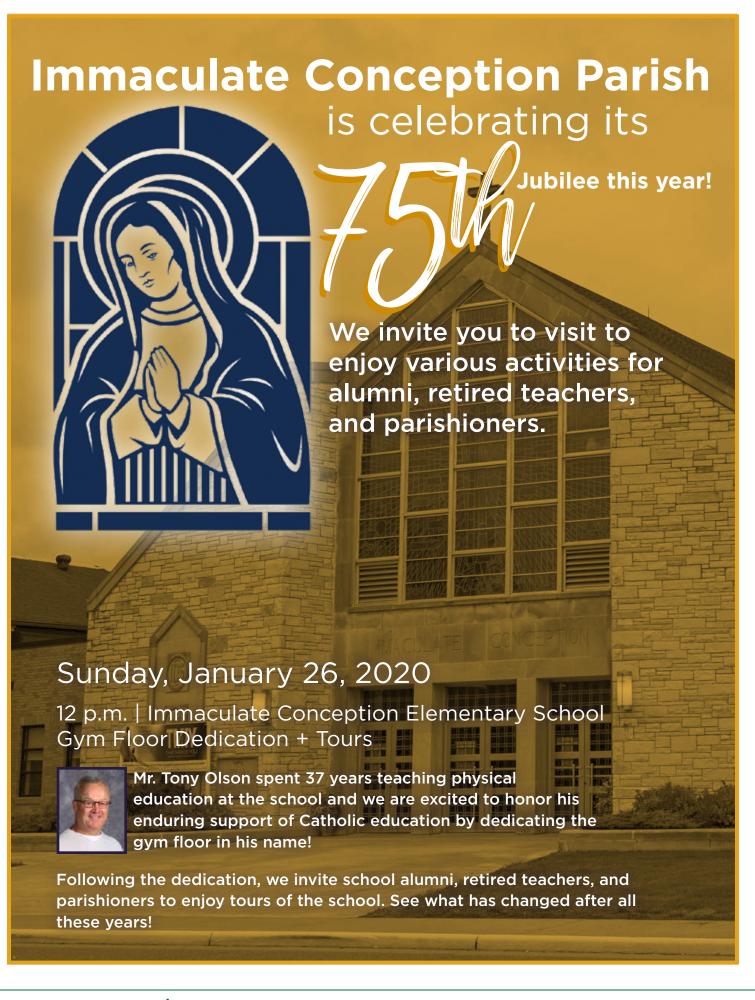
- Staff development is strong and well planned
- Curriculum mapping is ongoing and productive
- Catholic identity is strong in all schools with prayers, religious displays, and service projects
- Excellent displays in the hallways of student work and Catholic identity
- The elementary schools are fortunate to have priests visit the classrooms
- The Regis Chaplain is involved and respected
- Our Education Commission is strong and supportive
- Administrators are all vested and have good relations with staff
- Elementary schools recite the Mission Statement often
- Our Mission Statement is published in numerous places and everyone knows Our Core Values
- Interviews with parents were very positive and supportive
- We are extremely lucky to have guidance counselors at all schools to assist our students
- Pupil Service Coordinator, Curriculum Coordinator, and Communications Director important members of team; help make schools successful with their efforts
- Five-year plan for building improvements in place, helping us to understand our needs
- Our Regis Catholic Schools Foundation is strong and supports our staff
- The students and staff were very helpful and welcoming
- · The evidence collected in the binders was numerous and well organized
- Our Dean (Fr. Derek Sakowski) and President (Mark Gobler) are involved and visible

We thank our Regis Catholic Schools accreditation team members for all their efforts in making our accreditation a success. Their collection of work made this process an important achievement for our system.

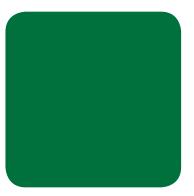
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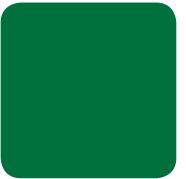






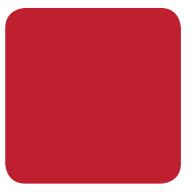












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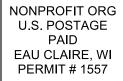
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*Promoting Teamwork, Achieving Excellence, and Inspiring Leadership.



Veterans Day Ceremony at Regis High School

It was an honor and a privilege to host the annual Eau Claire Patriotic Council Veterans Day Program on the Regis campus on November 11. May God bless our veterans.





