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Bishop Visits Regis 34 Campus

What a blessing it was to welcome Bishop William Patrick Callahan to the Regis campus in November!



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Sacred Memory - The Role Catholic Schools

Report From the Dean

I remember the day well - October 7, 2022. While getting ready for morning Mass. I received

Play In Our Becoming

a phone call from the DeRosier family. It was to inform me that one of the most dedicated Catholics and Regis supporters I know, Duane Hull, had died on vacation in Hawaii. The emotions ran deep since I consider Duane a dear friend and I had the honor of teaching his son, Max, when I was Chaplain at Regis from 2005-2012. It was one of those days you never want to have, but a day you will never forget.

When the day of the funeral came, things were predictably crazy at St. Olaf. I was so happy for Duane and his wife Bernie that it felt like half of the city of Eau Claire came for the visitation and funeral. It was one of those tear-stained moments of grief and gratitude.

Then, a simple request came from Max, "Fr. James, are the doors to the school locked?"

"Yes, Max, they are."

"Could you unlock them ... I want to see my school."

I got a lump in my throat at the request. I immediately thought back to my Chaplain days and the many alumni from St. Olaf grade school that were pillars of my Campus Ministry work: In addition to Max Hull, Anna and Mary Ellen Ostrowski, Amy, Joe, and Alissa Zawacki, Becca Liming, and many more. I had a chat the other day with Bill Zawacki, father of the Zawacki kids mentioned, and he was giving me an update on his son, Joe. He is now a science teacher at Pacelli High School in Stevens Point and is starting some co-curricular activities that remind me of a lot of things we did when both Joe and I were at Regis. Amazing how a simple request can evoke such strong memories. And what a beautiful legacy to St. Olaf grade school to have been a part of Joe's formation.

Sometimes we don't appreciate the role our schools play in helping us become who God asks us to be. It was a hard day when Max asked to see his school, but a beautiful moment of heartfelt reminiscing.

"Can you unlock the school doors?" My heart wishes that I could say "yes" to this request, not only to honor a moment of reminiscing for a grieving parishioner but also to unlock the doors to reopen St. Olaf School. Sadly, that request will never be honored. At the same time, I am so happy the doors are unlocked and open to the existing students of the Regis Catholic Schools system. I am happy that current students will have the chance to not only explore their subjects of study, but also their faith at Regis Catholic Schools.

What do we really mean when we use words like legacy, reminisce, and history? One approach is to look at these words from the perspective of who we have become as individuals. Another approach is to look at the places, organizations, parishes, and schools that have fundamentally shaped who we are. Take this month to give thanks for the places and people that have helped shape you.

And may we also pray and work to never have another school in our city have to ask their pastor to unlock the doors of their school. May we keep these doors wide open so we can have more Max Hulls, Joe Zawackis, Anna Ostrowskis, Taryn Alexanders, John Snyders, Andy Nieses, Paul Pedersens, and many others who are products of Catholic schools.

Let us not simply build a legacy. Let us pursue the life God intends for us, shaped in large part by the gift of Regis Catholic Schools.

Fr. James Kurzynski Dean, Eau Claire Deanery



Dear Friends of Regis Catholic Schools,

I am excited to let you know that all of the students here at Regis Catholic Schools (grades K – 12) were able to celebrate Mass with Bishop Callahan in the Regis gymnasium in early November. In his homily, the Bishop expressed his commitment to and the importance of a Catholic school education. His Excellency also visited classrooms for the afternoon and was very engaging with the students. Bishop Callahan's message to our students was focused on their continued faith journey with an active prayer life.

Throughout this Advent season, we are reminded that patience is a virtue. We patiently wait for the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The word Advent comes from the Latin root adventus - meaning coming. It is important in this season to see the Face of Jesus in every person we encounter. Let us serve each other as Christ modeled and exercise patience for all.

I am personally thankful for our students, families, friends, and alumni that continue to make Regis the best faith-based education in Wisconsin. Regis measures success one student at a time. We are committed to helping each child grow in their Godgiven talents today and into the future.

Learning Today, Leading **Tomorrow!** It's not just our motto,

Report

From the President

Regis prides itself in strong academics and cocurricular activities excelling at the highest levels in the state. Congratulations to the Regis One Act Play for its state appearance at UW-Whitewater. The Regis Football team won the state title in division 7, while our Girls Golf and Girls Cross Country teams also made state tournament experiences. Our Girls Tennis team also sent several players to the state competition. We are so proud of all of them! #WeAreRegis #RamblerNation

My holiday blessings to you and your family.

Paul Pedersen

Paul Pedersen '89 President



2021-2022

Financial Report

Revenue

Net Tuition & Fees Parish Support Donations, Foundation, Fundraising Other Food Service, Athletic, Scrip (NET) Child Care (NET)	\$3,768,037 1,466,840 635,564 163,203 443,439
TOTAL REVENUE	\$6,477,083
Our Net Profit for 2021-2022 includes a on <mark>e-ti</mark> me-only payment from the government assistance to the childcare centers.	for COVID-19
Expenses	
Wages & Benefits	\$5,166,56 <mark>5</mark>
Educational & Related Activities	683,585
Building, Repairs <mark>, Utili</mark> ties, Maintenanc <mark>e, De</mark> preciation	414,351
Building Use Agreements	264,685
General Operational, In-Service, Fundraising	98,596
Debt & Interest Payments	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,627,781

NET PROFIT

The building expense reflects the ren<mark>ov</mark>ation of the cafete<mark>ria on</mark> the Regis ca<mark>m</mark>pus.





(\$150,698)

Enrollment &

Academic Report

CATHORIC SCHOOLS ACT Scores						
Graduation Year 2022		Mathematics		English		
		REGIS	STATE	REGIS	STATE	
		21.4	19.3	22.3	18.3	
Comy	posite	Reading		Science		
REGIS	STATE	REGIS	STATE	REGIS	STATE	
22.6	19.4	24.1	19.7	22.1	19.8	

REGIS 5-Year ACT Scores

Graduation Year	REGIS Total Tested	REGIS Composite Score	STATE Composite Score
2022	50	22.6	19.4
2021	53	22.0	20.0
2020	62	23.5	20.1
2019	42	23.3	20.3
2018	59	24.7	20.5



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our schools?"

What is the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation?

Regis Catholic Schools for generations to come!

of our students today and tomorrow.

As the Advancement Director, I often hear from many of our friends, families, and alumni, "What is the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation, and how does it support

The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation works closely with Regis Catholic Schools and is committed to advancing the mission of our Catholic school system. The Foundation, established in 1976, is overseen by an independent local volunteer

board whose single purpose is to ensure the viability, sustainability, and growth of

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Thank you for your continued support. We have many generous supporters who keep us in mind with donations, volunteering time, and keeping us in their prayers.

mission that maintaining a strong Catholic tradition is positive for our community.

All of us here at Regis Catholic Schools consider you partners in sharing our

Together, we are making a difference for tomorrow's leaders!

Fund annual appeal, major gifts, and planned giving, supports the greatest needs



top-priority items and initiatives. Your gift will help support the following:







Renovation of the Regis Campus 2nd Floor Classroom & Library Updates + New Lockers





Your Gift Is Important

By supporting the Regis Fund, you are supporting our child development centers, all of our schools, our students, and our teachers.



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The 2022-23 annual Regis Fund has five main fundraising goals which are all

Growth of the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation Endowment



Regis Catholic Schools STEAM Program

Teacher Recruitment, Retention, and K-12 **Scholarships**

3. Regis High School Academies





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The Regis Legacy Society continues to grow thanks to individuals who have named the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation in their estate plan.

Thank you to our newest members, Margaret Hanson '62 and Dan and Peg Pichler 79'!

Planned gifts made through the Regis Legacy Society help ensure that the educational and spiritual mission of Regis Catholic Schools will continue in the future.

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Please contact Jackie Bachmeier at (715) 830-2273, ext. 1407 or jbachmeier@RegisCatholicSchools.com to connect regarding your donation.

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Sisters Visit Regis Campus

We encourage you to continue your vision of the love of learning, the desire for God, the care for our Mother Earth and all our brothers and sisters.

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You can watch a video recording of the presentation online at www.RegisCatholicSchools.com/live/ Just look for the link under the "Stream Archive" headline.

It was a blessing to welcome Sister Michaela Hedican, OSB '63, Sister Judy Kramer, OSB '56, Sister Ruth Feeney, OSB '63, and Sister Karen Streveler, OSB to the Regis campus in October.

They spoke with our students and staff to share the story of the sacrifice of the sisters we knew who started Regis High School. What a joy it was to celebrate the history of Regis High School! 😽

"We are grateful to the faculty, staff, students, parents, alums, and all who have continued the strong education flowing from the Catholic and Benedictine heritage that started in 1892. Regis was one of only two Catholic high schools in the Diocese of La Crosse that had both a gymnasium and an auditorium. The sisters insisted that both be built, since both athletics and the arts were vital for a wellrounded education.





Thank you to the Regis Catholic School Foundation for helping make this visit possible!

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How grateful we were to see on your website that you are beginning a partnership with Viterbo University. A number of our sisters graduated from there, one taught there, and many have taken courses there. We encourage you to continue your vision of the love of learning, the desire for God, the care for our Mother Earth and all our brothers and sisters. Your Core Values speak to living your faith in respecting each other, in kindness to everyone. They are the hallmarks of Regis High School and Regis Catholic Schools." - Sister Judy





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Academic

Regis High School Regis High School is proud to partner with local businesses to provide students with highly desirable employability and occupational skills through the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Program.

Student Benefits of Participation in the YA Program Include:

Excellence

• Exposure to industry-developed standards

Youth Apprenticeship Program

- Paid on-the-job work experience
- Engaging course curriculum
- State-issued skill certificate

Department of Workforce Development YA Requirements:

- Must be a junior or senior
- 450 hours of work-based learning (Minimum)
- 2 semesters of related classroom instruction
- Complete industry-specific training requirements such as OSHA or CNA

Regis High School YA Pathways Include:

- Architecture and Construction
- Finance
- Health Science
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing
- Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM)

Regis High School YA Participation 2022-23:

- 1 student in Finance (Current)
- 3 students in Information Technology (Beginning in Summer of 2023)



helped me to understand more about finances. I've learned about different types of loans and the importance of investing.

- Luke Betcher, Class of 2024

Interested in becoming a Youth Apprenticeship **Business Partner with Regis High School?**

Contact:

Christi Machler, Regis High School Principal cmachler@RegisCatholicSchools.com or (715) 830-2271





Viterbo University and Regis Catholic Schools have announced a new educational partnership in the Catholic tradition that will allow Regis High School students to take Viterbo courses and creates a seamless pathway to a Catholic education at the university.

The formal agreement was finalized by Viterbo President Rick Trietley and Regis Catholic Schools President Paul Pedersen at a signing event at the university in October.

"This is an excellent opportunity for the students of Regis Catholic Schools to participate in college-level courses offered by an outstanding Catholic University," Pedersen said. "This partnership is very important in fulfilling Regis's commitment to our students' future, Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow! Regis is excited and proud to partner with Viterbo University."

Highlights of the Agreement:

- class schedule.
- University.
- The Regis sophomore student retreat will be hosted on Viterbo University's campus.
- processes to Regis students.

The mission of the partnership states: "Viterbo University and Regis Catholic Schools are partners in providing an excellent and innovative educational experience from pre-kindergarten through graduate education and professional development to young adults, their families, and the greater community in faithful service and ethical leadership through the Catholic tradition."

"Our partnership represents both Viterbo's and Regis' commitment to academic excellence and the Catholic identity. We are pleased to strengthen our relationship and look forward to additional mutually beneficial opportunities in the future." - Rick Trietley

Regis students will benefit from select Viterbo University college courses as part of their junior or senior

Regis students will have an opportunity to attend the summer Franciscan CORE experience at Viterbo

Viterbo University will provide workshops on Financial Aid, FAFSA-filing, and college application

Viterbo University will offer select professional development for Regis Catholic School employees.

Regis Catholic Schools

Our 30th annual event was another huge success in support of our schools!

We welcomed a great crowd to The Florian Gardens in Eau Claire on Saturday, November 5, with many more supporters bidding online.









Thanks to your generosity, the 2022 Regis Catholic Schools Auction helped raise approximately \$150,000.

Of that amount, approximately \$86,335 will support the St. Benedict Tuition Assistance Scholarship, which helps make a Regis Catholic Schools education affordable for all families.

In addition, this year's Fund-a-Need raised a total of \$63,665 in support of our "Secret Santa" initiative. New this year, the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation matched all Fund-a-Need donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000.

All of the money raised as part of this year's Funda-Need was distributed among our employees to show our appreciation for their hard work and dedication during the Christmas season. That included our child development centers, PreK-12 teachers and staff, and our administrative team. Thank you for helping to make their Christmas merry and bright.















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Athletics

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Football

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The Regis Football team had another dominant season on the gridiron, ultimately ending the season as state champions!

The closest game of the season came in week 1 with a narrow 13-6 victory over Prescott. After week 1, every game was in a blowout fashion as the Ramblers notched a perfect 14-0 record. A highlight of the regular season came on October 1st when the team traveled to then-unbeaten and D6 runner-up Mondovi. It was a game in which the team played very well and built a 37-0 lead heading into the 4th quarter. Regis won the Cloverbelt Conference Championship for the fifth season in a row. The Ramblers hosted three playoff games at Carson Park, capped with a 53-8 win over perennial power Edgar. In the state semifinals, the Ramblers beat Bangor very convincingly 43-7.

The season was capped with another dominating performance over Shiocton at Camp Randall 41-7. With this win, the team captured the D7 State Championship. This Regis Football team will go down as one of the best in Regis history and was led by 13 seniors:

#2 Zander Rockow

#4 Alex Erickson

#5 Jack Weisenberger

#10 Carson Tait

#15 Kendon Krogman

#25 Josh Brickner

#28 Nick Lockie

#50 Jagger Theisen

#54 Caden Weber

#62 Sam Knickerbocker

#77 Noah Knobloch

#78 Grant Buesser

#87 Spencer Gehling









Cross Country

The Running Ramblers began their season on August 15, with the first few weeks of pre-season included training sessions at Lowe's Creek Park, the soccer park, UWEC track, and Fairfax Pool. Throughout the season, the team continued to train away from the Regis campus and had weekly pool training sessions at the YMCA, which helped the young runners train without excessive pounding. season. Freshman Violet Roen made significant strides this season, as did first-time cross country runner sophomore Rebecca Catt. In addition, there were two sophomore boys who joined the sport this season, Holden Caporusso and David Ricciardi. Coach Tim Santine was a tremendous help to the teams as a volunteer coach. His energy and expertise in the

Carly Borst and Ava Moore were the two returning girls, while Angelo Brantner and Vince Slabey were the returning boys. Carly and Angleo were the top runners in every race of the season. Carly made her second appearance at the state meet and ran 54 seconds faster in 2022, also feeling more poised and relaxed. The girls team peaked at the right time with a Cloverbelt Conference title and sectional title, earning its members a place to toe the line as a team at the state meet on October 29. Placing 14 out of 16 teams, this young team will be back!

Angelo Brantner is the only graduating member of this hard-working group of runners. As a senior and captain, Angelo ran a lifetime best with a time of 17:55 for a 5K. Dominic Santine was the lone freshman boy on the team and he made great strides with a season 5K best of 19:12 at the sectional meet. Freshman Sylvia Spangler was the top freshman in the conference and sectional meet and had a strong showing at the state meet where she would have qualified as an individual if the team had not. Juniors Ava Moore and Ashley Chilson had a significant impact on the team's success, while sophomore Grace Market had an injury that first meet of the year which kept her out the rest of the

Coach Tim Santine was a tremendous help to the teams as a volunteer coach. His energy and expertise in the sport were a great asset to the Ramblers. Coach Beth Borst also helped the varsity team on her days off from her role as head middle school cross country coach. Interestingly, Beth was recruited by head coach, Tracy Yengo, to join the UWEC Blugolds cross country and track and field teams during Tracy's tenure as head coach at UWEC.





Girls Golf

Moving to the Middle Border Conference this year, the Girls Golf team competed with Prescott, the defending Division 2 champion, in every match... taking second place at every conference event. The team had three players earn All-Conference honors and one honorable mention.

The team continued following Prescott with second place finishes at regional and sectionals, qualifying

for the state tournament. The sectionals competition was considerably rewarding, with great finishes by Mattie Albright and Karalyn Skinner to edge Hayward by 7 strokes on a tough Hidden Greens North course.

The state tournament was a wonderful experience for all, with the team finishing third and maintaining the season average on a wonderful, but difficult University Ridge Course.



Vollyball

The Lady Ramblers Volleyball team saw a year of great growth and tight matches.

The team came up short in their last game against Westby, who won 38-1 and gave them the best match of the season.

Lily Lewis and Lexi Ridenour took 2nd Team All-Conference and Honorable Mention awards.



Boys Soccer

In a year that saw a boom of talent for soccer in western Wisconsin, the 2022 Saints were right in the thick of it.

At 10-4-1 in the regular season, the Saints got results against the teams that were to become the top three seeds in both regional brackets, to include a 4-1 regular season result against the eventual sectional champion. Although their playoff hopes fell short in a close



Girls Tennis

The Regis Girls Tennis team had another successful season going 21-7 and finishing as the sectional runner-up. The team played a very competitive schedule and finished ranked #8 in the state rankings.

Singles players Colleen Callaghan and Brittany Martin advanced to the individual state tournament, with Callaghan advancing to the second round and finishing in the top 16. The doubles team of Teigan Petersilka and Olivia Zavaleta advanced to the individual state tournament. The two advanced to the second round, finishing in the top 16.

second-round defeat, nothing can eclipse this team's body of work as a whole.

For far beyond the X's and O's of sport, this group of Saints exemplified the highest qualities of grace, humility, and the very definition of a teammate. The chapter has closed for this team, but their example will live on through the legacy that they've left of what it means to be a Saint.

The team did not have any senior players and will return everyone next season! The team did welcome four foreign exchange players from Slovakia, France, Lithuania, and Ukraine. It was a great experience having Lilly, Igne, Salome, and Vallory as a part of the tennis program, and we wish them the best in their future endeavors next year.

Coach Kyle Seyer '10 recorded his 200th career match win this season with a win over Kohler.

Regis Catholic Schools has named Nick White '98 the interim Regis High School Athletic Director for the remainder of the current school year.



White has a long history of involvement in high school athletics. Born and raised in Eau Claire, he participated in basketball, track & field, golf, and club soccer during his time at Regis High School. While attending UW-Stout, he was involved in Wisconsin AAU as both a coach and an official. White coached at three different schools during his college career.

Following college, White joined Wisconsin AAU as a full-time staff member, serving as the officials director for Wisconsin AAU basketball and assistant tournament director. In addition to those responsibilities, he held two roles for National AAU.

White has also served as a WIAA official for the past 22 years, working both football and basketball games.

"As a Regis grad, I'm excited to bring my experience to the athletic department that helped shape me as a young adult," White said. "I'm looking forward to connecting with the great folks in the Regis family to work together to provide the best athletic experience we can to our student-athletes."

White currently works as a Business Banker for Prevail Bank and has an 11-year-old daughter named Evelyn. The two of them enjoy participating in the many activities the Eau Claire area has to offer.



Cole has been a Rambler since kindergarten and we are so excited for him to take this next step. Hook 'em Horns!



The Regis High School Booster Club would like to thank all of our Ramblers families, alumni, and friends who joined us for our 39th annual event following an opening day victory on the football field!

It was a great way to welcome students, families, and friends to a new school year. A special thank you to Ray's Place and Park Ridge Distributing for their longtime support of this great event. Finally, congratulations to the 2022 raffle ticket winners!

1st Prize (\$1,000) | Mary Knickerbocker 2nd Prize (\$500) | Kendall Alexander 3rd Prize (\$100) | Mike Gobler 3rd Prize (\$100) | Bob Weisenberger 3rd Prize (\$100) | Becky Alexander



Thank you to all of our Regis supporters who participated in our Rambler 300 fundraiser this summer!

Despite the rainy weather that forced the event inside, attendance was good. After expenses, you helped us raise \$13,000+ to put towards a 14-passenger mini-bus. A special thank you to the Regis High School coaching staff and the Regis High School Booster Club for your ongoing support of athletics and extracurricular activities.















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All-School Mass with Bishop Callahan

What a blessing it was to welcome Bishop William Patrick Callahan to the Regis campus to celebrate Mass with all of our K-12 students and staff in early November.

Bishop Callahan even took the time to visit some of our classrooms after lunch.















Life Chain

Members of the Regis Prolife Club participated in the annual Life Chain on the school's campus in October.

Community members from around the Chippewa Valley joined the students in an hour of silent prayer and witness for life happening simultaneously at numerous locations across the United States.



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Audrey (Girolamo) Mcknight '62 reports that she enjoys traveling and volunteering. She is a very active person who still lives in a lovely home built 30 years ago.



Mary Budik (Coons) Miller '71 recently released her new non-fiction book, entitled "Safe From the Outside World: A Social History of Hanover, Minnesota". Hanover is a small town in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area in which Mary currently lives.



Jill Ludwikoski Halbleib '72. Val Havden Duerkop '72. Patti Skoug Fisher '72, and Michele Zukaitis McCormick '72 all attended grades 1-12 at Immaculate Conception Elementary School and Regis High School. They recently enjoyed catching up and reliving old memories!



Joe Roach '75, Mike Walter '75, Larry Ausman '75, and Chris Howard '75 were all together during the exciting Regis Football playoff game against Edgar, which the Ramblers won 53-8. Mr. Roach is the regular sports announcer for Regis home games, Mr. Walter was the spotter, and Mr. Ausman was running the clock. Mr. Howard just popped up for a visit.

Kevin Crane '04 recently won a national award recognizing his volunteer service on his credit union's board of directors. You can read the full article online at https://news.cuna.org/articles/121516-a-passionfor-service.



Erin (Thorson) Piggott '05 and her husband, Bill, welcomed their baby girl, Luellen Mary Piggott, on October 25! She was 7 lb.1 oz and joins 3-year-old brother Liam.

Emily (Hehli) Benvaich '09 is a dentist at Oak Park Dental in Eau Claire. She has one little girl who turned one this summer and she loves spending time with friends and family!

Reunions

Class of 1973 | 50th Reunion

September 22, 2023 | 5:30 pm Johnny's Italian Steakhouse (Holiday Inn), Eau Claire More details will be published in the spring.

Questions? Contact: Ivy (Morgan) Hartman | ivyhartman@ymail.com Sheila Collins | colli059@umn.edu Ken Adler | adlerjk@gmail.com



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.

ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL

Elizabeth (Donaldson) Maloney '50 Connie (Dingmann) Aumann '51 **Richard Bembnister** '53

REGIS HIGH SCHOOL

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Thank you to the families who named the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation in their memorial gift.

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The Regis High School Class of 1958 will be celebrating its 65th class reunion in 2023!

In honor of this momentous occasion, several alumni reached out to their fellow classmates with the idea of establishing the "Regis Class of 1958' Endowment Fund for Regis Catholic Schools.

The principal amount of the fund remains over its lifetime, whereas the interest earned from the fund will help support Regis' greatest needs on an annual basis year after year. Classmates were asked to consider making a donation of \$10 for every year that they graduated, knowing that some could do more and any amount is appreciated.

\$12.500 is the minimum amount of funds necessary to start an endowment and as of the printing of this publication, the Class of 1958 has crossed that threshold!

What a wonderful way to honor/memorialize the Class of 1958 and to ensure that future generations will receive an excellent faith-based education at Regis Catholic Schools!

Thank you to the Class of 1958!











Are you interested in establishing a scholarship that would benefit students of Regis Catholic Schools for generations to come?

The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation, in partnership with our Catholic schools, helps our supporters create scholarships. To establish a \$500 annual scholarship through the RCS Foundation, a minimum amount of \$12,500 is needed. The earnings on the principal will generate

the \$500 scholarship in perpetuity. A \$25,000 donation would award a \$1,000 scholarship each year. The RCS Foundation has many established scholarships you can support at lesser amounts.

Thank you to the following supporters who have established endowed scholarships with the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation.

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