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Our renovation project on the second floor of the Regis campus is complete. Learn more about the impact of this major upgrade.





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Learn how you can become part of our Regis Legacy Society!



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After considering a gift of time and talent, then I still encourage you to give a gift of treasure to Regis Catholic Schools.

How are you called to be a good steward of **Regis Catholic Schools?**

Stewardship has long been a popular term in Catholic circles. Sadly, the term often **From the Dean** gets reduced to financial

giving. Don't get me wrong, monetary donations are a part of stewardship, but money alone doesn't sum up the breadth of what it means to practice good stewardship.

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The three dimensions of stewardship Catholics are invited to consider are time, talent, and treasure. This threefold approach to stewardship gives voice to Christ's call to make of ourselves a complete gift to God and the Christian community. Let's explore each one of these dimensions.

How is God inviting you to give of your time to serve Regis Catholic Schools? Whether it be education, cocurricular activities, class field trips, retreats, Mass, or fundraising events, there is always a need for "sweat equity" to make these things happen. How can you give of your time to Regis Catholic Schools?

What are the talents you have that can be shared with Regis Catholic Schools? Scripture tells us not to place our light under a bushel basket. Do you have a unique set of gifts that can help Regis Catholic Schools? Whether it be a strong faith life, artistic gift, administrative gift, or simply the gift of your personality, what is the light you have that can be given as a gift to God through serving Regis Catholic Schools?

After considering a gift of time and talent, then I still encourage you to give a gift of treasure to Regis Catholic Schools. It's the sad, hard reality that financial resources are so needed to run a healthy school system. That need grows greater each year. Thank you for your past and future financial support of Regis Catholic Schools. It is so appreciated and needed.

As you read through this edition of the Rambler Report that focuses on giving, I pray that you are inspired by those who have given of their time, talent, and treasure to Regis Catholic Schools. Let us all ask God how we can make ourselves a complete gift to God and Regis Catholic Schools.

Fr. James Kurzynski Dean, Eau Claire Deanery

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Dear Friends of Regis Catholic Schools,

One of the primary goals of the Catholic Church is to educate children with the guiding light of Christ. I believe that giving a child a Regis Catholic School education is not only a tremendous privilege but is the best way to further the future of the Catholic Church and achieve this goal. The parishes and pastors in the Deanery of Eau Claire are very committed to our children and their faith formation. The education of children is an awesome responsibility of society and parents and I personally believe there isn't anything a person could buy or give to a child that is more valuable than a Regis Catholic Schools education.

I am pleased to communicate that the second floor renovation on the Regis campus is complete and has completely revitalized the look, feel, and functionality of that space. Included in the project was fresh paint on every inch of wall space, new lockers, improved ceilings and lighting, new flooring, and shades for every classroom window. A huge thank you to the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation for its support and to the many benefactors who contributed financially to this project. I am pleased to announce that the entire cost of the renovation was funded through generous donations. The Regis campus was first opened 70 years ago in 1953 and it is ready to go for the next 70 years. Thank you to those who contributed so generously!

During this Advent season, we are reminded to be prayerful and patient. The word Advent comes from the Latin root 'adventus', which means 'coming'. During this liturgical season where we wait for the coming of our Lord and Savior, let us be reminded that we are to model prayer and service to others as Christ did. May we develop a deeper sense

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From the President

of awareness of ourselves and others during this liturgical time.

I want to thank the faculty, staff, and administrators in each of our school buildings. With their dedication and hard work, the great time-honored history of Regis continues in full strength today and will continue to do so into the future. I am excited to see and communicate that the excellence of a Regis education is as strong today as it ever has been. Our Ramblers of today receive a top-notch education in a faith-filled environment and will continue on with a bright future ahead of them.

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow - Has No Finish Line.

Paul Pedersen

Paul Pedersen '89 President

Danielle Havenor **Named New St. James Elementary School Principal**



w Lear Iram blessed to join such a dedicated and caring team that has been so welcoming.



We are pleased to have welcomed Danielle Havenor as our new Principal of St. James Elementary School this school vear!

Over the last twelve years, Mrs. Havenor has dedicated her time to educating children and families in our community as an elementary school teacher, serving children from early childhood through sixth grade in special and general education.

She also spent time as an educational consultant and partnership coordinator, networking with area schools and local agencies to provide therapy and diagnostic evaluations to children.

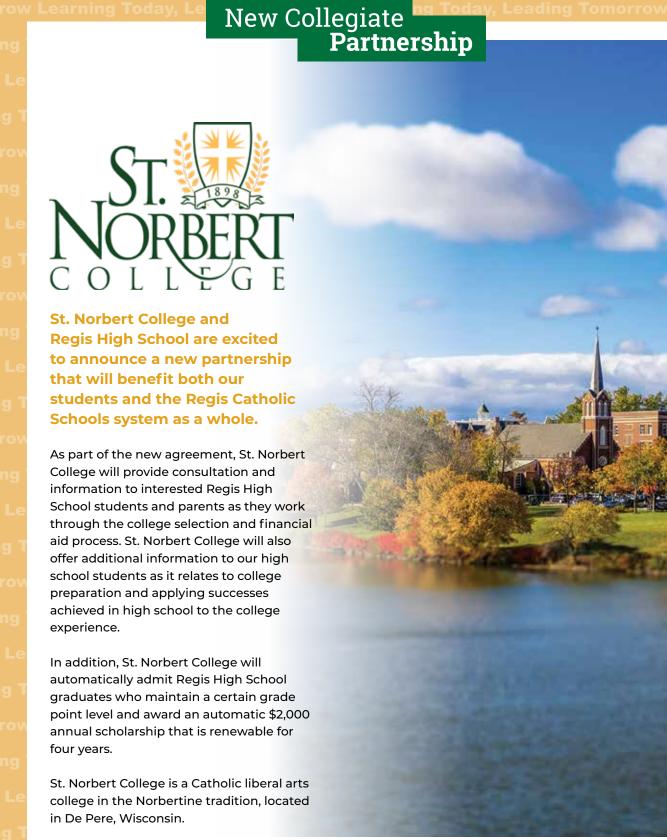
"I am blessed to join such a dedicated and caring team that has been so welcoming," Havenor said. "It is truly an honor to continue to serve students and families in a faith-filled environment."

Mrs. Havenor is committed to working with the Regis Catholic Schools team to provide an educational experience to all children that embraces Our Core Values of Living Faith, Accepting Responsibility, Promoting Teamwork, Achieving Excellence, and Inspiring Leadership.

Mrs. Havenor's family lives in the Chippewa Valley and enjoys spending their time outdoors, baking, playing sports, and visiting with friends and family. She has three children, two girls and one boy, who keep their family busy with a variety of different activities including playing basketball, crafting 4-H projects, and reading.

We ask you to keep Mrs. Havenor and our entire Regis Catholic Schools system in your prayers

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Financial Report

Revenue

Net Tuition & Fees	\$2,582,764
Choice Revenue	1,359,990
Parish Support	1,459, <mark>503</mark>
Donations, Foundation, Fundraising	816,357
Other Food S <mark>ervice, Athletic</mark> , Scrip (NET)	254,429
Child Care (NET)*	271,948
TOTAL REVENUE	\$6,744,991

*Our Net Profit for 2022-2023 includes funding from the government for COVID-19 assistance to the childcare centers.

Expenses

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TOTAL EXPENSES	6,640,434
Debt & Interest Payments	
General Operational, In-Service, Fundraising	42, <mark>57</mark> 2
Building Use Ag <mark>reemen</mark> ts	244, <mark>836</mark>
Building, Repair <mark>s,</mark> Utilities, Mainten <mark>ance, Deprec</mark> iation	680, <mark>6</mark> 56
Educational & Related Activities	523, <mark>846</mark>
Wages & Benefits	\$5,148,53 <mark>2</mark>

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REGIS 5-Year ACT Scores

Graduation Year	REGIS Total Tested	REGIS Composite Score	STATE Composite Score
2023	43	22.0	19.4
2022	50	22.6	19.4
2021	53	22.0	20.0
2020	62	23.5	20.1
2019	42	23.3	20.3

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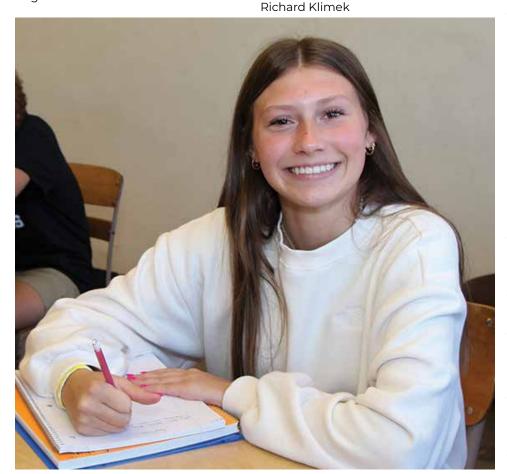
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Annual Giving: Making a Difference

The 2023-24 Regis Fund annual giving appeal is underway and has set an ambitious goal of \$600,000. This isn't just a number: it's a promise. A promise to uphold the legacy of excellence that Regis Catholic Schools represents.

As we step into this season of giving, we extend an invitation to you to contribute to the Regis Fund annual giving appeal. Your generous support has been instrumental in reshaping Regis Catholic Schools - eliminating debt, driving vital projects including capital improvements and curriculum enhancements, supporting faculty and staff, awarding scholarships to deserving students, and strengthening our endowment.

Your continued generosity holds the power to secure an accessible, high-quality education for our students not only today but also in the years to come. Your commitment truly makes a lasting difference.

> Transform lives, inspire futures, and serve as a catalyst for lasting change.

Your generosity will always make a difference.

To learn more about the Regis Fund annual giving appeal, please visit www.RegisCatholicSchoolsFoundation.com and click on "View the Brochure".





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Article & Photographs by Meghan Kulig, Communications Director

Over the past 70 years, thousands of students have walked the halls of the flagship Regis campus in Eau Claire. This school year, the middle and high school students attending **Regis Catholic Schools were treated** to an impressive upgrade.



Completed in 1953, the current Regis Middle School and Regis High School building was starting to show its age, especially on the second floor of the facility. Knowing this, the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation stepped in to get the ball rolling on a major renovation project.

"This project was a collaborative response by our school administration and the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation to provide our students with the best educational setting possible," said President Paul Pedersen '89. "The second floor of the Regis campus primarily houses our middle school classrooms, but also houses some high school classrooms, our student resource areas, and the school library. No renovations of this magnitude have been completed since the construction of the Regis campus back in the 1950s."

After receiving support from Fr. James Kurzynski and the priests within the Eau Clarie Deanery, the renovation process began in June of 2023, with students and staff coming together to empty the entire second floor of the building. Area crews and community partners then got to work upgrading almost every aspect of the space; removing asbestos, replacing flooring, painting the walls, upgrading ceilings and lighting, adding new energy-efficient window coverings, and installing new lockers for the middle school students.

"We had to get creative with certain aspects of the project due to the age of the building," President Pedersen said. "A lot of credit goes to Hoeft Builders Inc. for taking the lead and making it all happen."

While these changes are physical, Regis Middle School and Regis High School Principal Christi Machler knows they will ultimately lead to a better learning experience for the system's current and future students.

"An updated school facility provides a conducive environment for learning and can improve morale among students and staff," Machler said. "Comfortable, bright, and clean classrooms contribute to better student focus and concentration. These upgrades also create a sense of pride and belonging that positively impacts the school's culture."

As with many projects, this upgrade would not have been possible without the generous support of donors who value the importance of a Catholic education.

"The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation is comprised of a dedicated board of nine members whose mission is to establish and grow a sustainable fund that flourishes through investments and the support of our donors," said Mark Beckfield, President of the Regis Catholic

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- Paul Pedersen '89



Schools Foundation. "We collaborate closely with school leaders to address the system's most pressing needs both today and in the future, and this project is a great example of that strong partnership."

"We are immensely grateful to everyone who came forward and supported this project," added Jackie Bachmeier, the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation Advancement Director. "Our donors are the lifeblood of our schools and it is because of their generosity that we can undertake projects like this and more."

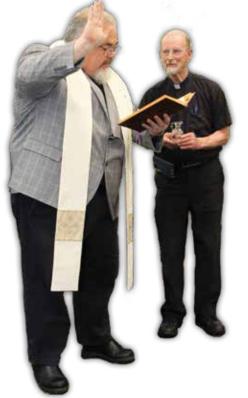
Regis Catholic Schools is especially grateful to Dr. Todd and Tammie Hehli for offering a \$250,000 matching grant in support of the project. The couple may not be Regis High School graduates, but their connection to Catholic education runs deep.

Both sets of Dr. Hehli's grandparents attended St. Patrick's High School and his parents proudly graduated from Regis High School in 1960. Their daughter, Emily, graduated from Regis in 2009, and their son, Steven, in 2012. Dr. Hehli serves on the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation board, driven by his deep commitment to the school's current and future generations of Ramblers.

Dr. Hehli remarked on the project, saying, "We are pleased with the success of this initiative all thanks to the support of those who rallied behind it and contributed to the advancement of Regis Catholic Schools. It is wonderful to be part of a community that values the outstanding faith-based education offered at Regis Catholic Schools."

In mid-September, Regis Catholic Schools gathered project supporters, current families, and area priests together for a blessing and ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the school's continued focus on faith and academic excellence.

Regis has a long tradition of being a positive influence in the Chippewa Valley and will continue to do so for years to come. - Fr. Kurzynski





"We are so happy to see our students, staff, families, and supporters respond to this project with enthusiasm and have such generous donors who support our mission."

special ceremony and says he and his fellow classmates appreciate what the Regis Catholic Schools community and supporters have made possible for the next generation of students.

"I have no doubt these improvements will make the learning environment on the second floor of my school even better than before," Wesner said.

"We are delighted with the results," added Beckfield, "We firmly believe that this was a significant stride in ensuring the continued success of Regis Catholic Schools and Catholic education in the Eau Claire area."

Fr. Kurzynski added that he sees this project as not only a newly renovated space for students on the Regis campus but as a statement of commitment to Catholic education.

"At a time of history when we are constantly hearing narratives of fear about the future of the Catholic Church and Catholic schools, this project sends a clear message to the Eau Claire community that Regis is here to stay, Fr. Kurzynski said. "Regis has a long tradition of being a to do so for years to come." 🕇

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By taking a distribution from your IRA this year, you will likely pay more in taxes and may even reach a higher tax bracket. Rolling over part of your IRA's "required minimum distribution" or "RMD" to a charity like ours can help reduce your tax bill while supporting our cause.

If you are 70½ or older, you can make a gift of up to \$100,000 this year from your IRA to help further our mission. Compare the impact of taking your RMD versus the benefits of making an IRA charitable rollover gift to us:

Taking Your RMD

\$100.000

- You pay income tax on your distribution
- You may not need or want the money
- Your tax dollars go to Washington You are limited by the RMD rules

70½

OR OLDER

Making an IRA Gift

You will pay no income tax on your gift You can help support your favorite causes Your gift can help build your charitable legacy • You can use your IRA in the way you want

Double the Benefits!

An IRA charitable rollover gift can benefit both you and our mission! Contact your IRA administrator to get started with your gift. While you will not receive an income tax deduction, you will not pay taxes on any distributions made to us. Please also inform us of your plans so that we use your gift for the causes that mean the most to you.



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EXPRESS YOUR

It may have started the first time we took a deep breath and blew out the candles, or perhaps it was when we gazed upon a lone star in a dark sky. We would quietly make a wish and take care to tell no one in hopes that the wish would come true.

Whenever it began, the practice of keeping our most personal hopes and dreams to ourselves is a tradition that Americans, in large number, tend to revive when it comes to a final communication with friends and loved ones.

This final communication is called the Last Will and Testament. Regardless of how we've come to view this document. it is a final opportunity to give expression to personal wishes.





Even if you don't own a lot of property, a will is needed to make other important decisions:

In the absence of a will, the state will resort to a formula. A judge will name an executor, a bond may have to be posted, the court will name a guardian and a formula will determine asset distribution.

The Charitable Bequest

The charitable bequest is one of the best ways for you to express your specific philanthropic goals. In fact, the bequest is the most frequently utilized method to support charity in America. Here are some options for your bequest to charity:

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Do You Need a Will?

Many people, especially young individuals and those who feel that their estate is too small, believe that a will represents an unnecessary expense. But, you need a plan for the future and the preparation of a will need not be expensive.

 Naming an executor • Naming a legal guardian for minors Making gifts or transfers Reducing estate tax liability

• A specific dollar amount • A percentage of the estate • Specific assets

Your gift is important to us! While many may think philanthropy is reserved for a select few, the truth is that every bequest to this organization helps us continue our work.

If you would like more information on including the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation in your will, we invite you to contact



Preserving Legacy, Empowering Futures:

Regis High School Class of 1958 Pays It Forward

> The Regis High School Class of 1958 recently gathered for its 65-year reunion, bridging the past with the future. Fueled by their appreciation for the education that shaped their lives, several alumni turned a shared idea into reality.

They introduced the "Regis Class of 1958 Endowment Fund for Regis Catholic Schools". The fund's principle remains intact throughout its lifetime, with the interest generated annually addressing the school's most pressing needs.

The request was simple yet profound: each classmate was encouraged to contribute, reflecting on their years at Regis. The request? A donation of \$10 for every year since graduation. This humble gesture carried a significant impact; some giving more, some less, but every contribution was a step to a brighter future.

As donations flowed in. the Class of 1958's endowed fund took shape, surpassing the \$12,500 minimum requirement to launch the endowment. A testament to collective giving, their compassion has now materialized into tangible opportunities.

To the Regis High School Class of 1958, we extend our heartfelt gratitude. Your enduring commitment, kindness, and vision continue to inspire within the halls of Regis Catholic Schools. You've shown us that even the smallest acts of generosity can create ripples of change that reach far beyond our imagination.



Invest in the Future: Create an Endowed Scholarship for **Regis Catholic Schools**

Are you passionate about shaping the future of education and making a meaningful impact on the lives of students at Regis Catholic Schools? We invite you to consider establishing a scholarship that will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation, in collaboration with our Catholic schools, is dedicated to empowering supporters like you to create enduring scholarships. With a minimum gift of \$12,500, you can establish an annual scholarship through the RCS Foundation, ensuring ongoing support for students in need.

Join the ranks of our dedicated supporters who have already established endowed scholarships with the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation and become a part of the legacy of empowering young minds to thrive.

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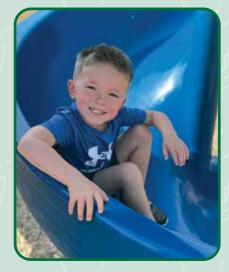


Leave a Lasting Legacy

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













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.

REGIS LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS (As of June 30, 2023)

Betty Abts John "Jack" Adler '56 Rosanna L. Anderson Anonymous Anonymous Earl Benning Charles and Bernadette (Christenson) Fisher '47 Fr. J. Thomas Finucan '48 Elaine Frank '40 **Richard T. Gannon '55** James & Gloria Ganther '51 Dr. Jim & Linda Geraghty **Curley & Captola Golden** Dr. Patrick F. Golden '51 Margaret Hanson '62 Francis "Bud" & June Harrington In Memory of Judith Bye Henderson '56 by Gary Henderson The Hrubesh Family **Robert Karrow '47** Joseph Koehn Peter & Patricia (Wenberg) Koupal '70 & '74 Kathleen Kovell '66 Daniel & Lori Lavalle '74

Leave a Legacy Benefiting Regis Students for Generations

The Regis Legacy Society honors those generous donors who have dedicated or will dedicate planned gifts to our Catholic schools. There are a number of ways to remember the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation through your estate plan. To learn more about how you can join the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation Legacy Society, contact Jackie Bachmeier at (715) 830-2273, ext 1407 or jbachmeier@RegisCatholicSchools.com.

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Our final Regis Catholic Schools Auction was a huge success!

We welcomed a large crowd to The Florian Gardens in Eau Claire on Saturday, November 4, with even more supporters bidding online.







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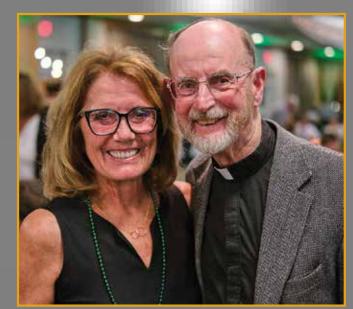


hanks to your generosity, the 2023 Regis Catholic Schools Auction helped raise approximately \$150,000.

Of that amount, approximately \$91,000 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 approximately \$59,000 in support of our "Attitude of Gratitude" initiative as we showed our deep gratitude to all of our Regis Catholic Schools faculty and staff.

All of the money raised as part of our final Regis Catholic Schools Auction Fund-a-Need is being distributed among our dedicated employees as we celebrate the season of giving thanks.















Don't worry! We will still be hosting an event in the future that will give you the opportunity to enjoy a fun night out in support of our schools.

We plan to combine our Regis Catholic Schools Auction with the Non Sibi Awards Dinner & Regis Catholic Schools Night of Recognition into one gala-type fundraiser. This will give us the opportunity to not only raise money in support of tuition assistance at our schools but also to celebrate all of the wonderful things happening at our schools and the people who make our system great.

We will take a "gap year" in 2024 to give our team time to put together this reimagined event, with plans to host the new gala in the fall of 2025. While the details still have to be finalized, we do plan for this event to still have the live auction and Fund-a-Need elements and we will also still have some fun games and raffles available for attendees.

In addition, our Regis High School athletics department is considering hosting an athletics auction in 2024. This will give our families and supporters a chance to attend a fun event and bid on some great items in support of our Regis Ramblers. We also plan to introduce our latest class of Regis High School Hall of Fame inductees at this new event.

We are excited about these new opportunities and ideas as we take Regis Catholic Schools into the future.

Thank you for your generous support of the Regis Catholic Schools Auction over the past three decades. We thank and honor the countless individuals who have made this event happen and helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars in support of Catholic education.

We hope you will continue to support our schools by attending these new and reimagined events.

${\cal O}$...this was the final Regis Catholic Schools Auction as we know it. So, what's next?

Athletics

Report



Cross Country

The Running Ramblers began their season on August 14, 2023. The first few weeks of pre-season included training sessions at Lowe's Creek Park, the soccer park, the UW-Eau Claire track, the YMCA pool, and Putnam Trail. Throughout the season, the team trained at South Middle School, the soccer park, and the streets around Regis High School. A favorite run was downtown to cool off in the splash pad at the Pablo Center! This team knew how to work hard and have fun!

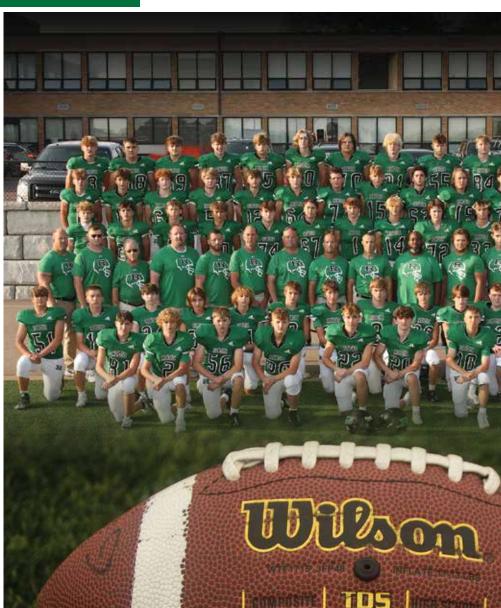
The girls' team had a target on its back as the 2022 Cloverblet Conference and WIAA Sectional Champions. Since depth is not a trademark of this Regis team, a top-five injured runner precluded a repeat for the Cloverbelt title, but a full squad at WIAA Sectionals ran to another title! There are two graduating senior girls: Ava Highman who debuted this season and rounded out our top five and Ava Moore who was a four-year runner and progressed from 24+ minutes to a 20:48 minute 5K. Ava Moore was a second-year team captain and her leadership will be missed. Carly Borst qualified for the WIAA State Tournament meet for the third straight year and had a lifetime best of 20:17.9 at the state meet. Sylvia Spangler ran strong all season and had a lifetime best of 20:31. The only new freshman team member was Kaylen Borst who proved to be an asset to the team's success. Juniors Rebecca Catt and Grace Market both ran lifetime bests this season; their second season on the team. The girls ran on October 28, 2023 at the state meet and placed 13/16 teams.

The boy's team had three returners and three freshmen. This young team kept improving all season and was led by Dominic Santine. Dominic, a sophomore, had a season best of 17:26 at the WIAA Sectional meet which earned him a spot at the big dance in Wisconsin Rapids! He placed 81st and ran 18:12 at the state meet. As a freshman, his best time was 19:12,

so Dominic is showing great improvement, poise, and confidence. Freshmen Benjamin Hoeft, Abram Gillett, and Andrew Hoeft saw their times decrease by minutes this season and were a positive contribution to the squad on and off the course. Junior Holden Caporusso enjoyed his second year on the team and had a 5K best of 20:00. Junior captain Vince Slaby was plagued by injury and illness that stifled his overall season goals. There aren't any seniors, so expectations for the 2024 season are high!

For the second season, Coach Tim Santine was a tremendous help 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.





Football

The 2023 Regis Football season started off rough as the Ramblers suffered a 24-0 defeat to Prescott. After that week 1 loss, the team rattled off four wins over Bloomer, Elk Mound, Durand, and Fall Creek. In week 6, the team lost a very close game to Mondovi at Carson Park which turned out to be one of the most exciting games in the area. Regis finished the regular season strong by beating Stanley-Boyd, Neillsville, and Osseo-Fairchild to win a share of the Cloverbelt Conference. This marked the 6th straight season that the team has won or shared the conference title.

In the postseason, the team was able to beat

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Elmwood Plum City in the playoff opener before falling to Edgar in Level II of the playoffs. Throughout the year, many close games gave the fans plenty of entertainment!

This team improved a lot throughout the season and had to overcome a significant amount of injuries to key players throughout the season. This demonstrated the grit and resilience of this team. The team was led by 15 seniors: Brayden Albee, Ian Andrews, Luke Betcher, Tyler Burhop, Alex Burdick, Alex Ciulla, Ethan Eager, Chase Kostka, Lucas Kovacevich, Brody Larson, Mark Mauer, John McMenomy, Brandon Myher, Preston Olson, and Preston Semling.

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The Regis/McDonell Saints Girls Tennis team had another very successful season going 19-7. The team was led by six seniors who were very instrumental in the team's success during the last four years.

The girls competed in top invites throughout the state; in Milwaukee, Green Bay, and Kohler. The Saints finished as Sectional Runner-Up and advanced four players to the individual state tennis tournament. Seniors Teigan Petersilka and Brittany Martin qualified for the singles tournament while the senior combo of Ashley Chilson and Colleen Callaghan finished 6th place in the state doubles tournament.

The Saints finished the season ranked #7 by the coaches poll in the Division 2 state rankings. Though the team loses a large senior group, the Saints return multiple players for next season. The team had a program record of 30 participants out for tennis this season which makes the future bright.

The coaches would like to thank the seniors for all their hard work and dedication to the tennis program these last few years. They were part of two team state tennis appearances state runner-up in 2021) and two sectional runner-up finishes. We would also like to thank Assistant Coach Kyle Johnson for his many years of service to the program as he retires from coaching.



Regis High School's Volleyball program had an eventful season this year, with each team showing great progress and dedication.

focus on improving fundamental skills and understanding fun truly stood out. The team laid the foundation for future success and demonstrated a commitment to the sport

abilities points to a bright future for the program. The team's hard work and determination were evident

throughout the season, and their efforts were both commendable and vital in the development of the players and the team as a whole.

achievement as the program's first appearance at that adapting to new norms and exceeding the expectations set by their dedicated coaching staff.



Boys Soccer

At 4-9-3, the 2023 Saints team was challenged early in missed the inherent lesson, and they played their best



Girls Golf

Another year of Altoona-Regis Girls Golf is in the books! events to earn a varsity letter. She earned our Most Improved Golfer of the Season award.

Mattie Albright lettered again for her second year, earned an Honorable Mention All-Conference Middle Border nod, and had a strong finish at regionals shooting 94 at Hallie. Mariska Remington earned a varsity letter and also finished strong at regionals shooting 99. Bernie Falbo started the season on JV, quickly moved up to varsity, and played in enough

As a team, we competed all year long in a difficult MBC with four-time state champions Prescott, placing tied for 3rd in conference play. The team won the Northwest Classic event at Colfax and brought its best to regionals shooting a team score of 361, improving from the season average by 26 strokes.

The Regis High School Booster Club would like to thank all of our Ramblers families, alumni, and friends who joined us for our 40th annual event following an opening day victory on the football field!

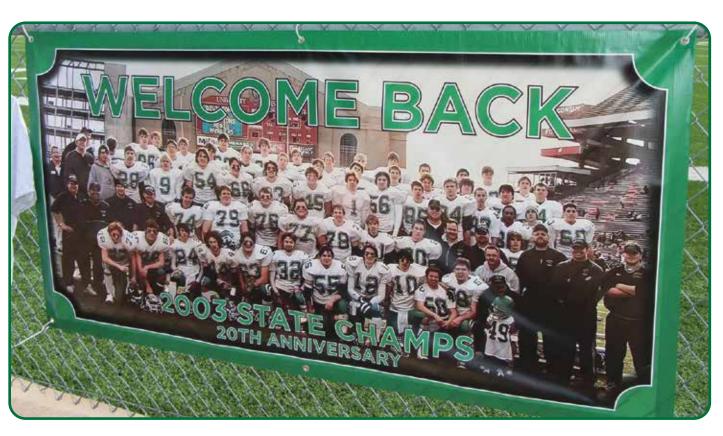
Thank you to Ray's Place for preparing and serving its famous hot ham and beef sandwiches and to Park Ridge Distributing for serving as our beverage sponsor. Congratulations to the raffle winners listed below.

Top Prize Winner (\$1,000) | Ethan Eager 2nd Prize (\$500) | Sue Maenner 3rd Prize (\$100) | Jim Gobler 3rd Prize (\$100) | Eric Nelson 3rd Prize (\$100) | Karla Petersilka

Go Ramblers!















2003 Regis Football State Champions Reunion A special reunion on the gridiron!

Members of the Regis Football 2003 state championship team were recognized on September 9 during halftime at the Ramblers vs. Panthers game at Carson Park.

We can't believe it has been 20 years!

Alumni Report

Thank you to the BeLikeTommy Project for donating two AED devices to Regis High School during a Ramblers football game

In December 2021, Tommy Nash passed away at the age of 14 due to sudden cardiac arrest. The BeLikeTommy Project was started as a way to keep Tommy's bright light shining and to raise awareness of the role life-saving AED devices can play in saving lives. Tommy's parents are both Regis High School alumni; Kevin Nash '95 and Nicole Hatfield Nash '96.



Reunion Class of 1969 | 55th Reunion

SAVE THE DATES!

Friday, September 20

Wild Ridge | Eau Claire Three Entree Buffet One Man Performance - Patrick O'Brien - "Tweet" **Overhead Digital Classmate Memorial** "Shout Out" Big Screen Trivia

Saturday, September 21

HELLO CLASSES OF 1968 and 1970! LET'S GET TOGETHER!

The Class of 1969 will host a social gathering for the Classes of 1968, 1969, and 1970 at the VFW - Starr Avenue starting at 6 p.m.

NO SIGN-UP / NO COST TO ATTEND / CASH BAR / SNACKS PROVIDED

Questions? Contact Kathy Schultz '69! Kfschultz54703@gmail.com (715) 450-2125

We want to stay connected with you! If you are reading this, you are in our database.

All Alumni!

Attention

However, many of our alumni have moved or are not currently in our database and we need your help to find them!

If you know someone who isn't receiving our updates...be it a child, family member, or friend... please urge them to share their information with us! By joining our database, they will stay updated on class reunions, events, and more by receiving the Rambler Report up to three times a year.

Don't forget that providing an email address ensures timely communication.

Let's keep our alumni family strong and connected!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

> Encourage family and friends to update their information via our online form available at RegisCatholicSchools.com/alumni/update-information/

> Complete the form below for all alumni in your family and return it using the envelope provided in this magazine.

Thank you for helping us keep our alumni records up to date!

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We are honored to help remember Tommy and are grateful to the entire Nash family for their support of our schools.

IN MEMORIAM

t <u>percetual light shine upon kim</u> he souls of the faithful departed the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL

Elizabeth Haas-Durica '50 George Gobler '51

REGIS HIGH SCHOOL

Theodore Stearns '62 Craig Heron '65 Mary Kaiser '65 Virginia Smith '65 Gail McFarlane '67 **Robert John Gagnon** '77 Kathleen Krull (Roberge) '89 Frank Keeler '89

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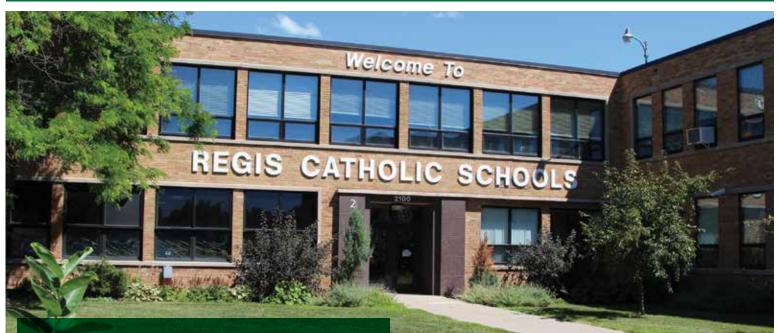
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If your son or daughter who graduated from Regis High School no longer lives at home, please share his or her current address with us so we can add them to our mailing list for The Rambler Report!

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