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During the season of Lent, those of us that live in the Midwest not only experience a spiritual rejuvenation, but also a physical rejuvenation from the spring thaw-out, especially after the coldest winter in recent history!

In the Spring of 2013, Faculty and Staff, Education Commission Members, Finance Committee members, and a variety of current parents were invited to two strategic planning meetings. With feedback from many of you, this group helped to finalize the RCS mission and vision. They also identified strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT analysis), determined final system goals to work towards, and began formulating strategic planning initiatives.

From the creation of the strategies and goals of last spring, a living document was created to act as an operational framework to help guide the Administration and Education Commission. Mark Gobler was able to step into the role as RCS President with a guide that commits to the optimum preparation of our students to thrive in a global



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THE DEAN & PRESIDENT

society and emphasizes the importance of our Catholic roots.

This spring, the leadership team reviewed last year's strategic plan framework and made updates to reflect recent leadership initiatives. The 2014-15 Strategic Plan Framework is shown on the following two pages in this newsletter. The first column focuses on our foundation - Our Core Values. The Core Values column identifies strengths that we need to maintain and weaknesses that we need to improve.

The second column identifies the most important Key Initiatives that RCS is either working on right now or are planning to undertake in the near future. These initiatives are organized by (1) Strengthening Student Body, (2) Inspiring Teachers & Administrators, (3) Involving All Constituencies, and (4) Managing the Finances.

The last column identifies our Central Goals, which we have shared with you in the last few newsletters. Ultimately, RCS is working towards achieving the following outcomes:

Catholic Identity: Faithful Servants of Christ the King

Students are living our Core Values as practicing Catholics and committed Christians with a vocational awareness of their roles in society.

Academics: Lifelong Learners

Students are developing their God-given talents - body, mind, & soul - and are being equipped with educational tools and skills for future advancement as tomorrow's leaders in Church and society.

Financial Strength: Faithful Stewards

RCS is financially strong without fear of closing buildings or reducing sections. Tuition assistance is available when needed. Faculty and staff are compensated fairly. Classrooms and facilities have the updates they need.

All three of these columns make up the living Strategic Plan Framework that will be referenced daily, reviewed regularly, and updated annually. Throughout the year there will be a constant vigil on adapting to the changes and demands that will assist RCS in advancing our central goals.

Your support and interest in maintaining the high standards of Regis Catholic Schools is appreciated. It is something we pray for because without this partnership, we would have difficulty aspiring to make significant progress into the future.

Yours in Christ the King,



Rev. Brian D. Konopa,
RCS Dean



Mark Gobler '73,
RCS President



STRATEGIC PLAN FRAMEWORK

OUR CORE VALUES...



Living FAITH

Maintain: Awareness that RCS exists because Jesus exists

Improve: Parish/priest participation in schools

Improve: Student commitment to daily Gospel living

Improve: Visible presence of Catholic identity

Accepting RESPONSIBILITY

Maintain: Positive visibility with public

Improve: Communication with public: open to all income levels; strengths are faith & academics

Improve: Student enrollment & retention efforts

Improve: Staff development

Improve: Student assessments tools

Promoting TEAMWORK

Maintain: Family atmosphere & parental involvement

Maintain: Strong Child Development Program

Improve: Support for Teaching & Learning Plan

Improve: Communication, collaboration, and commitment to drive system success

Improve: Alumni relationships

Achieving EXCELLENCE

Maintain: Passion for achieving high standards in academics and Catholic identity

Improve: Resources to achieve high standards in academics & Catholic identity

Inspiring LEADERSHIP

Maintain: Balanced budgets

Maintain: Debt retirement planned for 2016

Maintain: Dedicated teachers in classrooms

Improve: Administrative and teaching staff stability

Improve: Student ability to be independent & conscientious thinkers

...DRIVE OUR KEY INITIATIVES...



Strengthen STUDENT BODY

1. Academic enhancements: Teaching & Learning Initiative continues
2. Maximize appropriate uses of instructional technology: Online curriculum and assessments, iPad plan, enhance wireless capacity in elementary schools
3. Outreach ministry: Plan for K-12 service projects, retreat days

Inspire TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATORS

1. Assure staff quality and stability through...
 - Competent compensation program based on new staff evaluation tools to reward outstanding performance. Will include merit, service, and professional responsibilities.
 - MA program: Partnered w/ MACS, expenses paid
2. Spiritual & catechetical formation
3. Curriculum Coordinator to provide instructional leadership

Involve ALL CONSTITUENCIES

1. Parents: Enhance communication with RCS volunteer organizations via new website
2. Alumni: Enhance follow-up program w/ graduates
3. RCS Foundation: Increase awareness as the driving force of 3rd source income: Annual Funds, Scholarships, & Legacy gifts
4. Broader Community: Plan for ways connect with organizations, companies, home-school families, grandparents, friends, etc.

Manage THE FINANCES

1. Enrollment: Increase to 851 students in 2014-15
2. Student retention: Retain at least 95% annually
3. Tuition Assistance: Increase St. Benedict's Scholarship (needs based) to \$195,000
4. Advancement: Grow Regis Fund by 5% annually
5. Facilities: Prioritize needs while considering security, handicapped accessibility, & sustainability



...TO ADVANCE OUR CENTRAL GOALS

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RCS K-12 Accreditation Process

Regis Catholic Schools is in the process of receiving K-12 accreditation through AdvancEd, which is a nationally known accreditation institution. Historically Regis High School was accredited every 5 years, but now our Catholic schools are seeking system accreditation. Over the last two years, all of our five Regis Catholic School buildings have been collecting and documenting our quality education. The RCS Accreditation Report was submitted on February 24, 2014. An External Review Team will visit our schools in April and will verify our effective practices and documentations.

Accreditation is a rigorous process for evaluating the effectiveness of individual schools in meeting the needs of students. The External Review Visit will assess the five standards of criteria, will review and confirm the system successes, and will mark any areas of improvements. A report will be given to leadership, staff, and stakeholders that can be used for continuous improvement.

The five standards of criteria AdvanceEd uses are Purpose and Direction, Governance and Leadership, Teaching and Learning, Resources and Support Systems, and Using Results for Continuous Improvements.

TEACHING & LEARNING REPORT

Current academics are excellent with the highest average ACT scores in the area, and almost all Regis graduates have taken the ACT exam.

REGIS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 4 YEAR ACT SCORES

| YEAR | % OF TESTED TO GRADUATES | | COMPOSITE | |
|------|--------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | REGIS | STATE | REGIS | STATE |
| 2010 | 98% | 67% | 24.4 | 22.1 |
| 2011 | 94% | 67% | 25.0 | 22.2 |
| 2012 | 98% | 68% | 23.0 | 22.1 |
| 2013 | 91% | 71% | 24.6 | 22.1 |

PROGRESS REPORT

4TH GRADE 4.3 level

tested into a **5.9 grade** level & ranked our schools in the **98% percentile**.

TOP 2% NATIONALLY.

6TH GRADE 6.3 level

tested into a **7.9 grade** level.

COMPOSITE SCORE OF 89%.

8TH GRADE 8.3 level

tested into a **11.9 grade** level.

COMPOSITE SCORE OF 95%.

AND IMPROVEMENTS

Curriculum Improvements in Progress

- Math Curriculum (Since 2011)
- Language Arts Curriculum (Since 2012)
- Social Studies Curriculum (Summer 2013)
- Science Curriculum (February 2014)
- Added Instructional Minutes
- Added Position: Curriculum Coordinator (July 2014)

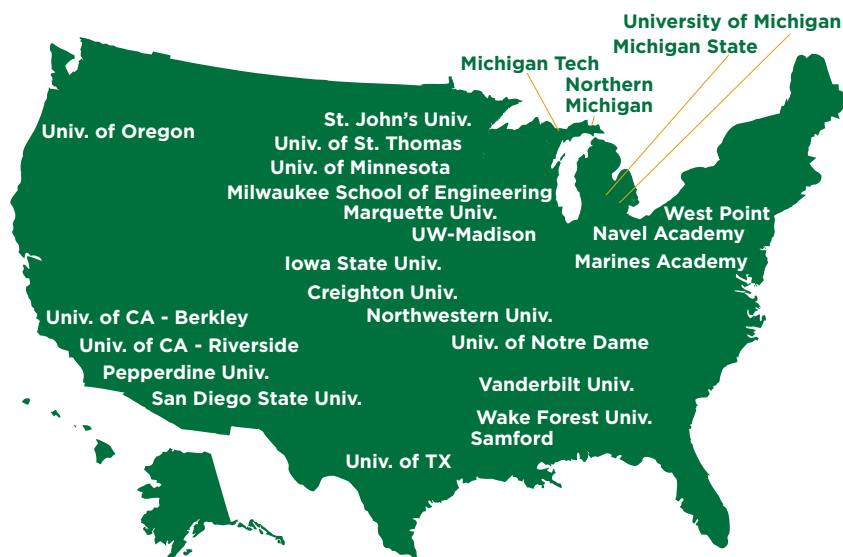
Differentiation Improvements in Progress

- Faculty InService Training on Differentiation
- Assessment Training
- Leveled Reading Training
- New Online Curriculum and Assessment Software

Saint Mary's Master Degree Program

- Master of Education
- Partnership with McDonell
- Paid by RCS, 3-Year Post Degree RCS Commitment
- Will Create Teacher Leaders
- Will Improve Teaching Skills/Tools
- Will Increase Teacher Salaries
- Reduce Teaching Staff Turnover

RCS Graduates receive scholarships to prestigious Universities



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Through service, our students will gain a sense of empathy for others, leading towards a desire to contribute to our community through acts of service.

STUDENT & COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATES

So far this school year, as a PreK-12 system, our RCS students have volunteered for nearly 90 different charities and causes (over 6000 hours since September), donated over \$10,500 in cash, and donated many boxes of food and other needed items.

At Regis Catholic Schools, we believe that learning and service are connected to the intellectual and moral development of each student. The goal for our students is to serve our community in a variety of ways, helping others outside of their immediate circle.



SPORTS & CO-CURRICULAR UPDATES

Football

Coach Bryant Brenner and the Ramblers had a goal to “Finish It” this season, and they gave it their best effort. Overcoming a number of injuries, the Ramblers made it to Level 1 of the WIAA Playoffs, where they were defeated by Athens.

Boys’ Soccer

McRegis Boys’ Soccer had a strong season, led once again by Coach Tim Jenneman. The boys finished the season with 13 wins, 9 losses, and 1 tie making it as far as the WIAA Regional before losing to Barron.

Volleyball

After a spectacular season and a few tense games, the Lady Ramblers finally won their trip to the WIAA State Tournament in Green Bay last fall. The team was sent off with a Pep Rally on November 7 and hit the court on November 8 at the Resch Center in Green Bay where they beat Brodhead in the first match. The final match was against Auburndale and our Lady Ramblers won the 2013 State Volleyball Championship and brought home the gold ball!

Girls’ Tennis

The Girls’ Tennis team once again earned a trip to State after a fantastic season. Coach Kyle Seyer and the girls were in Madison for Individual State on October 17 and 18, and Team State on October 25 and 26. Way to go, ladies!

Girls’ Golf

Coach Paul Pedersen and the Girls’ Golf team performed well this past season. The team made it to Regionals and Junior Hannah Ottevaere went all the way to sectionals. There were no seniors on the team this year and we can look forward to another strong season next year.

Cross Country

The Cross Country team had another great season, led by Coach John Snyder. While the entire team performed well all season, it was the Girls’ team who earned themselves an opportunity to run at the State meet. The girls placed 8th out of 16 teams at State. Great job to the Running Ramblers!



Wrestling

The Wrestling team had a very good first season as Regis welcomed back the sport after a two-decade hiatus. The new team of 15 high school and 3 middle school athletes had the courage to learn a new sport the hard way – each week they faced competition with 5-10 years of experience! The team competed in several JV meets and the boys worked hard learning the skills and strategies of wrestling. Coach Mattison and Assistant Coach Yengo have been a wonderful addition to the coaching staff at Regis and next season Regis expects to co-op with McDonell to add more depth to the program.

Girls’ Basketball

Regis welcomed Coach Jim Negrini back to the Regis Girls Program and the girls have had a very successful season under his leadership. The ladies took 2nd Place in the Western Cloverbelt Conference and went to the WIAA State Tournament. Ramblers were defeated in the State Semi-Finals in Green Bay by Cuba City. Great job, ladies!

Boys’ Basketball

It has been a special season for the Ramblers as they celebrated Coach Uelmen’s 500th win as a coach! The boys went all the way to the WIAA Regional Final where they lost to Mondovi. Finishing 3rd in the Conference, the Ramblers finished the season at 15-9. With only two seniors on the team, Coach Uelmen and the Ramblers should have a lot of experience back for next year.

SPORTS & CO-CURRICULAR UPDATES

Hockey

The Saints (Regis/McDonell Co-op Team) had another strong season advancing to the Sectional Final against Memorial. This was the second year in a row the Saints faced the Old Abes for a trip in the State tournament, and the Saints fought a challenging battle. While the game ended in defeat, they had a great season and are looking forward to another chance at State next year!

Campus Ministry

On Ash Wednesday, Hard As Nails Ministry ran the Freshman/Sophomore Retreat with a Lenten theme mixed with "I Will Win." The idea was to get the students to push through their struggles, be they physical or emotional, and win for Jesus Christ and for their neighbors. Campus Ministry also hosted a "Fat Tuesday" before Ash Wednesday in order to help students prepare for the season of Lent. Students also posted posters of ideas for things to sacrifice during Lent in order to help the rest of the student body enter into Lent more fully.

Environmental Club

Last October, members of the Environmental Club spent the day at the Wisconsin Interstate Park. The day involved exploring the best known collection of glacial potholes in the world on the Minnesota side of the river, rock scrambling, and a canoe trip down the St. Croix River where students discovered Native American pictographs. The canoe trip ended at Cascade Falls in Osceola where students were able to climb a ledge and walk behind a waterfall. In November, students in the Environmental Club had the opportunity to explore Mississippi backwaters and see a waterfall, hike the bluff at Buena Vista Park, and visit the National Eagle Center in Wabasha.

ProLife Club

Members of the ProLife Club participated in two national ProLife events held in October. On October 6, students and community members gathered for a Life Chain, which involved a peaceful hour of prayer and holding signs along Hastings Way. On October 16, students participated in the Day of Silent Solidarity. Students gave up speaking for the day in recognition of the millions of children who have lost their lives to abortion.

Chess Club

The Chess Club is once again in the midst of the annual Student/Faculty Chess Tournament. The fourth round of competition will soon be underway. So far there are more students remaining in the tournament than faculty, so RCS will see if the faculty can make a strong showing. It will be exciting to see who takes home the title of Chess Champion this year!

Rotary Club

Rotary Club, formerly known as Key Club, held its annual Cash for Candy in cooperation with Regis Court Dental on Monday, November 4. Cash for Candy pays children \$1 per pound of Halloween candy, up to 5 pounds. The candy is then sent to soldiers serving our country. This annual tradition is a great way to keep kids healthy and thank members of the military.

Academic Decathlon

The Academic Decathlon team, led by Coach John Snyder and Assistant Coach Judine Brey earned a spot in the State competition in Wisconsin Dells, March 13 and 14! Academic Decathlon is a gifted-and-talented program in which students prepare to take tests in a variety of subjects, as well as present a prepared speech, an impromptu speech, and more. The theme the team studied this year is World War I. Unfortunately, the team was unable to go due to scheduling conflicts. Regis is very proud of their accomplishments.

Academic Challenge

The Academic Challenge team has once again qualified for the NAQT National Quiz Bowl which will be held in Chicago, May 30-June 2. The team is led by Coach John Snyder and Assistant Coach Tim Santine. Congratulations team!



SPORTS & CO-CURRICULAR UPDATES



National Honor Society

The newly selected junior members have been getting involved in NHS and learning the ropes as they prepare for their senior year projects. Some of the NHS projects this winter have included students participating in the Polar Plunge for the Special Olympics, the annual Variety Show, a March Madden-ness video game tournament, and more! Each project is led by a pair of senior NHS members and the projects work to benefit others.

SADD

SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) recognized National Relationship Violence Awareness week by hanging an orange poster on every third locker in the halls of Regis. This represented the 1 in 3 teens who will experience either physical, sexual, verbal abuse or threats from a dating partner. SADD is also planning for the annual mock car crash which will occur around the same time as prom, showing students the dangers of driving under the influence.

One-Act Play

The cast and crew of the One Act play performed for judges on October 21 for the District competition and did well enough to move on to the Sectional competition on November 8, where they earned a

trip to State! Advisor Ms. Judine Brey had promised if the team makes it to State for the 4th year in a row, she would let the cast and crew cut off her hair and she would shave her head. Ms. Brey upheld her promise to the team and shaved her head at a school assembly.

Math Team

The Regis Math Team has had another great year. They won first place in both of the two major competitions that they entered, the UWEC Math Meet, and the Cloverbelt Math Challenge. Individually, our team members placed well, but our teams also have a great deal of depth, meaning that most members on the team are contributing to the total team scores.

German Trip

On March 14, 32 Regis students accompanied Mr. Campbell, Mr. McLain, and Mr. Pedersen on the German trip. After a short stay in Munich, they traveled to the Bavarian alpine city of Oberammergau. They toured “crazy” Ludwig’s fairy tale castles before returning to Dachau/Munich for a one week family stay. The trip concluded with an overnight stay in the medieval city of Rothenburg and ended in the beautiful town of Heidelberg.

CURRICULAR **SPORTS & UPDATES**

High School Jazz Band

The High School Jazz Band will be competing in the Eau Claire Jazz Festival in April. **Regis has taken First Place at this nationally known festival 4 out of the past 5 years!** They will also be touring all of the Regis grade schools and performing for the whole student body. Guest clinicians will be visiting the campus and be working directly with the jazz ensemble.

Middle School Jazz Lab Band

In March a new opportunity for all 7th and 8th grade musicians started - the middle school Jazz Lab Band. We meet after school from 2:50 - 3:20 each Thursday afternoon after school. Jazz lab band allows students to explore the basic elements of the jazz and rock idioms in music.

Forensics

Congratulations to the 38 members of the forensics team who qualified for the WHSFA state festival. In order to qualify, competitors presented for three judges; they must receive two scores of 20 or more out of a possible 25. The state festival will be held on the UW Madison campus in April.

Spring Play

Our Regis thespians worked hard to produce *John Lennon and Me*, by Cherie Bennett. Regis student Lily Howder directed this funny, energetic, and thoughtful play. The play follows the life of Star, a girl whose struggles with sickness and death lead to changes in her own life and relationships. The cast is comprised of a strong group of middle and high school students, and the roles range from the vivacious group of Flunkies, to a zealous physical therapist, to a nervous new girl at Heart House, a home for sick kids. The play was performed in the Regis auditorium at the end of March.



500th Boy's Basketball coaching win

Thank you for all you do, **Coach Uelmen!**

On February 5 at an away Regis Boys Varsity Basketball game, Coach Bill Uelmen lead the team in a 46 to 28 victory over Thorp. This marked Bill Uelmen's 500th win as a Boys' Basketball coach.

Coach Bill Uelmen's journey with RCS began in 1977 when he was hired to teach social studies, physical education, and coach the boys' varsity basketball team. Since 1977, he has held multiple leadership roles, including being the Assistant Principal, Principal of Regis High School, and now as the Advancement Director for all our Catholic schools.

During most of this journey, Coach Uelmen has been our Regis Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach. With his leadership, our boys' basketball teams have qualified for seven WISAA State Tournaments and three WIAA State Tournaments.

On February 28, Representative Dana Wachs presented Coach Uelmen with a Citation of Commendation by the Wisconsin State Legislature, signed by Representative Dana Wachs, Representative Warren Petryk, Representative Kathy Bernier, Senator Kathleen Vinehout, and Senator Terry Moulton. A special thanks to Bob Meyer '98 for nominating Coach Uelmen for the Citation of Commendation.



HOWARD **CAMPBELL** 2014 NON-SIBI AWARD RECIPIENT

Along with Mary Kay Bissell and Bob Duren, Howard Campbell has one of the longest teaching careers at Regis High School. In 1974, Howard Campbell joined Regis as the German and Government teacher. Over the last 40 years, Howard has impacted countless student lives and mentored many teachers along the way.

As a small Catholic school, Regis teachers take on many roles. In Campbell's first year, Father Bernard Raschke appointed him assistant senior class advisor. He was also asked to organize the food drive for the annual Gold Mass. Fast forward forty years later to today, and Howard Campbell is the head senior class advisor and still organizing the annual Gold Mass food drive. He also took on many other responsibilities, including organizing the graduation ceremony, advisor for the Academic Challenge program, advisor for the Mock Trial program, Boys' Golf Coach, and Assistant Coach for the Boys' Basketball team. As the German Teacher for the last 40 years, he has also organized and chaperoned about 30 trips to

Ludwig's castles, the Dachau Concentration Camp, and cities such as Garmisch, Munich, and Zugspitz.

Well known for his intelligence and sense of humor, Campbell is even better known for sharing his opinions. He was always willing to speak up at faculty meetings to voice his opinion, which often times brought a needed perspective. Many students will talk about how Mr. Campbell would tease them, and would often follow with comments about how much they liked him and loved learning from him. One student in particular, Mollie Carlson Bailey '83, mentioned "He used to love to pick on me and kid me often. I learned quickly that it was all because he liked me. I love Howie and cherish his impact and presence in my life growing up."

Over the past 40 years, Regis High School students, peers, and families have provided Howard with many wonderful memories, but his most memorable moment at Regis was not with the students. That moment was when he met his future wife, Rita House '68, on her first day as the Regis office staff assistant. In 1984, Howard and Rita were married.

Thank you, Howard Campbell, for all your years of serving the Regis Family as a teacher, advisor, coach, mentor, and friend. We wish you well in your retirement!



THANK YOU FATHER SCHULTZ

His dedication to serving and helping others was witnessed every day.

Father John Schultz will become a Senior Priest this summer after 48 years of active ministry in the priesthood. The expression "Senior Priest" is used instead of retirement, which signifies he will remain active without having an official assignment.

Father Schultz attended seminary in Rome during the Council of Vatican II. He was ordained in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on December 18, 1965. This had a great impact on him as he saw the Church presenting the same ancient faith with a new pastoral style.

Father Schultz is known for reaching out to other congregations in our community and for making both personal and spiritual connections with students, staff, parishioners, or anyone he has met. For 23 years as Pastor of St. James the Greater in Eau Claire, Father John's dedication to serving and helping others - with an uncommon amount of energy - was witnessed every day.



Celebrate Father Schultz with us: Sunday, June 1, 2014

2-3 pm: Prayer and Program-St. James Church

3-5 pm: Open House-St. James School Hall

In 2011, Father Schultz was honored with the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation's Non Sibi Award. This is an annual award that honors an individual or organization who has given outstanding service to Regis Catholic Schools in the form of time, talent, and/or treasure. The Latin phrase "non sibi" means "not for one's self alone."

Father Schultz has demonstrated his love for God through many ways, one of which was through his visibility in the Regis Catholic School System. He made frequent visits to classrooms, concerts, and athletic events and his attendance at a variety of RCS meetings was noteworthy.

Regis Catholic Schools is grateful for all the years Father Schultz dedicated to guiding and educating our youth in a Catholic, Christ-centered environment. He has done much to keep our schools vibrant.

May God continue to bless Father Schultz as he pursues new ways to exercise his priestly vocation.

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ALUMNI FEATURE MIKE KAPPUS '68

In 1964, Roy Orbison performed in the Regis Auditorium on his "Pretty Woman" tour. Mike Kappus '68, a student at the time, remembers being assigned an errand to Mr. Orbison's dressing room / trailer. This was Mike's first experience with behind-the-scenes work in the music business.

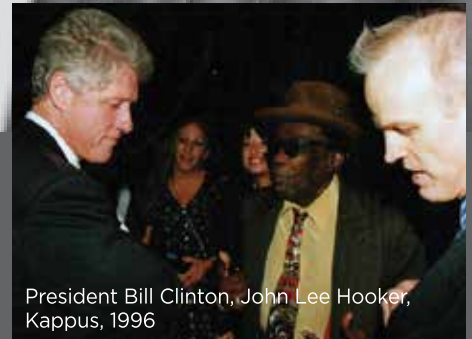
Left to right: BB King, Bonnie Raitt, John Lee Hooker and Mike Kappus



Kappus, BB King, Saori Kappus in San Rafael, CA, 2014



Pete Seeger and Kappus at Carnegie Hall, 2012



President Bill Clinton, John Lee Hooker, Kappus, 1996

Kappus graduated from Regis and attended UW-Eau Claire where, after seeing a few more concerts, he began to organize shows in the area. As his reputation in the business grew, he was offered a job in Milwaukee. But, before leaving, he promoted one last concert in Eau Claire ... and where else, but in the Regis Gym. Minneapolis band, Lightning, headlined with Eau Claire's Squirt supporting. Kappus admits he was a naïve promoter at the time but the show was a great success. As far as we can tell, Regis did not continue to be a venue for concerts after that time.

In 1971, Kappus moved to Milwaukee to work for booking agencies TGC Productions and then Contemporary Talent. He also worked with the city's top clubs, bringing in George Benson, Mose Allison, Weather Report, Bo Diddley, Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf and many more.

“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.”

– BB King

Kappus joined San Francisco's Keystone Music Agency in 1976 but that company floundered soon after - so he started his own agency, Rosebud. His goal from the start was to stay small and focus on every artist's needs. In spite of its intentionally small roster, the company's artists earned 125 Grammy nominations and 25 wins, including two Grammys for John Lee Hooker's *Don't Look Back* CD which Kappus co-produced with Van Morrison.

Morrison also asked Kappus to oversee North American promotion for his *Keep It Simple* CD which became the highest charting CD of Morrison's career.

Kappus, a recipient of multiple *Keeping the Blues Alive* awards, will be inducted into the 2014 Blues Hall of Fame in May. His management clients have included John Lee Hooker, Robert Cray, John Hammond, John Hiatt, J.J. Cale and Trombone Shorty. As an agency, Rosebud helped launch the careers of Ben Harper, Los Lobos and George Thorogood as well as representing veterans Muddy Waters, Rolling Stone Charlie Watts (for his Jazz projects), The Blind Boys of Alabama, Mavis Staples, Dr. John, and many others. He also managed Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars who he toured with to 5 continents in one year. Their story of fleeing civil war, meeting in a refugee camp and then bringing their uplifting music to the world is told in an award winning documentary supported in part by Netflix.

When Kappus married Saori in 1988, John Lee Hooker served as the best man and Aaron Neville sang.



From left to right: John Lee Hooker's guitarist Michael Osborn, John Lee Hooker, Richard Cousins of The Robert Cray Band, Aaron Neville, Saori and Mike Kappus, Robert Cray, and John Hammond.

Dedicated to Regis Scholarships

Mike Kappus is one of the top Regis donors of all time, having donated every year to fund four \$1500 Regis High School scholarships. One of these scholarships, the Francis Kurth Scholarship, was started by the Kurth family. Francis "Frenchy" Kurth, Kappus' Aunt, was on the Regis staff for many years. It was important to him to continue the scholarship in her name. "She was a great role model who was dedicated, patient and supportive and a friend to all." Each year, two Francis Kurth Scholarships are awarded to a 10th, 11th, or 12th

grade student with a strong interest in a Catholic education at Regis. Financial need can be considered for this scholarship. Kappus also funds the Bob and Elsie Kappus scholarship, dedicated to his parents who were close with many of the staff at Regis. Two \$1500 scholarships are given to current Regis 8th grade students going into Regis 9th grade. The applicants for this scholarship are asked to demonstrate academic success, a desire to attend Regis, a respectful character and a positive attitude.

Kappus graduated from Immaculate Conception with an academic scholarship to Regis but feels that "it's important for families that may not be able to afford the tuition to not be deprived of a better education. When I was in school, I couldn't envision many of the courses having a practical application in real life. My career has revolved heavily around communication and negotiation so English and Math are always essential but all aspects of education are so important for everyone and in the end it all ties together."

One Regis icon Kappus recalled was the late Father Rossiter. "Father Rossiter was a unique leader. He was the Principal and a very passionate person, whether dealing with leadership, the occasional need for discipline, or entertaining the entire school with his emotional responses to every aspect of a basketball game. Watching his reactions could be as entertaining for the whole crowd as the games were."

In addition to giving to Regis Catholic Schools, Mike and Saori Kappus are passionate about the environment and other important causes. In 2000, the Rosebud Agency became the music industry's first Solar Powered facility and has been a Certified Green Business since 2004. He originated the idea for and initially funded The Blues Foundation's HART Fund which covers medical and funeral costs for blues musicians in need. Kappus is now phasing Rosebud out as an active agency. In addition to other special projects, he'll continue to oversee ongoing business for JJ Cale (Eric Clapton's new CD will be all JJ Cale songs) and for rock legend Captain Beefheart (a new box set is coming shortly) while continuing work with various non-profits related to human rights, the environment, Music in Schools and similar organizations.

-Written by Anna Sizer, RCS Communications Director

REUNIONS & ALUMNI UPDATES

Class Reunions

10th Reunion for Class of 2004

August 15-16 Social and Dinner TBD
Contact Billy Bowers, Billy.Bowers@CBS.com

35th Reunion for Class of 1979

August 8 - 10 Events TBD

45th Reunion for Class of 1969

September 27th at Mill Run
3905 Kane Rd
Eau Claire, WI 54701
6p-???

Contact Theresa Larson-Boetcher,
sxc692@yahoo.com , 715-832-2365

40th Reunion for Regis Class of 1974

Friday, August 8, TBA
Saturday, August 9, Gathering at Houligan's
for an appetizer buffet and cash bar

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In Memorium:

Rosemary Luhm Boehm '33
Mary Jane Garnett '38
Dolores (Johnson) Boetcher '40
Virginia Maenner Mousel '40
Jeannette Stoffel '43
Lou Schultz Welter '45
James Carroll '55
Patricia O'Connell '55
Philip Hauser '56
Janice Ruhe Madden '57
John Marcon '61
Michael Carroll '67
Sandra Loomis Zapotocny '73
Kenneth Hartung '76

Rose Luhm Boehm, 99, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on December 11, 2013. Rose Mary Luhm was born in Eau Claire to Matilda (Ausman) and Francis Luhm in March 1914. She graduated from St. Patrick's High School, received her degree with honors from Eau Claire Teachers College and then subbed at Eau Claire High School.

Rose married Harry Boehm in 1939. They were active in St. James the Greater Parish where Rose taught the 1963 eighth grade class pro bono for a year- it was her donation to our Catholic schools. Rose and Harry sent all seven of their children through St. James School and six of them graduated from Regis High School. In 1978 they moved to Altoona and attended St. Mary's Parish.

RCS is so grateful for the generous support of the Boehm family throughout the years.



Terrance John Sheridan, 78, died peacefully on Saturday morning, December 28, 2013, surrounded by his immediate family at Dove Healthcare South in Eau Claire.

Terry was a very active educational leader in the Eau Claire Area and served as the Interim President of our Catholic Schools from 2000-2001. His wife, Flo Sheridan was the secretary of Newman Parish for decades - retiring this past summer.

We are blessed to have had such an energetic and loving leader in the Eau Claire Area, and in our Catholic schools.

REGIS HALL OF FAME

The Regis Hall of Fame Banquet was held in December. Six Regis Alumni and one Regis Coach were inducted into the Regis Hall of Fame.



From Left to Right:

Darin Blang '87: was an all conference basketball and baseball player. The pitcher, who holds the Rambler's record for the most career strikeouts, attended the University of Wisconsin Madison on a baseball scholarship.

Rob Gagnon '77: was the state lineman of the year in 1976 and went on to play football at Notre Dame before eventually being drafted by the Miami Dolphins.

Lindsay Tomashovich Lau '99: was a two-time CWCC volleyball player of the year, first-team all conference basketball player and a conference champion in the triple jump.

Terry Allen '67: has been the Regis Athletic Director for the last 37 years. He has helped with the development of our outdoor practice facilities, the first written version of the school's athletic code plus several revisions, moving from the WISAA to the WIAA, the changing of conferences from the Central Wisconsin Catholic Conference (CWCC) to the Western Cloverbelt Conference (WCC), and the addition of seven sports to bring the total sports offerings to 18, 10 boys sports and 8 girls sports.

Kim Hawn '96: was the state champion in the 800-meter run, two-time first team all conference volleyball player and conference basketball player of the year.

Jay Mielke: coached the Regis volleyball team for 13 seasons from 1992 to 2004. He tallied a match record of 312-60-65 and led the Ramblers to 10 conference titles and 11 state tournament appearances.

Jeff Uelmen '97: earned eight combined letters in cross country, basketball, and track. He was a high-jump state champion and All Northwest and CWCC Conference basketball player of the year.

Congratulations to the Regis Hall of Fame new inductees!

Current Members of the Regis Hall of Fame

| Year | Name | Induction Year | Year | Name | Induction Year | Year | Name | Induction Year |
|------|------------------------|----------------|------|------------------------------|----------------|------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 1931 | George Neary | 1989 | 1953 | Ron Flynn | 2001 | 1975 | Catherine "Cathy" Leser | 1987 |
| 1932 | Howard "Chick" Kolstad | 1987 | 1954 | Jon Hobbs | 1987 | 1976 | Mike Devney | 2001 |
| 1932 | Marty Crowe | 1987 | 1954 | Pete Adler | 1992 | 1977 | Rob Gagnon | 2014 |
| 1935 | Bishop John Paul | 1997 | 1954 | Gene Golden | 1997 | 1979 | David Wenberg | 2008 |
| 1944 | AA DeBonniville | 2001 | 1956 | Tony Fiore | 2008 | 1985 | Bill Kern | 2010 |
| 1946 | Bob Duren | 1992 | 1956 | Bill "Bullfrog" Hobbs | 1987 | 1986 | Renee Bourget | 2005 |
| 1947 | Jim Garvey | 1997 | 1957 | Dr. Steve Kurth | 1992 | 1986 | Nikki Persons Colby | 2001 |
| 1948 | Bill Casey | 1989 | 1958 | Dr. Monica Buckley- Spalding | 1987 | 1986 | Rich Kern | 2010 |
| 1948 | Pat O'Donahue | 1987 | 1959 | Joe Giammona | 1989 | 1987 | Kris Ihle- Helledy | 2001 |
| 1949 | Carl Glocke | 1997 | 1962 | Dennis Dvoracek | 1987 | 1987 | Darin Blang | 2014 |
| 1949 | Jerry Fisher | 2008 | 1962 | Art Fisher | 1992 | 1988 | Cheryl Janowitz - Dieckman | 2005 |
| 1950 | Bill Haugen | 2005 | 1962 | Al Sterling | 2002 | 1988 | Jeff Parris | 2008 |
| 1951 | George Gobler | 2001 | 1964 | Mike Ahneman | 1992 | 1990 | Michelle Theisen - St. Arnault | 2010 |
| 1951 | Don Pierce | 2010 | 1967 | Dan Fisher | 2005 | 1993 | Andy Fisher | 2008 |
| 1951 | Jim Ganther | 2001 | 1967 | Terry Allen | 2014 | 1994 | Jennifer Kassing - Dykes | 2008 |
| 1952 | Jim Miller | 1987 | 1969 | Dan Pedersen | 2005 | 1994 | Maria Jensen - Miller | 2008 |
| 1952 | Pat Scheffler | 2002 | 1970 | Pete Koupal | 1997 | 1996 | Kim Hawn | 2014 |
| 1952 | Steve Behrendt | 2005 | 1970 | Jackie Ristau | 1997 | 1997 | Jeff Uelmen | 2014 |
| 1952 | Ron Buckli | 2005 | 1971 | Ken Hanson | 2005 | 1999 | Lindsay Tomashovich Lau | 2014 |
| 1952 | Dick Roach | 2005 | 1973 | John Fisher | 2001 | | Coach Chris O'Connell | 2010 |
| 1953 | Billy "Bullet" Lowe | 1987 | 1973 | Paul Ausman | 2010 | | Coach Jay Mielke | 2014 |

REGIS FUND UPDATE

It's not too late to donate...

The 2013-14 Annual Regis Fund will conclude June 30, 2014. As of this publication, we are at \$183,000. Your annual gifts to the Annual Regis Fund helps support the Regis Catholic Schools annual budget, enhances curriculum, updates materials, and helps with programs for our students.

Yearly support – annual giving – is essential to our operating budget and will continue to allow us to achieve our mission of educating students of all faiths in a Catholic, Christ-centered environment. The importance of the Annual Regis Fund cannot be understated.

Your Regis Fund contribution is 100% tax deductible. Gifts and pledges are accepted throughout the school year which runs through June 30, 2014. You can still help us out by making a donation to the Regis Fund by mailing a check to the **RCS Foundation**, 2728 Mall Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54701 or by going to: www.RegisCatholicSchools.com/donate-now

Thank you for making it another great day to be a Rambler!

Upcoming Regis Events

Walk For Virtues

May 16, 2014 at Indoor Sports Center
We join students, parents, and staff throughout the La Crosse Diocese for the annual Walk for Virtues. We pledge to walk one-to-three miles to earn money for our Catholic elementary schools. To prepare the students for this event, we discuss a virtue each month throughout the year and explain the importance of each virtue. We display the virtues along the route to visually reinforce our commitment to our faith-based education.

Donations to the Walk For Virtues will go directly to the school that they are designated to go towards. Donations can be made online at www.RegisCatholicSchools.com/wfv

Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation Ceremony

May 28, 2014, 7pm
Alumni, Friends, and Current Families are welcome to join us at the Graduation and Baccalaureate Mass for the Regis Class of 2014 in the Father Dowd Auditorium. May God bless them as they embark upon their next journey.

22nd Annual ScRambler Golf Outing

June 21, 2014
This annual event is open to everyone including RCS families, alumni, and friends of RCS. Organize a team or sign up as an individual and we will find a team for you. For more information please contact Jim Gobler at the Regis Catholic Schools Special Events Office at 830-2271, ext. 1018. with any questions. Information will be available soon on the RCS website under "Special Events".

2014 Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

July 11-13, 2014
The Macker is back July 12 and 13, thanks in large part to title sponsor Sacred Heart Hospital and the volunteer force of the Regis High School Booster Club. The courts will once again line First Avenue by Owen Park and the scenic Chippewa River. Registration for this event is \$132 per team and will be due on June 20. Information will be available soon on the RCS website under "Special Events".

2014 Jason Yarrington Memorial Golf Outing

September 13, 2014
In honor of Regis Grad, Jason Yarrington '94, whom passed away while attending UWEC, there will be a 5th annual golf outing to help fund the Jason Yarrington Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship offers one \$1000 scholarship to a Regis graduate each year who attends UWEC.

22nd Annual RCS Charity Auction

September 26, 2014
All RCS families, alumni, and friends of RCS are invited to join us for an elegant evening of fun, an expression of community, and a commitment to the future of Regis Catholic Schools. All proceeds from this event go towards the St. Benedicts Tuition Assistance Program. Donations of many kinds are accepted. Contact Robyn Schultz-Krogman (rschultz-krogman@regiscatholicschools.com) with any questions. Information will be available soon on the RCS website under "Special Events".



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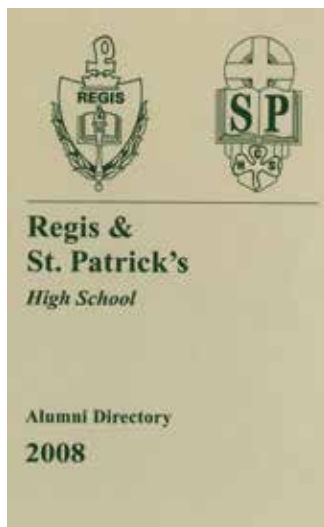
Take good care of creation. St. Francis wanted that. People occasionally forgive, but nature never does. If we don't take care of the environment, there's no way of getting around it.
-Pope Francis



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ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Notice to Alumni



Harris Connect will be contacting all alumni for the new 2014 Regis/St. Patrick's Alumni Directory to update your current information. Your information will not be released to any third party. It is a great way to stay connected to the Regis/St. Patrick's community.

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