

Zephyr Connection

A publication for alumni, parents and friends of St. Mary Central High School

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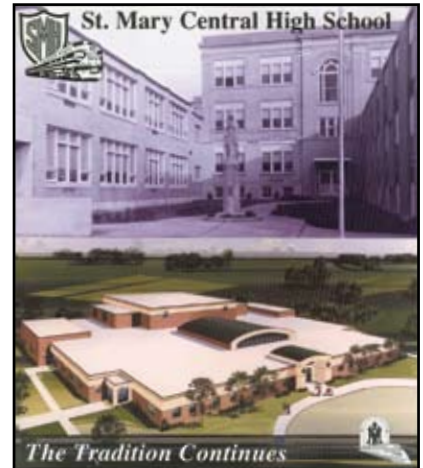
SMC CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY IN NEW SCHOOL

While the doors to the new St. Mary Central High School were officially opened in August 1997, minds and hearts had really opened to the idea several years earlier.

A poor school facility, declining enrollment and a challenging financial position were forcing supporters to make a very important decision for the future of SMC: should the school close its doors for good or take a chance and build a new school? A consultant's study revealed what many dedicated alumni already knew: SMC is a gem and upholds a steadfast community tradition. It had the support to stay open, but a new school facility was imperative to attracting new students.

Armed with this information, a group of school and community leaders, often referred to as the "Saintly Seven," embarked upon the sometimes difficult task of selling the idea to the Neenah-Menasha parishes and the community. In addition, the Diocese of Green Bay stipulated that a hefty \$1 million had to be raised before construction of a new school would be approved.

Dick Bergstrom, an instrumental leader in raising new school funds, recalls hand-addressing 6,000 envelopes to solicit donors; knocking on many doors; embarking on a campaign to re-market SMC in the Neenah-Menasha community; and being involved in "sometimes volatile" discussions about the validity of building a new school. It was only in the final days that the \$1 million dollar goal was reached. Mr. Bergstrom is quick to add that this was achieved through the generosity of many individuals, with a large portion coming from alumni.



Sue Simonsen

As SMC's principal in both the planning and building stages of the new school, Sue Simonsen remembers the excitement when word spread that the financial goal had been met. With new school construction now a reality, a building committee was formed to locate a building site, select a plan and move forward with the project. A plaque containing the names of TCCES leaders who led the

drive hangs in the entrance of SMC. Mrs. Simonsen fondly recalls the building part of the project as a "fun and exciting time." She and others toured other schools for ideas. She also spent time with staff, especially in the science and technology areas, to ensure that the facility would be built for the future.

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Event Calendar

FRIDAY OCTOBER 5, 2007

SMC Homecoming/Alumni Tailgate Reception
Zephyr Field at St. Mary Central

SATURDAY OCTOBER 6, 2007

SMC Alumni Soccer Match
Zephyr Field at St. Mary Central

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2007

TCCES Jumbo Gumbo Fundraising Event
Waverly Beach, Menasha

SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2008

Zephyrfest 2008
Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton

FRIDAY JULY 18, 2008

Greater Zephyr Golf Outing

SATURDAY JULY 19, 2008

Athletic Hall of Fame/Outstanding Alumni Award Dinner
Holiday Inn Riverwalk, Neenah

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The location of the new school was definitely a hot button issue. Several locations in Menasha were considered and ruled out, and construction at 1050 Zephyr Drive eventually began. Mrs. Simonsen was thankful to Miron Construction and Brey Consultants for their leadership and guidance with all of the building details, which she states could have otherwise been “very tedious and overwhelming.”



The old furniture and desks were gone and the faculty and students were greeted by new furniture and modern technology. When all was said and done, it was the spirit, deep faith and strength of SMC that was moved to the new school. SMC was now ready for the future! Simonsen recalls that in the first year in the new school she would get upset whenever she discovered a black mark on the floor. For many months, she bent down to remove every one! “Everything was so new and I felt an obligation to protect the newness,” she explains.

Even today, SMC is still taken care of as the true gem it is. Enrollment has bounced back and is projected to increase in the next few years. We remain fortunate to have so many faculty, alumni and friends who have been loyally supportive and have remembered the school for many years. We eagerly stand ready for the next ten years at SMC!

Other comments from Building Committee Members:

“It was special to be part of the committee that facilitated the building of the beautiful new St. Mary Central High School. The last of our eight children was attending SMC when the Catholic school crisis arose, and I was fortunate to participate in the founding of the Twin City Catholic Educational System in response to that crisis. The need for a new high school was immediately apparent and many supporters came forward with their awesome talents to support the project. Dick Bergstrom brought unifying professional leadership, a model I’ve tried to follow in my volunteer work since. During the process I bought a mug with MAKE IT HAPPEN emblazoned on the side. I use that for my morning coffee when I have a day ahead when I’ll need energy and commitment!”

--Marna Pier, Honorary Alumnus, retired, living in Arizona

“I was honored to have worked with so many great people. I started out volunteering at the school because both my daughters attended and graduated from St. Mary’s. In addition, my mother and all her brothers and sisters graduated from the school in the 40’s. I believed in the school and supported it fully.

Our group spent many hours planning and working on getting all the letters out and asking for donations from alumni and members of the area parishes. I felt a big part of that effort as Building Committee Secretary. Not only the group of us, but also all the volunteers that helped with the letters and helped in the mass-mailings. It was a great effort for all! I worked for the school for five years and learned many things from a wide variety of people that I came in contact with. It was a great experience and I am glad for the time I spent in the old school and also the new school.”

--Lois Van Camp, past SMC staff member and parent, currently employed at Kimberly Clark

“I remember looking forward to our weekly breakfast meetings at the Valley Inn. I remember the challenges and the excitement. I also remember going to each of the five parishes to ‘make our case’. I think it’s important that recognition be given not only to the building committee but to all who contributed to make this project happen.”

--Dan McClone, ‘70, past SMC parent and current member of the SMC Coaching Staff



ALUMNI PROFILE: BURMEISTER BUILDS ON PASSION TO VOLUNTEER



Diane Burmeister

When Diane Burmeister has a passion, it is sure to produce results! The 1981 graduate of SMC stepped up to help hurricane victims in New Orleans rebuild through a program offered by her employer, Thrivent Financial.

The program, Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity, is a relationship between the two organizations supporting Habitat's mission of eliminating poverty housing and homelessness. While the program is offered worldwide, the builds in Louisiana are specific to assisting those that suffered tremendous damage from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005.

It was after Diane became friends with a woman displaced by the hurricanes that she decided to join the build team heading to New Orleans. In May 2007, with 23 others from Thrivent, she spent a week in New Orleans siding, spackling, priming and painting and installing trim, base boards and windows in a new home to replace the one that had been destroyed. Burmeister was housed at Camp Restore in New Orleans, a refurbished church and school used as a volunteer camp.

Outside the physically intensive days spent working on the house, the evenings were filled with touring the still-devastated areas of New Orleans and experiencing the southern culture. An avid Packer fan, she also led a group tour to Kiln, Mississippi to visit the hometown of her favorite Packer, Brett Favre—a tour she has enjoyed on previous trips to



The Thrivent builds home.

the area. In just one week, the group she traveled with became like family through the shared experiences.

So what motivates someone who doesn't even like to fly and is in the midst of a much-delayed home remodeling project to embark on such a journey using a good chunk of her own financial resources? To that Burmeister replies, "I have a passion for the south and volunteering is in my blood--I can't get it out! This has carried with me since my Catholic school days. Further, the situation along the Gulf Coast remains grave. Although it has been more than two years since Katrina struck, approximately 22,000 families are still housed in FEMA trailers. They still need an incredible amount of help!"

To that end, Burmeister hopes to join the Thrivent Builds Worldwide Gulf Coast Experience, a "blitz build" taking place this fall in Biloxi, Mississippi. This time, her husband of 22 years, Bruce, would like to join her for the week-long trip. And, while they sometimes think she's a little crazy, she has the full support of her children, Jake, 19, Kari, 16, Katie 14 and her stepson Josh, age 26.

Burmeister has also become involved in local Habitat projects in Fond du Lac and Nichols. This self-described sports nut is also an avid Zephyr basketball fan, and when she is not busy working as a Customer Service Representative for Thrivent, she is attending every Zephyr basketball game that she can.

Her advice to other SMC alumni: "If you get the chance, please sign up to volunteer. The experience was incredible, emotional and life altering." You can find more information about the Thrivent Builds at thriventbuilds.com. To contact Diane, please send a message to alumni@tcces.k12.wi.us.



A home near the Thrivent build site.

Alumni Album

CLASS NOTES

1930s

Josephine (Schoetz) Bovill-Erpf ('35) earned a Masters in Social Work in the 1940's from University of Chicago. World War II was in full swing, and deciding to become part of it, she joined the American Red Cross as a hospital social worker. Bovill-Erpf was in charge of five women who took care of the hospital recreation and social work. Josephine tells of many memorable experiences from these "tent hospitals" in France, including being married in a Red Cross tent to her first husband, Ted.

The couple had five sons--three are doctors, one is a professor of architecture at University of Maryland and the fifth is in art and architectural design. Ted was a professor of Orthopedic Surgery and did research at the University of California-San Francisco Medical School. The couple took advantage of sabbaticals, spending a year in Asia with their three children and a year in

Africa. When their children were in school, Josephine went back to the University and studied art, which was most helpful when they traveled. Her husband enjoyed it as well.

Ted died when he was 69. Ten years later, Josephine married Dr. Stanley Erpf and they were together for four years before he passed away. Josephine has lived in San Francisco in the same house for about 54 years, but still has many happy memories of Wisconsin. She is still in touch with Sister Eileen Grace (formerly Anna Marie Beaton), who lives at the Holy Family Convent in Manitowoc. Josephine reports that Sister Eileen, who was a teacher for over 60 years, recently broke her hip and would love mail! Sister Eileen's address is: Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, 2409 S. Alverno Road, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220. jberpf@yahoo.com

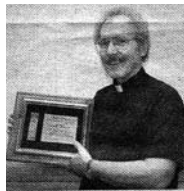
CLASS NOTES

1950s

Sylvia (Schierl) Pitz ('53) and her husband Tom celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October 2006. They renewed their vows during a Mass at St. Gabriel's with Rev. William Rickert giving the blessing. The Mass was followed by a reception and luncheon at Bridgewood Resort Hotel for 70 family members and friends.



Tom and Sylvia have two daughters, Paula and Penny, and one grandchild. After living in Neenah for 38 years, the couple built their dream home on the water near Oshkosh seven years ago. They enjoy vacationing at Gulf Shores, Alabama with their family. Sylvia also enjoys water skiing at Green Lake, scrapbooking and giving dinner parties. She is currently on the committee for the 55th class reunion of the class of 1953, which will be held in September 2008. thomaspitz@sbcglobal.net



Reverend Thomas Mayefske ('54) recently received "The Faithful Servant Award" at the Southwest Liturgical Conference's (SWLC) Study Day meeting. The award is granted to someone in the conference who has made a significant liturgical contribution.

The SWLC consists of 27 dioceses from seven southern and western states. Fr. Mayefske is a priest of the Diocese of Green Bay, but has been "on loan" to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe since 1992. He has served as Director of the Office of Worship and Christian Initiation for six years, and in 1997 was elected to the executive board of the SWLC.

Sister Carla Huebner (formerly Rose Marie Huebner) ('55) recently celebrated her 50th Jubilee as a School Sister of Notre Dame and continues to teach art at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee. A talented artist, Sister Huebner currently has five art works in a show of religious art in the Waseda Gallery at St. Joseph Retreat Center in Baileys Harbor, Door County, Wisconsin. She will also have a showing at the Reuss Building in downtown Milwaukee with the Milwaukee Art Teachers' Association, September 22 through October 26. In January 2008, she will participate in the Mount Mary College Biannual Exhibition. huebnecc@mtmary.edu

Patrick Ryan ('58) has spent the past 40 years living in the Los Angeles area. He and his wife, Susan, have three children, ages 37 to 40, who live in Hawaii, Los Angeles and Chicago. Patrick is Senior Vice President for Smith Barney, part of Citigroup. Patrick's memories of his years at SMC: "Now that the standards have been raised, I'm sure it would have taken me more than four years to complete high school. I played football when the freshmen didn't have a facemask; basketball when the shorts were short; and baseball when spikes were metal. We were underweight but we all had incredible vertical leaping ability." patrick.m.ryan@smithbarney.com

1960s

Joseph Foth ('67) lives in Madison and has been married nearly 14 years to Deanna. He is fortunate also to have a daughter who lives nearby. Joseph is also proud to be a cancer survivor for over six years, stating that the experience helped him to learn a lot about what is most important in life! He has worked in human services since 1970 with a focus on community mental health for the past 31 years.

Joseph bikes in the summer and likes to walk with their dog. He also spent some time earlier this year hiking the high desert in Nevada, stating it was his first time back since the early 80's and it was great to experience that type of environment again. He is hoping to be able to go back to the Rockies or other mountain range some year soon! He is also hoping to attend the SMC 40th reunion to enjoy meeting old friends and acquaintances. He would love email! josephndeanna@sbcglobal.net

1970s



Maggie Ulrich ('73) lives in Neenah with her two dogs, Echo and Lucky, a rescue dog. While health factors forced her to leave her career in the health field, she remains active volunteering with various organizations including the Winnebago County 4-H Club and Best Friends of

Neenah-Menasha, where she spent 25 years as a mentor. In addition, she has kept the books for the SMC girls basketball games since 1973. One life-changing event in Maggie's life was the gift of organ donation. In 1998, she donated a kidney to a friend in need, who is still doing well. She is looking forward to her 35th class reunion in 2008, and states that the class of 1973 "is the best class ever."

1980s

Maureen Burns ('87) married Peter Beck on April 28, 2007 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. She is currently working as a law librarian in Milwaukee. moburns@ameritech.net



Thomas Schnell ('82) lives in Lake of the Hills, Illinois. In July 2007 he was elected Chief Financial Officer and Senior Operating Officer of Great United Bancorp, Inc. He enjoys time with his three children--James 17, Emily 15 and Peter 12, and is not looking forward to sending his oldest off to college next year. thomas.schnell@comcast.net

1990s

Meara Feely ('95) is engaged to Greg Harrington, a graduate of St. Catherine's High School in Racine. They are planning a May 2008 wedding. Feely is currently student-teaching social studies to grades 6-12 (she says "sorry Doc") and will be returning to Marquette University next year to finish her M.A. in Modern European History. mearafeely@hotmail.com



Emily (McClone) Brown ('99) Dave and Emily Brown married on May 19, 2007 at St. Bernard's in Wauwatosa. Emily teaches math at Wauwatosa East High School and Dave is a real estate investor. emilymcclone@hotmail.com

CLASS NOTES

2000s

Blake Doss ('00) received a Masters of Music degree in Organ Performance from Westminster Choir College of Rider University in Princeton, New Jersey in May. During his two years at Westminster, Blake studied organ with renowned recitalist and teacher Ken Cowan, harpsichord with Kathleen Scheide, and conducting with Dr. Joe Miller. He is now in search of a church organist position. In his spare time, Blake enjoys reading, attending movies, swimming, playing tennis and running. He is currently training to run in the Fox Cities half-marathon in September. Jbd1220@aol.com



Eric Siems ('00) recently accepted the position of Technology Director for TCCES. He received a Bachelor's degree and an educator's license from St. Norbert College in 2005. His office is located at SMC. esiems@tcces.k12.wi.us

Joe Christman ('04) is still attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is in his third year, which has so far been enjoyable. He is officially in the Geology Department as an undergrad, volunteers in the Geology prep-lab a few hours a week, is a tour guide for the geology museum and is a tutor. After graduation, he is planning to attend graduate school, but is undecided as to where. His goal is to receive a doctorate and work as a professor at a university. He would like to thank the faculty and staff at SMC for "planting the seeds that were needed to attain these goals."

We'd love to hear from you! Send your update to us at <http://www.smc.k12.wi.us> and click on the alumni event icon.

BABY BIB CORNER!

Attention SMC Alumni! Get your new baby aboard the Zephyr train as soon as possible. Just let SMC know about your new arrival and we'll rush a pink or blue SMC FUTURE ZEPHYR bib to you, compliments of your alma mater. Every baby needs to start out life like this. All that is required is a picture of your ham sporting the bib.



Wesley Auth, son of Robin and Liz (Bergstrom) Auth ('98) shows off a wonderful smile and wonderful bib. Wesley was born in February and has enjoyed every minute since.



Sporting their new SMC bibs while attending the graduation of their uncle, John Healy ('07), are cousins Maggie Brown and Jack Osland. Jack Osland is the son of Aaron and Kathleen (Healy) Osland ('96) and Maggie is the daughter of Mason and Jane (Healy) Brown ('93). An added bonus was watching their grandparents, Howard and Eleanor Healy, being awarded an SMC Honorary Alumni diploma.

Father Tom Adrians (SMC '58) Celebrates 40th Anniversary of Priesthood

The Clergy Assembly of the Diocese of Pueblo acknowledged Reverend Tom Adrians (SMC Class of 1958), a member of the Presbyterate, upon reaching his 40th Anniversary of Ordination. The recognition occurred during their May Conference in Canon City, Colorado by Bishop Arthur Tafoya.



Fr. Tom was ordained on May 13, 1967 at the Holy Cross Abbey Chapel in Canon City, Colorado by Bishop Charles Buswell. His years of service have taken him beyond the reaches of Wisconsin and the Diocese of Pueblo to serve initially in Boulder, Colorado and Colorado Springs, Colorado. Fr. Tom was involved early in his priesthood as a teacher at the Abbey School in Canon City, Colorado and also as a campus minister, both on the campuses of the University of Colorado and Colorado College.

His first pastorate was at St. Benedict's in Florence, Colorado. After this he became Diocesan Director of Religious Education under the direction of Bishop Buswell. He then served as pastor at St. Mary's Church in Montrose, Colorado for six years and at Holy Family Parish in Pueblo, Colorado for ten years. He is currently serving as pastor of Christ the King Parish in Pueblo, Colorado, and has been there for the past twelve years.

Fr. Tom has served in many diocesan positions over the years. He is presently Chairman of the Presbyteral Council, Clergy Personnel Board, Clergy Assembly, and the College of Consulters, and a member of the Diocesan Foundation Board. He has also served on a variety of committees in the Diocese of Pueblo over the years, especially active in clergy formation. Bishop Tafoya appointed Fr. Tom as his Vicar General in 2003.

Fr. Tom celebrated the anniversary with his present parish community at Christ the King and friends on May 12th with a Mass of Thanksgiving led by Bishop Tafoya. A reception followed in the parish hall.

Congratulations Fr. Tom on this very blessed event!



The Zuleger family gathered this summer to celebrate the 40th anniversary of their parents, Jean and Lyle. Pictured are: Bob ('92), Kim (Zuleger) Herman ('88), Jeremy ('96), Jean (SMC English teacher and SMC Honorary Alumni, '06), Lyle, Jennifer ('93) and Shari ('95).

RELIVING THE GOOD TIMES: SMC REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1957

The St. Mary Central High School Class of 1957 gathered for their 50th reunion on the weekend of August 25 and August 26, 2007. On Saturday, a party was held at the home of Bob and Mary Karisny in Menasha. The setting on the river was gorgeous, with the St. Mary's steeple in the background. The reunion continued on Sunday with a dinner and social gathering at Michiel's Banquet Hall in Appleton.

The class of 128 graduates had 82 attending reunion events on Saturday and 100 on Sunday. The committee would like to thank all of those who attended, especially those who traveled long distances to be there. They would like to especially thank Bob and Mary Karisny for opening their home for such a wonderful event. The reunion was organized by Carol (Schueler) Plank and Clarence "Sonny" Lotzer.



Ann (Cayen) Roberston, Pat (Gosz) Westphal, Fran (Ahrens) Bruss.



Dave Bernhardt, Margaret (Herrman) Bernhardt, Sister Janice Stingle



Carol (Neveu) VanderVelden and Kay (Schmitzer) Plier



Tom Stilp ('57), Johanna (Minten) Dietz ('57), Robert Dietz, Kathy Rather, Polly Stilp

The Class of 1957 is donating all funds left from their reunion to set up a "Class of 1957 Scholarship Fund" for St. Mary Central. The scholarship will be awarded each year to a student in financial need. They are accepting all donations graciously given to this fund.

You can send your tax-deductible contribution to:

SMC Advancement Office
Class of 1957 Scholarship
1050 Zephyr Drive
Neenah, WI 54956

The Class of 1957 challenges other classes to do the same! For more information, please contact Sue Thelen in the Advancement Office at 920-722-7796, ext. 853 or sthelen@tcces.k12.wi.us.

CLASS OF 1997

The Class of 1997 held its 10th class reunion on Saturday, August 25 at Waverly Beach in Menasha. The response was wonderful—over 25 classmates attended along with their guests.

Reunions were also held for the class of 1987 on September 1 and the class of 1947 on September 15. Look for pictures and details in the Spring 2008 Zephyr Connection.

LET'S GET TOGETHER: UPCOMING REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1953

The class of 1953 will reunite on September 20, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk. Sylvia (Schierl) Pitts and Mary (Kaeser) Hein are coordinating the reunion. For more information, please contact Sylvia at 920-231-4382 or thomaspitz@sbcglobal.net or Mary at 738-9605 or mhein@execpc.com.

CLASS OF 1958

Mark your calendars--the Class of 1958 has already made plans for their 50th reunion in 2008! The reunion will take place on October 10-11, 2008. Chairperson for the 1958 class reunion is Suzanne (Waters) Sund. You can contact Suzanne at 715-258-4234 or suzysundshine@charter.net.

CLASS OF 1967

Reunion planning is underway for the class of 1967's 40th reunion, being planned by Fran (Walbrun) Larson. It will be a combination reunion with SMC and Menasha High School and will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2007 at the Bridgewood Resort in Neenah. The weekend events will also include a golf outing at Bridgewood on Saturday. A social is planned for 5:00 p.m., with dinner at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Fran at 725-4962.



**DON'T MISS OUT ON
IMPORTANT
SMC NEWS!**

Check out the SMC website. It takes just one click to get to the alumni page where you will find all the current alumni happenings. Go to www.smc.k12.wi.us and click on this icon on the left side of the page.

SMC ALUMNA FINALIST IN MRS. MINNESOTA COMPETITION



On Saturday, June 9, 2007, **Katie (Schneider) Thiry**, a 1994 graduate of St. Mary Central High School, competed in the Mrs. Minnesota Pageant at the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul, Minnesota. Mrs. Thiry represented Washington County.

A Top 5 finalist, Mrs. Thiry was ultimately named the fourth runner-up as well as "Mrs. Congeniality." A newcomer to pageantry, this was the first contest she has ever participated in.

Mrs. Thiry commented on the pageant saying, "I am blessed to have developed incredible friendships with women who have inspired me with their poise, their service to community, and their genuineness. The pre-pageant events in the months, weeks, and days before the event were celebrated by many memorable moments that culminated at the Mrs. Minnesota pageant."

Mrs. Thiry is manager of human capital development for UnitedHealth Group. A graduate of SMC, University of Wisconsin--Oshkosh and the College of St. Catherine's Master of Arts organizational leadership program, Mrs. Thiry is also pursuing a PhD in training and performance improvement specialization. She resides in Woodbury, Minnesota with her husband, Jason.



Katie Thiry with husband Jason

An advocate for higher education, particularly Catholic education, Mrs. Thiry's platform was to promote leadership development and equity for women and girls. With the pageant now a magnificent memory, she will still continue to make these issues a priority.

ALUM SHARES TIME AND TALENT WITH STUDENTS



Dick Hartl ('55) visited with the Science Department, the TEC Team and other representatives of SMC in May. Mr. Hartl has been an outstanding business and community leader holding executive

positions with GE, Avery Dennison and Chairman, President and CEO of Calmar, Inc., a Fortune 1000 Manufacturing Company. He has also been a strong supporter of SMC with scholarships to science and math students attending UW-Madison. Dick is now providing funding for the TEC Team and the Science Department to encourage interest in science and engineering on the part of students at SMC.

HALL-WALSH FAMILY SAYS THANK YOU



"We would like to thank all our friends from St. Mary Central High School for your support after the death of our son and grandson, USMC Recon Sgt. Nick Walsh, in Fallujah, Iraq on May 26, 2007. Nick left behind his wife, Julie, and sons Triston, 4, and Tanner, 7 months."

An education fund has been established for the boys:

Sgt. Nicholas Walsh Children's Fund
c/o 1st National Bank
205 W. Oak St.
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Rosanne (Turley) Hall – '56
and Maggie (Hall) Walsh – '81



ST. JOHN HONORED WITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



On May 2, 2007 the St. Mary Central High School community and the St. John family celebrated the life of **Jon St. John** at SMC's Leadership Day. Jon St. John, a distinguished SMC Alumnus, Class of 1999, was killed while serving as a member of the United States Army in Iraq.

A portrait of the alumnus, donated by **Ralph McCone ('47)**, and **Jim Rueckl, ('61)**, Rueckl Studios, was dedicated to the school by the SMC student council. **Meghan Healy ('99)** gave an emotional tribute to her classmate and friend.

With the blessing of the St. John Family, a Jon St. John Scholarship fund was established to insure his legacy would continue to inspire our students. The scholarship will benefit students for years to come as they strive to attain a Catholic education and attend SMC. It is also a meaningful way for St. Mary Central alumni, students, faculty and friends to honor Jon's service and dedication to our country. To date, \$2219 has been added to the fund by alumni, friends and the SMC Student Council.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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ALUM AND FAMILY FIGHT FOR A CURE: Meet Reagan Larson Imhoff



“Life’s challenges are not supposed to paralyze you, they’re supposed to help you discover who you are.”

This inspirational quote by Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon can be found on the homepage of rally4reagan.com, the website highlighting the life’s journey of one incredible little girl. Reagan Larson Imhoff is two years old. A short time after her first birthday, she was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) type II.

SMA is a neuromuscular disorder affecting all voluntary muscles. Children with SMA Type II are never able to walk or crawl. It is a rare disorder that affects approximately 1 in 6000 babies and about 1 in 40 people are genetic carriers. Reagan’s medical experiences since her diagnosis have been numerous, including having a feeding tube inserted in June. Her parents carefully document her experiences in a journal on her website.

Despite the condition, Reagan is a very happy little girl who enjoys all of the things two year olds love, especially Dora the Explorer and going to the zoo. Reagan has incredible parents, Joe and Jenny Imhoff,



Reagan with family and friend at Golf Outing

and two sets of equally incredible and supportive grandparents, Steve and Debra Larson and Pat and Helga Imhoff. Reagan’s grandfather, Steve Larson, is an SMC graduate (class of 1969) and was the SMC Development Director, Athletic Director and head boys basketball coach from

1982-86. He is also a member of the SMC Athletic Hall of Fame and received the Alumni Achievement award in 2005.



Reagan’s parents and grandparents have found comfort and support by staying active in Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (FSMA) and working hard to support the organization and their efforts to find a cure for SMA. August was SMA Awareness Month, a perfect time for the second annual Rally for Reagan Golf FORE a Cure event. The event, held at Oaks Golf Course in Cottage Grove on August 17, raised over \$15,500 for FSMA.



The families have also thrown their support behind the SMA Acceleration Act, recently introduced into the United States House of Representatives, which would give federal support to SMA research, funding and education.

FSMA, the families explain, recently had a major breakthrough in the development of a drug candidate for SMA. The Imhoffs and Larsons are extremely excited, as this is the first time that it seems SMA has a chance of being treated or perhaps even cured.

Reagan’s parents describe her as a wonderful little girl who “lights up the room.” Many SMC alumni and friends were fortunate to witness this firsthand as Reagan made an appearance at the SMC Greater Zephyr Open on July 20 with her parents and Grandpa Larson, who golf in the tournament every year.

If you have been inspired by Reagan’s story and would like to read more about her, make a donation to SMA or send a note to the Imhoffs or Larsons, just visit rally4reagan.com. What you will find is simply inspiring!

In Memoriam

Please pray for our departed alumni and friends and their families. All those listed have been remembered in intercessions at an all-school liturgy. We respectfully wish to remember all alumni and friends of SMC. Please send the information to sthelen@tcces.k12.wi.us.

SMC ALUMNI

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| Marion (Schreiter) Conrad | 1933 |
| Florence (Pleier) VanZummeren | 1935 |
| Helen (Pakalski) Demerath | 1939 |
| Vernan Coopman | 1940 |
| Jerome Lingnofski | 1940 |
| Bill Resch | 1940 |
| Tom Verbrick | 1943 |
| Nancy (Dowling) Hoff | 1944 |
| Robert Gosz | 1947 |
| Carol (Romnek) Probst | 1951 |
| David Rusch | 1953 |
| Ralph Scheirl | 1957 |
| Larry Heegeman | 1957 |
| Jon Schmidt | 1957 |
| Dennis Verbrick | 1957 |
| Judy (Wainscott) Jongkind | 1963 |
| Stephen Stute | 1973 |
| Terry Laeyendecker | 1988 |

FRIENDS OF SMC

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| Kevin “Sonny” Beech | Spouse of Catherine (Brummond) Beach ‘83 |
| Alice Curler | Friend of SMC/TCCES |
| Vivian Gosz | Spouse of Richard Gosz ‘48 |
| Jack Keller | Friend of SMC/TCCES |
| Marilyn Priest | Friend of SMC/TCCES |
| Gladys Schwarzbauer | Spouse of Robert Schwarzbauer ‘39 |
| John Streur | Friend of SMC |
| Robert Sullivan | Friend of SMC/TCCES |
| Nicholas Walsh | Son of Maggie (Hall) Walsh ‘81 and grandson of Rosanne (Turley) Hall ‘56 |
| Michael Wautlet | Friend/Coach SMC/TCCES, father of Brent Wautlet ‘06 |
| Marion Wilz | Mother of Nancy (Wilz) Leskowitz ‘63 |

FOUR ALUMNI HONORED BY ST. MARY CENTRAL



Four St. Mary Central High School alumni were honored by their alma mater at an awards dinner on July 21, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk in Neenah. Three were inducted into the SMC Athletic Hall of Fame and one was awarded the SMC Alumni Achievement Award.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Inductees to the SMC Athletic Hall of Fame are chosen for their athletic accomplishments, participation in their communities and being continuing model of Christian values. The three individuals to be inducted this year include James Rueckl ('60), Patricia "Trish" (Koslowski) Konezke ('82), and Patrick Wolff ('88).



James Rueckl was a standout athlete at St. Mary Central, playing a key role as a member of the 1960 SMC state championship basketball team. He also participated in football and baseball. Mr. Rueckl went on to play basketball at the University of Wisconsin Fox Valley, where for two years he was

the leading scorer and was elected to the All-Conference team. Jim now resides in Carlsbad, California with his wife, Barbara, where he leads a successful career in sales. He still actively volunteers in the recreational system, coaching sports teams.



Patricia "Trish" (Koslowski) Konezke excelled in volleyball, softball and basketball at SMC from 1978 until her graduation in 1982. She was a part of the conference championship volleyball team in 1981, as well as receiving an all conference honorable mention in 1980 for basketball. Mrs. Konezke went on to a very successful basketball

career at Lakeland College, where she held the record as the school's women's all-time leading scorer. In 2004, she was inducted into the Lakeland College Athletic Hall of Fame. Trish resides in Menasha with her husband, Larry, and daughter Rebecca. She remains active in coaching and volunteering in the Twin City Catholic Educational System (TCCES).



Patrick Wolff was an exceptional basketball player at SMC. Among other honors, Mr. Wolff was the FVCC co-MVP, co-captain and player of the year in his senior year. He also ran for the SMC cross-country team. After graduating from SMC in 1988, he attended Edgewood College in Madison, where he went on to become a three-time All-American

in the National Small College Athletic Association and remains Edgewood College's all-time leading scorer. Mr. Wolff was inducted into the Edgewood College Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, June 16 in Madison. Currently an eighth grade math teacher in the Wautoma School District, Patrick has also coached varsity basketball and middle school forensics. He and his wife Lori reside in Waupaca with their two children, Allison and Aaron.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Alumni Achievement Award is presented to an alumnus who has achieved distinction in his community and field of expertise, displayed strong leadership while a student at SMC, continues to support SMC and Catholic education, and exhibits Christian morals and values. This year's Alumni Achievement Award was presented to Adrian R. Martin ('62).



While a student at SMC, Adrian Martin was involved in numerous activities and student organizations, as well as performing as a standout athlete and a member of numerous state tournament teams. After graduating from SMC in 1962, Mr. Martin received a bachelor's degree in education from UW-Oshkosh and a master's degree from UW-Stevens Point. He went on to lead a distinguished career in education, teaching English and history and coaching at Roncalli High School and St. Mary Central High School. He spent most of his career with New London High School, retiring in 1999. A Menasha resident and father of two adult sons, Mr. Martin has participated in many civic organizations through the years including the Jaycees, Knights of Columbus, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Wolf River Men's Club. In addition, he is a member of the Fox Cities Officials Hall of Fame and the SMC Athletic Hall of Fame. Adrian is also the author of five books that are sports-or World War II-related, with a sixth book that will be released by Texas A&M Press in early 2008.

St. Mary Central is proud to add these very deserving alumni to our distinguished list of SMC Hall of Fame and Alumni Achievement winners. For more information about next year's dinner, please contact Sue Thelen at St. Mary Central, 722-7796, ext. 853.

VOLUNTEERISM AWARD

Marvin and Kathleen Daniels were awarded the Miron Construction Award for volunteerism at the 42nd Annual Red Smith Award Banquet held in January for their outstanding support for St. Mary Central High School, specifically the athletic department. Mr. and Mrs.



Daniels are the parents of Andrew ('05) and Daniel ('07), as well as three more future SMC graduates. Congratulations!

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St. Mary Central Golf Outing



The SMC Greater Zephyr Open Golf Outing, sponsored by the SMC Booster Club, was held on July 21, 2007 at Westridge Golf Course. It was a great day for golf as 154 golfers took to the course. This year's outing, which included a silent auction, saw a \$7000 increase in revenue from last year's event. The funds raised will support the extracurricular clubs and sports sponsored by the Booster Club.



**Thank you
to all of the golfers
and sponsors who
contributed to
making this event so
successful.**

ZEPHYRFEST 2007... A RECORD SETTING YEAR



The scene at the Radisson Paper Valley Inn was just short of incredible when several months' efforts culminated in Zephyrfest 2007. The event, filled with entertainment, dinner, an array of silent and oral auction items and raffles, was a wonderful evening with families and friends.



Going into its 23rd year, St. Mary Central's Zephyrfest has become an icon in the community. This well-known event has grown tremendously and has proven to be consistently successful. The funds raised each year ensure that SMC can continue its proud tradition of providing an outstanding education to many in our community.



This year, over 750 guests attended Zephyrfest, which is supported by over 100 community businesses and more than 100 volunteers.



Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 12 for Zephyrfest 2008! If you are unable to attend Zephyrfest in person, please remember there are many other ways to support this event. Please contact Sue Thelen at sthelen@tcces.k12.wi.us or visit Zephyrfest.com.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU!



Jim Murphy (Honorary Alumni, '05) shows off his new fishing hat autographed by the class of 2007. Mr. Murphy retired after 22 years of dedication and sharing his love of teaching with SMC students.



Liz (Bergstrom) Auth ('98) displays a photo album she received as a parting gift from her fellow staff members. The English and Journalism teacher left SMC to stay at home with her newborn son, Wesley. She will continue to coach tennis at SMC.

CALLING LOST ALUMNI!

We are making an effort to reconnect with missing alumni. The following SMC alumni are “lost” – or at least they are to the Alumni Office and not currently in our alumni database. If you know if a fellow alumni is deceased or know a lost person’s address, phone or email, please send the information to Sue Thelen at sthelen@tcces.k12.wi.us or call 920-722-7796, ext. 853. We will print lists from subsequent years in future editions of the Zephyr Connection.

1930’s

Louis Mueller ‘30
Otto Yaley ‘30
Harriet Lenskens ‘31
Margaret Verhoeven ‘31
Florence Rohe ‘31
Walter Greene ‘31
Marvin Clough ‘32
Gretchen Fahrnkrug ‘32
Gilbert Liebhauser ‘32
Frank Lingnofski ‘32
Arvis Schultz ‘32
Mary Walter ‘32
Gretchen Hahn ‘33
Edward F. Muntner ‘33
James Ellenbecker ‘33
Marie (Walbrun) Schoultz ‘33
Ruth Devine ‘34
Ethel Lickert ‘34
Benjamin Coopman ‘34
Genvieve Gamsky ‘34
Rose Hoks ‘34
Erna Lickert ‘34
Albert Eisenach ‘34
Joseph Dietz ‘35
Joseph Heitl ‘35
Roger Jacobs ‘35
Leo Kraus ‘35
Lloyd LeMay ‘35
Irene Mueller ‘35
Merl Van Dyke ‘35
Bernadette Spoerl ‘35
Catherine Wilz ‘35
Marguerite Dengel ‘36
Helen Esdepsky ‘36
John Kolakowski ‘36
John Olson ‘36
Dorothy Braun ‘37
Margaret Becker ‘37
Edward Brown ‘37
Melvin Gottfried ‘37
Vincent Crooks ‘37
John Elrich ‘37
Thomas Garrigan ‘37
Florence Kasel ‘37
Morcella Maas ‘37
Charlotte Kolasinsky ‘37
Ann Mauathe ‘37
Frances Kraus ‘37
Robert Kuehnl ‘37
Kathleen Rippl ‘37
Raymond Schmidt ‘37

Roman Schmidt ‘37
Clement Weiss ‘37
Eileen Wilz ‘37
Reuben Brandtmeier ‘38
Earl DeBruin ‘38
James DeYoung ‘38
Evangeline Griesbach ‘38
Joan Crawford ‘39
Horence Diedrich ‘39
Ruth Esdepsky ‘39
Lucille Finch ‘39
Laverne Gamsky ‘39
Geraldine Hardy ‘39
Robert Helser ‘39
Joan Hickey ‘39
Clarice Klaus ‘39
Ernest Koerner ‘39
Eugene Kraft ‘39
Helen Metz ‘39
Reuben Prunuski ‘39
Irene Rippl ‘39
Rsoe Smith ‘39
Dan Tuchscherer ‘39
Leona Young ‘39

1940’s

Lillian Beachkofsky ‘40
Joseph Fieweger ‘40
Magdalen Malenofsky ‘40
Luella Mattern ‘40
Jerome Monarski ‘40
Edward Mottl ‘40
Robert Mueller ‘40
Gertrude Probst ‘40
Christine Schieffer ‘40
Charles Schmidt ‘40
Patricia Spalding ‘40
Noreen Stier ‘40
Clement Wilfling ‘40
Jeanne Barker ‘42
Nobert Bayer ‘42
Ruth Beachkofsky ‘42
Viola Boehnlein ‘42
James Bretthauer ‘42
Thomas Bruehl ‘42
Rosmary Bubiltz ‘42
Donald Ciske ‘42
Donald Clark ‘42
Donald Clough ‘42
Dorothy Corey ‘42
William Doling ‘42
Elmer Gollner ‘42

John Grade ‘42
Mildred Griesbach ‘42
Dolores Jarvey ‘42
Aloysius Kolasinsky ‘42
Mary Kuehnl ‘42
Jane Luedtke ‘42
Richard Luka ‘42
Ann Luntkowski ‘42
Joyce (Massey) Stafford ‘42
Paul Maurer ‘42
Robert Muehlenbein ‘42
John Otto ‘42
Velma Reimer ‘42
Bernice Resch ‘42
Mabel Resch ‘42
Kenneth Rutz ‘42
Chester Schedgick ‘42
Dorothy Spalding ‘42
Harold Zimmer ‘42
Frank Albert ‘43
Herman Bushmann, Jr. ‘43
Donald DeBruin ‘43
Raymond Eskofski ‘43
Rosemary Leiker ‘43
Marie Lewandoski ‘43
Elizabeth Niles ‘43
Francis Pakalske ‘43
Ruth Reimer ‘43

We are also missing SMC yearbooks for the following class years. May we borrow yours? We can copy the yearbook pages and return it to you promptly.

1929
1980
1984
1987
1989
1991
2001

Thank you!



KOSSEL BUILDS FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

Josh Kossel, a 2004 graduate of SMC, was very active during his high school tenure. He held the title of TCCES Webmaster and was a member of the Math Team, Web Team, National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. He also ran on the cross-country team.



It was during his freshman year at UW-Madison that his interest in engineering led him to attend a meeting of the UW Formula SAE Racing Team, which he joined. During his first year on the team, Josh found the name of a former classmate's father on the MotoTron Production Controls website. (MotoTron, a provider of production-embedded engine control and integration systems located in Oshkosh, is a sponsor of the UW Racing Team).

He then did what any good networker would do—he contacted his former SMC classmate, **Erica Ehlers ('07)**, to inquire about her dad, Jeff Ehler's, involvement at MotoTron. One thing led to another and Josh landed position with MotoTron, where he just finished his third summer as an intern.

Josh has done two very important things during his college career. These two activities - being involved with the UW Racing Team and securing a very important internship with MotoTron - have helped Josh to develop a very impressive resume.

Racing Team sends him into first place!

Being a member of the UW Racing Team has been a great way for Josh to get hands-on experience in the field of mechanical engineering. The team is dedicated to designing, fabricating, marketing, and racing a small open-wheel, formula-style racing vehicle. Together the team works to build and race a Formula SAE car. The team then enters the car in competition through the international SAE organization against over 130 other colleges and universities.

After finishing second, third and fourth over the last 10 years, in May the team took first place at the international competition in Detroit. In addition to winning the SAE Foundation Cup, the team earned several other awards including the first place Ricardo Powertrain Award, second place Timken Engineering Friction Award, and the second place Goodyear Best Performance Award. On May 20, 2007 the UW-Madison car was displayed at the GM Vehicle Engineering Center in Detroit, where it was crowned with two great honors—first place in the design competition and first place overall.

While the ultimate goal is to win, the experience and problem-solving skills gained along the way help prepare members of the team for careers in the industry. Josh is enthusiastic in explaining that it is one of the best engineering experiences that a student can gain and is "critical resume material." Josh states that many UW graduates who were on the team have landed jobs with major car manufacturers or even with prominent



racing crews.

Internship dovetails with racing team

Josh's experience at MotoTron has been an incredible experience for this young, soon-to-be engineer. It has given him the opportunity to experience things other students in his classes are only reading about. During the three summers he has spent at MotoTron, Josh has worked on major projects for the company including SmartCraft™—a highly-managed, integrated vessel system, and MotoHawk™—a control software development system.

His experience at MotoTron also compliments his position on the racing team. He is able to access information and products that are helpful with his responsibilities on the team in the areas of PCM calibration, control strategy design and code generation.

Josh expects to graduate from UW-Madison in 2009 with a degree in mechanical engineering. While he is not certain where his career will take him, he is most certain to be presented with many exciting opportunities. For more information about the UW Racing Team or MotoTron, visit uwracing.com and mototron.com. Josh can be reached at kossel@wisc.edu.

TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING CLUB (TEC) UPDATE:

The SMC Technology and Engineering Club (TEC) is off to a great start. Several new members have joined and at least two teams plan to compete in this year's FIRST Robotics competition season.

Three 2007 graduates received important summer internship employment. **Josh Schanke ('07)** and **Joe Schneider ('07)** worked for last year's TEC Team sponsor, QComp Technologies, located in Greenville. They were able to have important hands-on experiences as a part of QComp's product—providing innovative automation systems to businesses.

Josh is now attending UW-Madison and Joe is attending Milwaukee School of Engineering. Both are planning to study in the engineering fields.

Brian Rappl ('07) received a summer internship at MotoTron Production Controls in Oshkosh. Brian learned a new software package and integrated it into their custom control system applications. He will also continue to work for them while he is at school at the University of Minnesota, developing these software applications via the internet.

Other TEC team graduate updates include **Calvin Andersen ('07)**, who is attending the UW-Madison and plans to study engineering. Calvin was the president of the SMC Technology and Engineering Club for the 2006-2007 school year. **Andy Pociask ('07)** is attending UW--Fox Valley in Menasha and is volunteering his time as an advisor for the club this year.

The team thanks both QComp Technologies and **Dick Hartl ('55)**, for their financial support again this year.

SMC GRADUATES 69 FUTURE LEADERS

Seniors climbing another rung on their educational ladder marked commencement on Wednesday, June 6. The class of 69 graduates chose retiring biology teacher Jim Murphy as the keynote speaker. Brian Michel, class of 2007, contributed greatly to the beauty of commencement by the words he chose in a Thanksgiving Reflection. The thoughts he shared show the true essence and spirit of all of our graduates. We hope you enjoy these words as much as everyone did on that wonderful day.

Thanksgiving Reflection *By Brian Michel*



On these grounds of St. Mary Central High, we grew physically, spiritually, and intellectually. We learned together, laughed together, we struggled and cried together, we played, we shared, we experienced, we loved, and now, we have the opportunity to reflect on all for which we are so grateful.

First and foremost, we thank God for molding each and everyone of us in his own likeness, for giving us diverse gifts, and allowing us to respect and appreciate our differences; for granting us the opportunity to enjoy an outstanding educational environment wherein we had multiple opportunities to witness success in academics, athletics, and the arts; and for allowing us to share the talents we developed here at SMC with so many others.

Secondly, we are thankful for our parents: our mothers, fathers, and other guardians, for giving us the opportunity to receive a Catholic-based education; for donating their time, talent and treasure to better our experiences; for listening and understanding; for standing beside us and believing in us, allowing us to learn from our failures, and sharing the joy of our successes; and for always being a constant source of support and a motivational spirit to positively drive us.

We thank our administrators and teachers who shared their knowledge and expertise; who instilled within us virtues of hard work and dedication; who spent their time and often their own resources to enhance our learning experience; and for their sacrifices and the value they have personally placed on providing us with an education in a privately funded institution.

We are grateful for our coaches and club advisors who taught us to be humble in victory and respectful in defeat; for teaching us the meaning of teamwork, leadership and service to others; and the value of working together for a common goal.

We are thankful for the friendships we have formed, the lessons that those friendships have taught us, and the times we have had together by being part of this St. Mary Central family.

Finally, we are thankful for these hallways, for the safety and security that they provided, for the memories that they hold, and for the doorways that will lead us out of St. Mary Central to soar to new heights and strive for the betterment of ourselves and others.

May God continue to bless us and all those that make up the SMC family.

SCHOLARSHIP FOCUS: RIPPL FAMILY OPENS DOORS FOR SMC GRADUATES



Edward Rippl, SMC Class of 1936, has fond memories of his experience at SMC. So fond that he and his wife, Rosella, thought the school was the best choice for their two sons, **Jim** ('61) and **Wayne** ('64). SMC did not let them down.

Higher education has always been very important to the Rippls and their sons. Edward, now deceased, and Rosella have been very generous in extending this opportunity to many SMC alumni through the scholarships offered in their name to SMC graduates. They also contribute to the school in many other important ways.

Financial contributions were not always an option for Edward and Rosella. Rosella grew up in a large family near Birnamwood, Wisconsin. Her family could not afford the out-of-county tuition it would take to send young Rosella to public school. And after their marriage, Ed was drafted into the service in 1942 when their son Jim was only six weeks old. He spent three years away from home as a member of the United States Navy, during which time Rosella got by

on a small government subsidy. Later Ed ran a heating and cooling business in Menasha for 22 years before spending the last 14 years of his career in Madison in a job with the State of Wisconsin.

Since Ed's passing in November 2004, it has been especially important for Rosella to honor the wishes of her "right hand man and best friend," the man she was married to for 63 years. She describes Ed as "a man who was not an overly public person and definitely not a meeting man." He would, Rosella says, help with any cause as long as he did not have to sit in meetings!

Although their two children do not live in the area and their five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren have never attended our schools, SMC has always remained a top priority for the Rippl family. Rosella explains that Catholic education is important and that all of their grandchildren have attended Catholic schools at some point in their education. In addition, both of their sons and families are involved in their churches and parish activities.

The commitment to SMC found in the Rippl family is certainly something to emulate. We sincerely thank the Rippl family for their continued dedication to our school and our students!

Congratulations to the Class of 2007

| 2007 Graduate | Their Plans | Award/Scholarship/Recognition |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Calvin Robert Andersen | UW-Madison..... | UW Madison Alumni Association of the Fox Valley |
| Benjamin William Basler | UW-Eau Claire..... | Edward and Rosella Rippl Scholarship, Menasha Rotary Service Above Self Scholarship |
| Justine Jade Beck | | UW-Milwaukee |
| Erik Richard Becker | | Loras College |
| Katherine Elaine Belanger | UW-Milwaukee | |
| Bryenna Leigh Brooks | UW-Milwaukee | |
| Dana Elizabeth Brown..... | Concordia University of Wisconsin..... | Concordia University Presidential Scholarship Edward and Rosella Rippl Scholarship |
| Britan Diane Burbey | Carroll College..... | Carroll College Voorhees Scholarship |
| Alexander Gregory Burnett | UW-Stevens Point | |
| Benjamin James Butelefski..... | Fox Valley Technical College | |
| Kevin Michael Castillo..... | UW-Eau Claire..... | Anne Fisher Green Award of Courage |
| Steven Geoffrey Catlin..... | Marquette University | |
| David Mark Cheslock..... | UW-Oshkosh | |
| Stephanie Audrey Cheslock..... | Edgewood College | |
| Brittney Jean DeWall..... | UW-Milwaukee | |
| Lydia Louise Drechsler..... | UW-Stevens Point..... | Edward and Rosella Rippl Scholarship |
| Alexander John Drzewiecki..... | To be determined | |
| Erica Audrey Ehlers..... | UW-Madison..... | Winnebago Board of Supervisors Edward and Rosella Rippl Scholarship |
| Alaina Kimberley Fabley..... | Marquette University..... | Marquette University Ignatius Scholarship Marquette University Pre-Law Scholars Program Marquette University Honors Program Banta Corporation Foundation Frances Sawyer Hefti Scholarship Neenah-Menasha Round Table Kiwanis Menasha Utilites/WPPI Edward and Rosella Rippl Scholarship |
| Shea Marie Ferrari..... | Gateway Technical College | |
| Amanda Marie Finch..... | UW-Whitewater..... | Jeannie Goggins Memorial Scholarship |
| Kathryn Ann Fredericks | St. Norbert College..... | St. Norbert College Van Dyke Scholarship |
| Michael Davis Freundl..... | UW-Fox Valley..... | |
| Chelsea Dawn Fristch..... | UW-Milwaukee | Joan Rickert Phillips Memorial Herrling Clark Law Firm Scholarship Edward and Rosella Rippl Scholarship |
| Robert Felix Frozena..... | Marquette University..... | Marquette University Mark L. Schmidt Memorial Edward and Rosella Rippl |
| Cassie Elizabeth Gambsky..... | Fox Valley Technical College | |
| Allison Kathryn Gehl..... | UW-Oshkosh | |
| Meghan Marie Gitter | UW-Green Bay..... | Oshkosh Fine Arts Association Scholarship |
| Matt Robert Gloede..... | UW Fox Valley | |
| Lisa Marie Godhardt | UW-Madison | |
| John Howard Healy | Loras College | Winnebago Bar Association Breitbach Catholic Thinkers and Leaders Scholarship |
| Kristin Joy Heil | UW-Milwaukee | |
| Jason Keith Heny..... | UW-Fox Valley | |
| Brent David Johnston..... | UW-Fox Valley | |
| Eric Andrew Koch..... | UW-Milwaukee | |
| Corrin Marie Koslowski | Edgewood College | |
| Jamie Michelle Landry..... | UW-Madison | |
| Connor James Mattson..... | UW-Fox Valley | |
| Hilary Christine McCants..... | UW-Stevens Point..... | Frances Sawyer Hefti Scholarship King's Daughters/Margaret Ward |
| Emily Ann Meyer..... | Ripon College..... | American Legion Thomas Kees, Post 496 Ripon College Honors Scholarship |
| Joshua Michael Meyers..... | Fox Valley Technical College | |
| Brian Matthew G. Michel..... | Marquette University..... | Gerald A. Henseler Scholarship Edward and Rosella Rippl Scholarship Marquette University Ignatius Scholarship Marquette Pre-Dental Scholars Program Award |
| Meghan Katherine Mielke..... | UW-Milwaukee | |
| Jared Michael Miller | UW-Oshkosh | |
| Alexa Alice Mueller..... | Fox Valley Technical College | |

| <i>2007 Graduate</i> | <i>Their Plans</i> | <i>Award/Scholarship/Recognition</i> |
|---|--|--|
| <i>Nina Phousiri Nosavan</i> | <i>Northwestern University</i> | <i>Northwestern Scholarship Frances J. Brehm Memorial</i> |
| <i>Rebecca Lynn Ott</i> | <i>Concordia University</i> | <i>Concordia University Presidential Scholarship American Legion Post Thomas Kees, Post 496 Menasha MACS J. Russell and Margaret Ward Scholarship Theda Clark Medical Center Auxiliary</i> |
| <i>Andrew Robert Pociask</i> | <i>UW-Fox Valley</i> | <i>Fox Cities Credit Union Scholarship Banta Foundation</i> |
| <i>Brian Andrew Rappl</i> | <i>University of Minnesota-Twin Cities</i> | <i>Herb Kohl Excellence Award Gopher State Scholarship Calmer L. Johnson/John W. Leslie ITW Scholarship Donald & Marie Belcher Eagle Scholarship Award Pipeline Contractors Scholarship Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Edward and Rosella Rippl Scholarship Neenah Rotary Jack Casper Service Above Self Scholarship</i> |
| <i>Molly Ann Rasmussen</i> | <i>Milwaukee School of Engineering</i> | <i>MSOE Merit Scholarship J. Russell and Margaret Ward Scholarship</i> |
| <i>Amber Lee Schaffer</i> | <i>UW-Milwaukee</i> | |
| <i>Josh Keith Schanke</i> | <i>UW-Madison</i> | <i>Leonard and Marie Kellett Scholarship</i> |
| <i>Emily Alex Scheffler</i> | <i>UW-Oshkosh</i> | <i>Larry "Porky" Resch Memorial Scholarship Junior Achievement Scholarship Edward and Rosella Rippl Scholarship</i> |
| <i>Maria Cristina Schmidt</i> | <i>University of Minnesota-Twin Cities</i> | <i>UM-Twin Cities Presidential Distinguished Student Scholarship</i> |
| <i>Joseph Mark Schneider</i> | <i>Milwaukee School of Engineering</i> | <i>MSOE Merit Scholarship Neenah Menasha Noon Optimist Scholarship</i> |
| <i>Kiley Jean Schneider</i> | <i>Marian College</i> | <i>Marian College Academic Achievement</i> |
| <i>Zach James Sonntagag</i> | <i>Loras College</i> | <i>Loras Dean Scholarship Frances J. Brehm Memorial Scholarship</i> |
| <i>Brandon Marc St. Peter</i> | <i>UW-LaCrosse</i> | |
| <i>Amy Elizabeth Trudell</i> | <i>UW-Milwaukee</i> | |
| <i>Clare McGuire Tuchscherer</i> | <i>Loras College</i> | <i>J. Russell and Margaret Ward Scholarship</i> |
| <i>Christine Ann Vegso</i> | | <i>University of Massachusetts-Amburst</i> |
| <i>Nicholas John Verbrick</i> | <i>UW-Fox Valley</i> | |
| <i>Andrew Jonathan Waite</i> | <i>University of Iowa</i> | |
| <i>Rachel Elizabeth Wallace</i> | <i>UW-Fox Valley</i> | |
| <i>Matthew Thomas Weber</i> | <i>University of Minnesota -Moorehead</i> | |
| <i>Natalie Anne Wedg</i> | <i>Seton Hall University</i> | <i>Edward and Rosella Rippl Scholarship</i> |
| <i>Louis Arthur Wright</i> | | <i>Fox Valley Technical College</i> |
| <i>Jonathon Maxwell Zolkoske</i> | <i>Drake University</i> | <i>Kramaczyk-Hephner Scholarship Al Golz Memorial Golf Scholarship ThedaCare Medical Staff Scholarship</i> |
| <i>Marianne Jessica Zolnowski</i> | <i>Loyola University at Chicago</i> | <i>Loyola University Trustee Scholarship</i> |



Katie Belanger and Jamie Landry, classmates from the class of 2007, celebrate graduation.



Classmates from the Class of 2007 who have been together since elementary school at St. Margaret Mary posed for a photo on graduation day at St. Mary Central. Pictured are: Front: Corrin Koslowski, Erica Ehlers, Lydia Drechsler, Natalie Wedge, Clare Tuchscherer. Back row: Zach Sonntagag, Erik Becker, John Healy, Jared Miller and Andy Waite.

THREE NAMED SMC HONORARY ALUMNI

Three individuals were awarded a St. Mary Central High School Honorary Alumni diploma at the 2007 graduation ceremony. Mr. Michael Sullivan, Twin City Catholic Educational System President, presented the awards.

The Honorary Alumni award is presented annually at graduation to recognize an individual or individuals who have shown an outstanding volunteer commitment to SMC by selflessly sharing time and talents with the school and by making significant efforts to promote SMC and the values of the school.



Howard and Eleanor Healy were the first to receive their honorary diplomas. The couple has had at least one child from their family in attendance at SMC for the past 15 years. Their involvement and activities at SMC are numerous, including

SMC school trustee, SMC and TCCES board member and finance committee member, as well as volunteering for literally hundreds of school activities. In addition, they have been intricately involved with TCCES (Eleanor Healy is principal of St. Margaret Mary Elementary School) as well as other Green Bay Diocese committees and boards.

Their youngest son, John, a 2007 SMC graduate and senior class president, joined his parents on stage as the honorary diplomas were awarded. Their eight children, seven of whom graduated from SMC, nominated the Healys for the award. They wrote in the nomination, "Through their service to St. Mary Central and TCCES, our parents have been an example of faith in action. They instilled in each of us the value of a Catholic education and the importance of being stewards of our talents in our school and church communities."



Also honored at the graduation ceremony was **Michael Wautlet**. Mr. Wautlet was an outstanding representative of St. Mary Central High School before his untimely death in April 2007. He served as head track coach at SMC from 2005-2007, and was the head coach of Seton Catholic Middle School football for eight years. In awarding the diploma, Mike Sullivan said of Wautlet, "He gave constantly of his time,

his energy and his enthusiasm to help his student athletes succeed and cared about all his kids as individuals. He worked behind the scenes in so many ways that many in our school family did not realize all he did until after his death." Wautlet's son, Troy, a sophomore at SMC, accepted the honorary diploma on behalf of the Wautlet family.

St. Mary Central is proud to add these very deserving individuals to our distinguished list of honorary alumni.

2007 SMC MUSIC AWARDS

Show Choir Award

Lisa Godhardt
Brian Michel

National Choral Award

Lisa Godhardt

Outstanding Singer

Cassie Gambsky
Kristin Heil

Outstanding Chorus Member

Marianne Zolnowski

2007 SMC Band Awards

John Phillip Sousa Award: Brian Rappal
The Director's Award: Alaina Fahley and Britan Burbey
The Louis Armstrong Award: Kevin Castillo, David Cheslock and Lydia Drechsler



RUTH HOEFS MEMORIAL GRAND PIANO FUND

It has been over a year since Ruth Hoefs, former SMC foreign language teacher, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. A teacher at SMC for 21 years, Mrs. Hoefs was also an SMC honorary alumna. As a memorial, her family has remembered Ruth in a very special way--by developing a fund to purchase a grand piano for SMC.

While the fund received many generous contributions, it still needs almost \$10,000 to reach the goal of purchasing the piano. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to this fund in memory of Mrs. Hoefs, please send it to:

SMC Advancement Office
Attn: Ruth Hoefs Grand Piano Fund
1050 Zephyr Drive
Neenah, WI, 54956

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Sue Thelen at 920-722-7796, ext. 853 or sthelen@tcces.k12.wi.us



MUSICAL STARS: Foreign language instructor Ruth Hoefs, left, and her son, Bryan Hoefs, right, participate in the 1996 SMC Graduation ceremonies in St. Mary Catholic Church.

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YOUR DONATION CAN HELP TO CONTINUE A LEGACY OF SMC EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

For many years, St. Mary Central students have benefited from the professionalism and compassion of English teacher Mrs. Jean Zuleger. Mrs. Zuleger has dedicated countless hours to improving the SMC communications department, developing an outstanding competitive forensic program and cheering on many Zephyr sports teams, often observing from the top bleachers while grading papers. In addition, many SMC alumni can testify to her presence as a compassionate and gifted educator in the classroom and when they encountered personal challenges.

In 1998, Mrs. Zuleger joined the SMC Quality Improvement Team and agreed to chair a committee devoted to improving the communication skills of SMC students. The result of months of data collection and curriculum development, writing and revisions, was the first edition of a cross-curricular manual to improve students' writing skills. Two years later, a revised edition that incorporates verbal communication skills was published as the SMC Communications Manual. These publications were financed by Mrs. Zuleger's winnings as a recipient of the Kohl Fellowship Excellence in Teaching award and private donations from supporters, including Mrs. Zuleger's father.

In the eight years since the manuals were published, hundreds of SMC students have used and benefited from them in courses including

religion, humanities and science, in addition to English classes. In fact, most students find the manual so useful that they purchase a copy to take along with them to college. The school receives reports each year from recent graduates that the manuals are very useful in college courses as well. Evidence of their effectiveness is more than anecdotal—an ongoing study of the measurable communication skills of SMC students between their sophomore and senior years shows consistent and significant growth in their use of effective communication tools.



It is now time to produce a revised version of the SMC Communications Manual, and Mrs. Zuleger has graciously agreed to spearhead the effort once again. **Won't you please support the efforts of Mrs. Zuleger and her dedicated committee by making a donation to help pay for the cost of publication?**

Send your donation to SMC Advancement Office, Attn: Communications Manual, 1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah, WI, 54956 or contact Sue Thelen at 920-722-7796, ext. 853 or sthelen@tcces.k12.wi.us. What a wonderful way to show your appreciation of a truly dedicated and remarkable educator.

ANNUAL FUND RECORD GIVING LEVEL

The 2006-07 SMC Annual Fund Drive officially ended on June 30.

We are proud to announce that it was a record year! SMC raised \$138,831 and combined with the TCCES Annual Fund (in its first year), the total raised is **\$181,628**. This is a **50 percent** increase from last year's giving. In addition, the number of individual donors increased by over **40 percent**.

Of this amount, **SMC ALUMNI** generously donated \$77,645, representing **56 percent** of the donations to the SMC Annual Fund and **70 percent** of our donors. Our alumni are indeed special! Here's an update on the **Alumni Annual Fund Challenge**:

| DECADE | TOTAL GIVING | NUM. OF DONORS |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1929/30's | \$6,231 | 17 |
| 1940's | \$19,976 | 87 |
| 1950's | \$22,619 | 109 |
| 1960's | \$15,979 | 89 |
| 1970's | \$8,905 | 61 |
| 1980's | \$2,835 | 24 |
| 1990's | \$990 | 15 |
| 2000's | \$110 | 6 |
| | \$77,645 | 408 |

A special thank you to our Annual Fund Committee, which included:

SMC Foundation President

Richard A. Bergstrom, Honorary Alumnus

Alumni Chairpersons

Marvin Beachkofski ('46)
 Lorraine (Verkuilen) Beachkofski ('48)
 Ronald D. Dibelius ('56)
 Kathy (Marshall) Kellermann ('70)
 Mary (Bayer) Van Rossum ('80)
 Jeanne (Kuehn) Griffith ('80)
 James Griffith ('80)
 Jeff Quigley ('82)
 Paige (Van De Hey) Quigley ('82)
 Ted Heimerman ('84)
 Paula Heimerman ('84)
 Liz (Bergstrom) Auth ('98)
 Meghan (Healy) Ostrom ('99)
 Rebekah (Berger) Weiss ('02)
 David Weiss ('02)

Current SMC Parents

Marvin & Kathleen Daniels

We will kick off the 2007-08 campaign in November. Thank you for your continued support of SMC and our programs.



SPRING SPORTS AWARDS

GIRLS SOCCER

The SMC school community welcomed home its state championship girls soccer team in style on Sunday, June 10. The celebration included a parade of cars and fire trucks through Menasha and Neenah, followed by a ceremony at SMC's Zephyr Fields attended by over 300 fans. The team defeated Racine St. Catherine's to win the championship on Saturday, June 9. The team, led by Coach Gary Kruger and Assistant Coach Chris Trudell won their fourth straight conference championship, as well as earning the regional and sectional championships.

GIRLS SOCCER CHAMPS!



Top row, l to r: Molly Rasmussen, Clare Tuchscherer, Becky Ott, Brittny DeWall, Amy Trudell, Dana Brown, Britan Burbey
Middle upper row, l to r: Jena Cops, Melissa Michalkiewicz
Middle lower row l to r: Anna Linstedt (SMC Trainer), Rachel Brown, Maggie Pawlowski, Clare Englebert, Meredith Koch, Alicia Klein
Bottom row, l to r: Shannon Laemmrich, Nicole Peeters, Erin McGuirk, Tara Mendez, Erin Andersen
Missing: Manager Eric Koch and players Tizzi Allen and Ashtyn Hale



Proud soccer coaches, Coach Gary Kruger, right, and Chris Trudell, left.

SMC ATHLETES EARN CONFERENCE RECOGNITION

The following SMC athletes earned recognition for spring sports in the Olympian Conference:

SOCCER

First Team All-Conference

Dana Brown
Becky Ott
Molly Rasmussen
Melissa Michalkiewicz

Second Team All-Conference

Amy Trudell
Maggie Pawlowski

Honorable Mention

Rachel Brown

SOFTBALL

First Team All-Conference

Reegan Cheslock

Second Team All-Conference

Becky Kersten
Sara Gawinski
Emily Meyer



BASEBALL

First Team All-Conference

Robert Frozena

Second Team All-Conference

David Cheslock

TENNIS

All-Conference

Luke Szews
Erik Becker

Advanced to Sectional

Luke Szews
Matt Liebham

TRACK

Amanda Batterman, **Conference Champ 3200m run**

Female Athlete of the Year

Emily Meyer



LOOKING FOR THE LATEST GAME INFORMATION AND STATS ON THE ZEPHYRS?

highschoolsports.net

This is the place to find where and when all SMC athletic competitions will take place. After a quick registration, you can even choose an option to alert you of game changes and updated outcomes.

THERE ISN'T A BETTER WAY TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR INNER ZEPHYR!

RON DIBELIUS ('56) TO BE INDUCTED INTO WISCONSIN BASKETBALL COACHES HALL OF FAME



Long before Ron Dibelius was an assistant to the athletic director at Boise State University, he was an outstanding high school basketball player at St. Mary Central High School.

On Saturday, October 6, Dibelius will be honored for those accomplishments on the court when he is inducted into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in Madison. Several former players and coaches from the Wisconsin high school and

college ranks will join Dibelius at the induction ceremony, including former University of Wisconsin and Washington State University head coach Dick Bennett.

Before heading to Madison, Dibelius will visit St. Mary Central in Neenah to speak to SMC students on Friday, October 5. He will also attend SMC's homecoming game against Manitowoc Lutheran on Friday night at 7:00 p.m. Dibelius will be introduced at half time along with all SMC football players from throughout the years who are invited to be recognized.

A three-sport letterman at SMC, Dibelius earned varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball. It was the basketball court, however, where Dibelius had his most success. Playing on two state championship teams, Dibelius carved his name in the annals of Wisconsin basketball history when he scored a record 76 points in a single game. Dibelius connected on 33 of 39 field goal attempts in the game, made 10 free throws and at one point scored 32 straight points for SMC. He was inducted into the SMC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1983, the Hall of Fame's inaugural year. It has often been said that he is one of the greatest—if not the greatest—athlete to play at SMC. Dibelius remains one of the Zephyr's biggest fans, watching the outcome of all of their athletic teams via Internet postings.

Dibelius attended Marquette University and in his first collegiate game scored 29 points against the University of Illinois. Following his sophomore season at Marquette, Dibelius signed a professional baseball contract with the Washington Senators' organization. He later completed his collegiate basketball career at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, where he is also a member of the athletic hall of fame, and is a 1961 graduate. In 1961, Dibelius was a 10th round draft pick of the New York Knicks.

Dibelius later went into the insurance business and moved to Idaho in 1966, where he still resides with his wife, Lotus. In the fall of 1988, he joined the Bronco athletic staff as the head men's tennis coach. Dibelius has been a member of the athletic administrative staff since 1992. 2007 was an exciting year for him, as the Boise State Bronco football team finished the season ranked 5th. They were the nation's only unbeaten team after defeating Oklahoma 43-42 in overtime to win the Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day.



Ron Dibelius

ALL ALUMNI ARE INVITED TO HOMECOMING 2007

Come home for a visit! This year's SMC Homecoming celebration on Friday, October 5, is the perfect time to return to your alma mater. Please join us for the Homecoming parade at 4:45 p.m. beginning at St. Mary Elementary (the old high school at 520 Second Street in Menasha) followed by an Alumni Homecoming Tailgate at 6:00 p.m. at SMC. All are welcome! Look for us under the tent to the right as you enter the parking lot. The excitement continues as the Zephyrs kickoff against Manitowoc Lutheran at 7:00 p.m.

CALLING ALL ALUMNI FOOTBALL PLAYERS!



Homecoming is a celebration of the history of SMC football. All Alumni football players are invited for a special recognition when players from each decade are recognized at half time. Joining us will be 1956 graduate and current Boise State Assistant Athletic Director Ron Dibelius. Don't miss your opportunity to see old friends from the field!

CALLING ALL ALUMNI SOCCER PLAYERS!



The 3rd Annual St. Mary Central Soccer Alumni Match will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2007. The schedule is as follows:

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|------------|---------------------------|
| 10:30 a.m. | Register at Zephyr Fields |
| 11:00 a.m. | Alumni Soccer Match |
| 1:00 p.m. | Picnic Lunch |

The event is co-ed and teams will be selected as players arrive, with a picnic lunch following the game. The whole family is invited to cheer and enjoy lunch. For more information, please contact Mike Brown at mbrown1718@aol.com or Coach Gary Kruger at krugengineering@sbcglobal.net.



3rd Annual TCCES Fundraiser
November 10 2007
6-10 pm



Entertainment by Vic Ferrari
Soups Galore and More!

Dive into delicious homemade gumbo and tasty soups and enjoy an assortment of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.

More Chances to Win

Prizes will be given away throughout the evening

Prizes

One Year Lease - Smart Car - Courtesy of Bergstrom Automotive

- \$1,000 in Cash
- Digital Camera
- \$1,000 in Gasoline
- Moped
- iPhone
- Laptop Computer
- Hot Tub
- Wisconsin 2-Night Getaway
- 42" Plasma TV
- Disney World for 4 People 4-Day/3-Night

Those attending the event have a chance to win many other fun prizes!



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