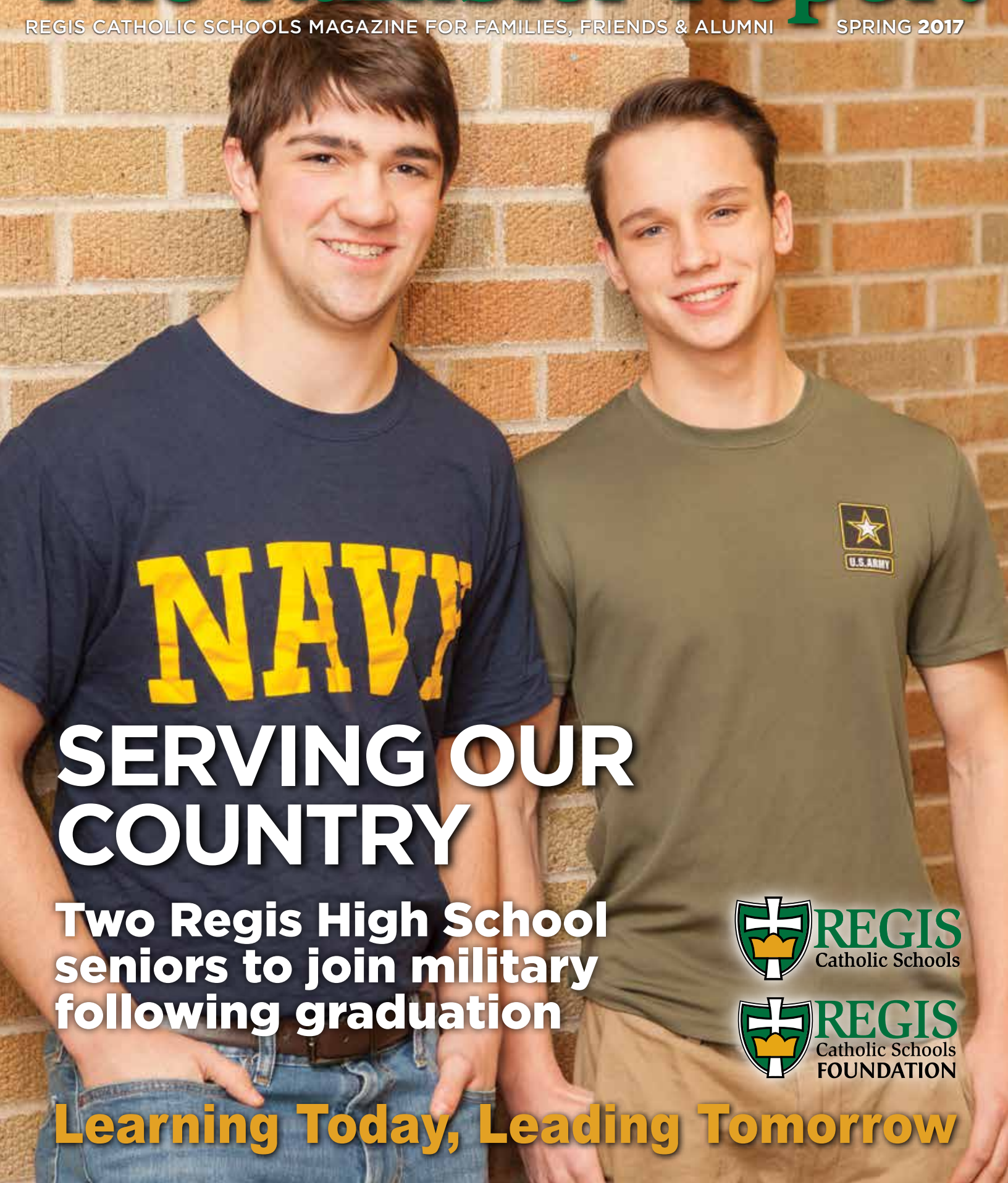


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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, all of our students and faculty gathered for a system-wide Mass with Bishop William Patrick Callahan from the Diocese of La Crosse on February 1. Keep reading this issue of The Rambler Report to see more photos from this special day!

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## REPORT FROM THE DEAN

On March 1st, we began the Season of Lent. This is a penitential season in which we reflect on, and draw closer to the suffering and death of the Lord. Suffering is something that we should not avoid nor something we should seek. But, when it comes, we allow the grace and strength of God to transform us into a more perfect reflection of Christ.

It also helps us to empathize with those who are undergoing hardships and suffering in their lives. It should spur us to action. It is not enough to just say, "oh, that is too bad" to someone who is in dire straits. Our Faith calls us to do something more to help those suffering, even if that is to only make their suffering known to others.

There is a saying that a joy shared is doubled and a suffering shared is halved. Jesus' suffering and death is salvific for all of us. May this Lent be for all of us a time of growth in charity, as it helps us become a more perfect reflection of Christ in the world.

*Rev. Donald J. Meuret*

Rev. Don Meuret  
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## REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

If you have been in our schools since Ash Wednesday, you may have noticed a staff member reading a small black book. Many of you know that before smartphones became the norm of storing data such as phone numbers, addresses, and reminders, those of my generation usually carried a "Little Black Book" to have that information on hand. "The Little Black Book" that we issued is published every year by the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan. It provides about a 6-minute reflection that hopefully reinforces the significance of the Lenten season. The books, which feature new insights every year, have been issued to staff in the past.



Personally, I look forward to reading the selection designated for each day during Lent. Basically, the left side has a variety of tidbits such as Catholic traditions and customs or a saint of the day. This year, the right side covers a couple of verses of the Passion of Christ according to John and then the author reflects on how the verses should influence our lives. I do hear from some of the staff that they in turn, and with considering the appropriateness of the age group they teach, share these lessons with our students.

Hence it becomes another tool to reinforce Our Core Values and Catholic Identity. More than 3 million of these books are distributed annually. I did not have the idea to share these with the Regis Catholic Schools staff, but it has been a wonderful tradition.

In closing, I wish upon all of you a blessed Lenten season, knowing that the conclusion is a celebration of Christ's rising from the dead, which fosters everlasting optimism for us all.

*May God's Grace abound.*

Yours in Christ,

*Mark Gobler*

Mark Gobler '73  
President

## REPORT FROM THE CLASSROOMS



For those of you whom I have not had the opportunity to meet...**hello again!**

My name is Pam Foegen and I am the Pupil Services Director for Regis Catholic Schools. My responsibilities are to assist students and staff in meeting the needs of our PreK-12 students.

I work at all of our buildings across the system, and would like to share the things I see that you may not know about. First, the rigor of our curriculum is constantly being looked at and each grade level has meetings to analyze student progress on a quarterly basis. The data the teachers receive allows them to continue to teach to the needs of the students while making sure they are understanding what is needed. This data helps them determine the curricular needs. Meetings are held with Curriculum Coordinator Kelly Mechelke and Regis Middle School Dean of Students Kayla Bahnbub respective of their grade levels. This data helps us to continue the rigor we need to help attain the ACT scores we are very proud of.

I see students highly engaged in the work they do, as well as the community service and faith opportunities they have available to them. I am proud to be a member of a system that looks at the whole student; mind, body, and spirit.

Pam Foegen  
Pupil Services Director

## REPORT FROM THE EDUCATION COMMISSION CHAIR

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank each and every one of you who work tirelessly every single day for Regis Catholic Schools.

As I approach the last couple of months of my term as Chair of the Regis Education Commission, I look back on the six years that I have served and marvel at all that I have learned, the people I have met, and the graciousness and generosity of time, talent, and treasure that continues to sustain Regis. We are truly blessed. I am very confident that Regis will continue strong now, and remain strong for the future.

Regis needs and will continue to need committed volunteers all across the education spectrum, whether in the classroom, on the sports field, the concert hall, or the boardroom. I thank all of those who serve now, and extend a hope and welcome to all who may consider serving in a capacity to support the entire system through the respective parishes on the Education Commission.

I also wish to publically thank all those who mentored me along the way...and you know who you are! I am very grateful for collective wisdom, patience, and time extended to me. May God continually bless the Regis family.

Much thanks to each of you for all that you do for Regis Catholic Schools.

Patricia R. Usher, JD  
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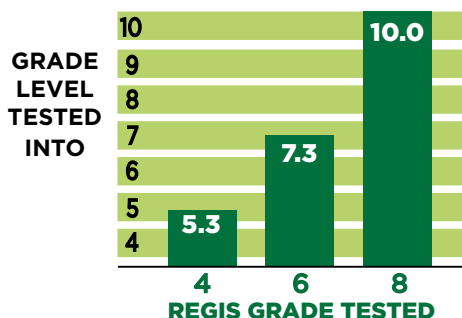
### IN THE FALL OF 2016...

**Regis Catholic Schools 4th graders,** on composite average, tested into a 5.3 grade level.

**Regis Catholic Schools 6th graders,** on composite average, tested into a 7.3 grade level.

**Regis Catholic Schools 8th graders,** on composite average, tested into a 10.0 grade level.

**NATIONAL TEST ADMINISTERED:**  
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In early February, Fr. Krieg from St. James the Greater Parish unveiled and blessed a new piece of art that the parish donated to St. James Elementary. It is called "Christ Among the Children" and is a beautiful addition to the entrance from the church to the school.

*Thank you!*





# MARCH FOR LIFE



In January, six members of the Pro-Life Club at Regis traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in the March for Life 2017. Campus Minister Kristin Betlej, along with Megan Ott, Kate Burhop, Katie Henriksen, Danielle Yengo, Anne

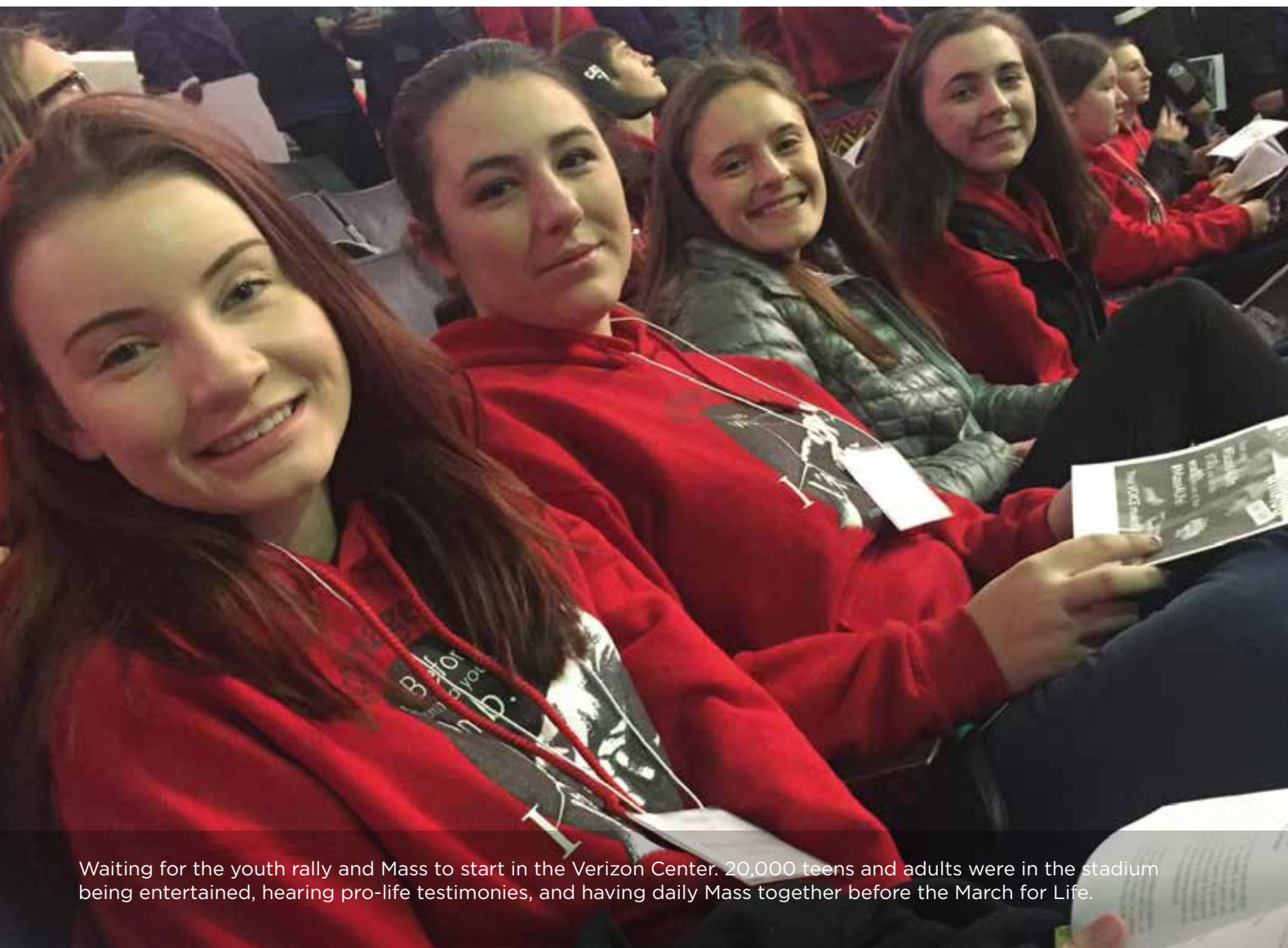
McMenomy, and Lorren Postl, were part of a group of 200 pilgrims from the Diocese of La Crosse.

The group toured Arlington National Cemetery, witnessed the Wreath Ceremony, and also toured the monuments in Washington, D.C. They marched in support for all babies to have life, for mothers to be supported, for the elderly to be respected, and for all to know they have dignity because they are a child of God.

*Thank you to all who prayed for our group during their pilgrimage.*



The whole group at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The students toured the monuments after the March for Life and a visit to Congressman Sean Duffy's office.



Waiting for the youth rally and Mass to start in the Verizon Center. 20,000 teens and adults were in the stadium being entertained, hearing pro-life testimonies, and having daily Mass together before the March for Life.



*"This was my first trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. The thing that left the greatest impression on me was the number of people there. It was a powerful experience to come together with people from all parts of the country, and even from other countries, to stand for something we all believe in; the fundamental right to life. I am only one person, and I alone might not be able to make a difference. But, combined with thousands of other people, we can really make an impact. The world might just see us as anti-abortion protesters, but we were really doing so much more than that; we were out there to stand up for God's teachings on the sanctity of life from conception to natural death."*

- Lorren Postl



Our students getting ready to pray the Rosary in front of a medical clinic that also does late-term abortions.

A few of our students during the March for Life. An estimated half million were marching that day for respect of all life!



The group our Regis High School students were part of was made up of 200 Diocese of La Crosse pilgrims. Four veterans from our Diocese were asked to participate in the wreath ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

*"I have participated in the March for Life the past three years, and each time, it has been a joyful and uplifting event. The best part is getting to the top of Capitol Hill and looking back at all the other people marching with you. Overall, this trip was a great experience that I will remember for a lifetime."*

- Katie Henriksen

# SERVING OUR COUNTRY



For members of the senior class at Regis High School, choosing a path to follow once they graduate can be a challenging task. For two students in the Class of 2017, the decision was clear. They wanted to serve our country.

"I began seriously considering joining the U.S. Army my sophomore year at Regis High School," said Paul Alexander. "Once I became a junior, I started the process of enlisting with a recruiter. I am interested in participating in Airborne School."

"I'm joining the U.S. Navy as a Logistics Specialist with a specialty in search and rescue," said Ethan Cook. "I have thought about joining the military since I was a kid, but began seriously considering

the idea when the U.S. Navy Blue Angels came to perform in the Chippewa Valley in 2015."

Cook has attended Regis Catholic Schools since preschool, and he is a parishioner at St. James the Greater Parish. Alexander came to Regis Catholic Schools in 6th grade, and is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish.

In just a few short months, the two will begin their journey as members of the U.S. Armed





*"Every time I listen to the National Anthem, I swell with more pride for the country I love than ever before."*

- Ethan Cook

seriously here. That has helped me push for a special forces rate so I can excel in my field."

For Alexander, it was the Regis Ramblers athletics programs that really helped get him ready.

"I think my time at Regis will help me in the military because of the level of discipline our sports programs have," he said. "I know that will serve me well."

Come this summer, Cook is headed for training in Chicago and Alexander is headed to Fort Benning, Georgia. Until then, they say they will continue to feel good about the decision they've made.

"Every time I listen to the National Anthem, I swell with more pride for the country I love than ever before," said Cook.

"It gives me a great sense of pride knowing I'll be defending the people I love," added Alexander. "I want to fight for something I believe in."

Forces. Alexander says his grandfather and great uncle both served in the U.S. Army, and Cook has an aunt and uncles who were in the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy, and a grandfather who served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Their decision brings a sense of pride for their families.

"My family completely agrees with my decision to join the U.S. Army," Alexander said. "They think it will be a great opportunity for me to learn life skills and lessons."

"My family and friends have been very supportive of my decision," added Cook. "My classmates will often stop me in the hallway to ask about the process I'm going through."

The same holds true for the staff at Regis High School.

"It is with a tremendous amount of pride that Regis will have both Paul and Ethan entering into our nation's military," said Regis High School Principal Paul Pedersen.

"They are both outstanding young citizens and will serve our country with honor. I wish them the best and thank them in advance for their service to our country."

The two graduating seniors feel their time at Regis High School has helped prepare them for this next step in life.

"My education really has helped," said Cook. "When I took the ASVAB, I scored higher than most of my counterparts in the U.S. Navy. Regis is very competitive and people take things very



*"It gives me a great sense of pride knowing I'll be defending the people I love."*

- Paul Alexander



# FRANCIS “BUD” & JUNE HARRINGTON ESTATE GIFT

The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation was blessed to recently receive a large estate gift from Francis “Bud” and June Harrington. The total amount of this gift was \$1,316,780.82.

Bud was a lifelong resident of Eau Claire, and June was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They were married in Eau Claire on April 5, 1937. June was a close friend of the late Fr. Edmund Klimek, who was the pastor where she attended church.

June worked at the Northern Wisconsin Colony and Training School, now called the Northern Wisconsin Center for the Developmentally Disabled. Bud ran a used car dealership on Brackett Avenue. The Bartlett-Harrington Dealership was taken over by Wood Motor Company when he retired. They had one daughter, Barbara Harrington Bartelt, a 1956 graduate of Regis High School. Barbara passed away in 1995.

June and Bud were very diligent about saving and investing, and as a result, they were able to accumulate a nice savings account, which was part of their estate given to the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation. Her grandson, Ken Bartelt, says, “June was a child of the depression, which I believe led her to live the way she did. She was frugal with spending and very disciplined with savings.” June told Ken that every time she was paid, she would invest in savings bonds. Bartelt said, “She is certainly an example for young adults that if a person

is disciplined and starts saving at an early age, quite a large sum of money can be accumulated.”

The couple’s hobbies included dancing to the Big Bands of that era, gardening, playing cards, and June was known to be a well-read and avid reader. Bud was an avid golfer, and June also enjoyed inline skating. She was highlighted in a Leader-Telegram article about her inline skating at the age of 79 at Moulton’s Skate America in 1997.



The Francis “Bud” and June Harrington endowed scholarship will be established to be given to Regis students on an annual basis. The first scholarship will be presented beginning this year. The funds will also help assist families who need financial assistance to be able to afford a Regis Catholic Schools education at Regis High School.



Bill Uelmen, the Regis Catholic Schools Advancement Director who worked with the Harrington estate, said, “The estate gift from Bud and June Harrington is one of the larger planned gifts the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation has received. This generous planned gift will help ensure current and future students are able to get a quality Regis Catholic Schools education.”

Bud and June Harrington will be included in the Regis Legacy Society, which recognizes those generous donors whose legacy will live on through their planned gifts to the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation.



# HOW TO GIVE

The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation helps to financially support Regis Catholic Schools.

**WE BELIEVE** that everyone can help Regis Catholic Schools! Through our prayers, volunteerism, donations, and words of support for our Catholic schools, each of us has the ability to share the future of Regis Catholic Schools.



## ANNUAL GIVING PROGRAM

The Regis Fund is the annual giving program seeking contributions to financially support Regis Catholic Schools on an annual basis. The Regis Fund was established to keep our Catholic schools thriving for the future leaders of tomorrow. Charitable gifts made to the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation through the Regis Fund are used to help with the annual budget and to enhance curriculum, materials, and programs for our students.

Your Regis Fund contribution is 100% tax deductible. Gifts are accepted through the school fiscal year, which runs through June 30, 2017. You still have time to help us out and make a donation to the Regis Fund by returning the enclosed Regis Fund envelope or by going online to [www.RegisCatholicSchoolsFoundation.com](http://www.RegisCatholicSchoolsFoundation.com).

## ESTATE OR PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving to our Catholic schools creates a legacy that will benefit future generations of students and help ensure that the educational and spiritual objectives of Regis Catholic Schools will continue into the future. The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation has added a Legacy Wall at Regis High School in recognition of past and future estate gifts. The Regis Legacy Society honors those generous donors who have dedicated or will dedicate restricted or unrestricted planned gifts to our Catholic schools of \$10,000 or more. Please contact the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation if you need assistance in planning your estate. The Regis Legacy Society Planned Giving Form can be found at [www.RegisCatholicSchoolsFoundation.com](http://www.RegisCatholicSchoolsFoundation.com). Just look under 'Giving Opportunities'.



## ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP OR CONTRIBUTE TO AN EXISTING SCHOLARSHIP

The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation, in partnership with our Catholic schools, helps donors create scholarships. These funds can be restricted and the donor can establish the criteria for the scholarship. To establish a \$500 annual scholarship through the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation, a minimum amount of \$12,500 is needed. The earnings on the principal will generate the \$500 scholarship in perpetuity. A \$25,000 donation would award a \$1,000 scholarship each year. The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation has many other established scholarships that you can support at lesser amounts.



*We appreciate your support of our Catholic schools at all levels of participation.*





## 2017 NON SIBI AWARDS DINNER

On January 28, the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation hosted the 31st annual Non Sibi Awards Dinner. This event is meant to celebrate the people who help make Regis Catholic Schools great. We recognized our Honored Educators for the 2015-16 school year, our Honored Volunteer, our Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, our Distinguished Alumni, and our Non Sibi Award recipients.



Congratulations to Drs. David Schifeling and Joan Hamblin, our 2017 Non Sibi Award recipients! The Non Sibi Award, initiated in 1985, is presented to a person or persons who have given outstanding service to Regis Catholic Schools either in the form of time, talent, or by financial contribution. The Latin phrase "Non Sibi" means "not for one's self alone".



Mary Rathke Donnellan '79 received the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award.





Coach Jim Negrini, Jennifer Brogelman '95, and Michael Andrews '89 were all inducted into the Regis High School Athletic Hall of Fame.



Sherri Vonderheid was recognized for her commitment to Regis Catholic Schools as the inaugural recipient of our Honored Volunteer Award.



It was a privilege to recognize our Honored Educators for the 2015-16 school year.

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# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 29 - February 4

Celebrated since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2017 was "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."

*Thank you for your support of Catholic education in Eau Claire and Altoona.*



In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, all of our students and faculty gathered for a system-wide Mass with Bishop William Patrick Callahan from the Diocese of La Crosse on February 1. Bishop Callahan also spent time with our students, eating lunch with our middle school students and visiting classrooms. It was a blessing to welcome him to Regis!

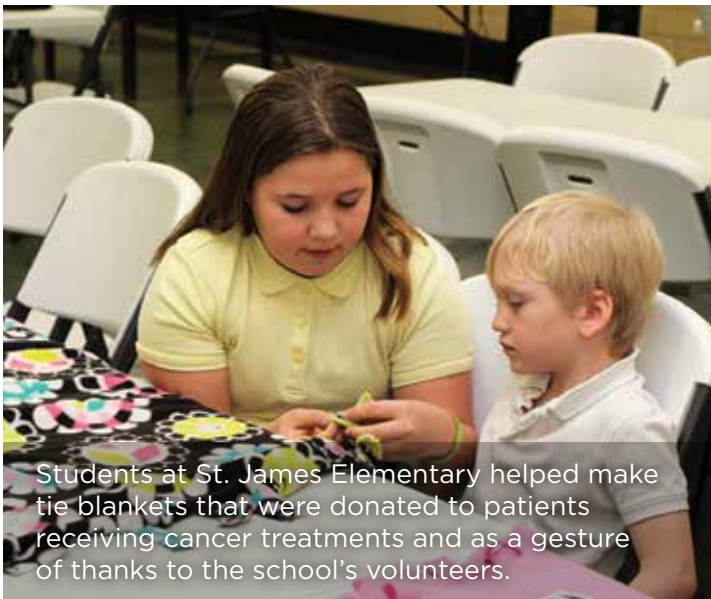




Students at Regis Middle and High School helped package meals in support of Kids Against Hunger. These meals were distributed to those in need across western Wisconsin!



Fifth grade students at Immaculate Conception Elementary played the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds in an annual game of basketball. The students won 81 to 79!



Students at St. James Elementary helped make tie blankets that were donated to patients receiving cancer treatments and as a gesture of thanks to the school's volunteers.



Children at the Regis and Genesis Child Development Centers enjoyed extra sensory activities. It was good, messy fun!



Students at St. Mary's Elementary enjoyed a special treat of ice cream and cookies, courtesy of the Knights of Columbus. A sweet way to celebrate Catholic Schools Week!



Students from Regis Middle School had a blast on the annual ski trip! They enjoyed the hills at Bruce Mound Ski Area in Merrill.





# ATHLETICS

## WRESTLING



The Regis and Altoona Wrestling team (RAW) had a successful first co-op season, and is looking forward to growing the program even more next year.

Senior Jake Gilbertson was in one of the toughest weight brackets at 195 lbs., but that didn't stop his determination or slow down his drive. He took 4th at the regional competition in Ellsworth. Senior Hunter Hood battled through some injuries and setbacks, wrestling in the 220 lb. weight class. He took 3rd at the regional competition in Ellsworth. These two powerhouse seniors will surely be missed next season.

Coach Albee says his team has a lot to be proud of, as every single member wrestled his heart out and left no regrets.

## BOYS BASKETBALL



The Regis Boys Basketball team ended the regular season with a record of 17-5 heading into WIAA tournament play. Watch for a full season recap in The Rambler Report - Summer 2017.

## HOCKEY



The RAM Boys Hockey Co-op, consisting of players from Regis High School, Altoona High School, McDonell High School, Thorp High School, and Fall Creek High School, placed 4th overall in the Middle Borders Conference this past season. The camaraderie and leadership of the graduating seniors made significant positive contributions to the success of the program.

RAM Hockey advanced to the 2nd round of the 2017 Section 2 Playoffs, defeating the higher-seeded Medford High School in the first round, with a final score of 7-2 on the road. RAM Hockey's season ended with a loss in the 2nd round of playoffs to the defending Section 2 State Champions.

The coaches are looking forward to working with a strong group of returners next year.

## DANCE TEAM



This past season was full of new changes and experiences for the Regis Dance team. Members attended three competitions, bringing home the 1st place team title in the JV Pom division from two competitions; Sparta and UW-Stevens Point. The trio of Maddy Carlson, Chelsea Schaf, and Ella Blaskowski earned 3rd place at the UW-Stevens Point competition; a wonderful accomplishment considering the trio was 8th grade dancers from Regis Middle School competing against high school-level dancers.

Plans for next season include team expansion, attending Regionals, hopefully advancing to the State competition, and having some fun in between! The team will be focusing on Lyrical/Jazz and Pom style routines for both football season and competition season.



# REPORT

## GIRLS BASKETBALL



The Ramblers Girls Basketball team started the season with one goal in mind, to win another Cloverbelt Conference title, and it did just that...winning the title outright with a 13-1 record. The Lady Ramblers represented the region in the WIAA Regional Final before falling to Colfax to end a successful season. The team finished the season with a 16-8 record.

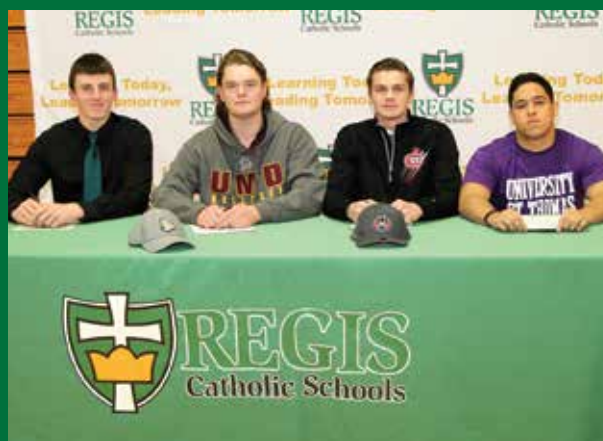
Hannah Anderson led the team in scoring at nearly 16 points per game and pulled down 12.5 rebounds per game on her way to being named the Western Cloverbelt Conference Player of the Year. Hannah will be continuing her career at Viterbo University. Kate Seyer joined her on the First Team All-Conference squad with a little more than 10 points per game and Sarah Andre and Celine Sabbagh were named Honorable Mention All-Conference.

Coach Boughton and his staff have completed their second year coaching at Regis and have an overall record of 38-12. Coach Boughton wants to wish his seniors well in their future endeavors and is ready to get back to work with his returning players.



*The Regis Basketball 1,000 Point Club grew by one in February as Hannah Anderson scored her 1,000th point with her first basket against McDonell in a huge Regis win. Hannah finished with 17 points on the evening to lead her team to a 49-44 victory. Congratulations!*

## NATIONAL SIGNING DAY



On Wednesday, February 1, four of our Regis High School athletes signed their Letters of Intent to play football at the college level. They are...

- Ben Sokup (University of Sioux Falls)
- Matt McCann (University of Minnesota-Duluth)
- Sam Forden (St. Cloud State University)
- Noel Ortiz (University of St. Thomas)

*Congratulations on your accomplishments on and off the field!  
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# ACTIVITIES



**Regis students participated in the 11th Annual Lego Robotics Competition in December in Rochester, Minnesota.** The Lego Robotics Program is sponsored by IBM and at least one Regis team has competed since the program began. This year, there were 460 students from 150 teams competing across three divisions.

Students spend several months building and programming their Lego robots to solve weekly problems. Their work is capped off each year by a competition where students demonstrate the program they wrote to solve a long-term problem. At the competition, students are given a short-term project which requires teams to solve a problem from start to finish during a set amount of time. After building, programming, and testing their robot, students demonstrate their team's solution for the judges or compete head-to-head with other teams.

Tech Club members who competed include Evan Biesterveld, Patrick Callaghan, Isaac Cook, Zane Cullinan, Nora Frank, Brayden Galewski, Spencer Gehling, Eli Henriksen, Jack Hernandez, Noah Knobloch, Nick Lockie, Evan Majeski, Sam Schmitz, Izzy Skwierczynski, Jagger Theisen, Roop Chakrabarti, and Sam Petit.

The Lego Robotics Competition falls during Computer Science Week and is a great way for Regis students to showcase their programming, teamwork, and problem solving skills.



# REPORT



Regis students traveled to UW-Milwaukee in February to compete in the Lake Sturgeon Bowl, an academic quiz bowl dealing with all fields of science - biology, chemistry, physics, geology, engineering, technology, etc. - as they relate to oceanography. The team of Emily Haag, Sam Petit, Justin Zweifelhofer, Alaina Darnell, and Ethan Petersilka lost a close match at the buzzer to finish 4th in the competition.



This year, Regis Middle School added the Battle of the Books to its list of opportunities for students to participate in. It is a competition that has the students read several books (9 total!) and then compete by answering questions about the different books.

The winning team was the 'Fluffy Rainbow Unicorns', with members Rowan Webster, Maggie Sollberger, and Eliana Boda.



At the Brains & Brawn Competition in La Crosse, our Regis Middle School Brains team took 1st place out of 12 teams! Ryan Hayes, Sara Postl, Jack Merrick, Chelsea Schaf, Michaela Niedzwiecki, Naomi Stow, and Anna Hoitomt worked with Head Coach John Snyder and Assistant Coach Zade Kidess. We are so proud of them!



Students at Regis Middle School and Regis High School donated 441 new books to the Regis Library Student Crew's Give-A-Kid-A-Book Service Project at the end of the year. The books were dropped off at the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library for distribution to children in need in our community through several local organizations.



The Regis Middle School iReach Club met to make dog toys for the Eau Claire County Humane Association in January. Each month, members meet to perform some type of service for the community.



In January, several Regis High School music students participated in the annual Cloverbelt All-Conference Band and Choir Festival, which was held at Granton High School. These students spent most of the day rehearsing with guest clinicians, and performed a concert that evening. Emily Haag, Alaina Darnell, Elliot Voelker, and Matthew Talley were selected for the All-Conference Band, and Taryn Alexander, Ariana Madson, Therese Milanowski, Jenna Schabert, Josie Semerad, and Jack Usher were selected for the All-Conference Choir. Congratulations to these fine musicians!



*Congratulations to the 2017 Winter Carnival Court at Regis High School!*

- Hannah Anderson | Escorted by Alex Rocksvold
- Therese Milanowski | Escorted by Brock Martin
- Grace Theisen | Escorted by Noel Ortiz
- Sarah Andre | Escorted by Marcus Bourget
- Queen & King** | Mackenzie Milner & Jake Burns
- Grace Gobler | Escorted by Logan Jacobson
- Kendra Skwierczynski | Escorted by Caleb Brickner



# ALUMNI REPORT



**Rick Meyer '63** celebrated 50 years of marriage to Kathleen Hughes Meyer with a cruise to the Southern Caribbean in February.



**Deanna Drung '99** welcomed a baby girl named Danica in August 2016. The two of them met Bishop Callahan when he visited Regis in February.



Currently serving in the United States Air Force, **Airman First Class Hank Gilbertson '14** is currently deployed in direct support of 'Operation Inherent Resolve' where he is a Crew Chief (Tactical Aircraft Mechanic) on

the Air Forces' deadliest weapons platform, the A-10 "Warthog".

Hank works to maintain full spectrum capability for the aircraft and its pilot as they provide CAS (Close Air Support) for soldiers on the ground and operations crucial to the war on terror. There's a common saying throughout the A-10 world due to its immense and overwhelming effectiveness; "Before you call God to save you, call us first..."



**Christina Benning '15** and her fellow Tommies (University of St. Thomas) were featured on the news in Lublin, Poland! They were taking a J-term class called

'Comparative Governments of Poland, Lithuania, and Belarus', which focuses on time period after the fall of Russia and WWII.



**Sam Byrne '15** traveled to Panama just in time to ring in the new year! He made the trip as part of a group with Engineers Without Borders, working to put in a water distribution system in a community just outside of Panama City. He says he

and his team worked with the municipal engineers and the government to get clean water to the people living there.

Sam says it was a great opportunity to use the Spanish he learned while attending Regis High School, adding it is something he will never forget. "Going on this trip was an amazing experience for me to see parts of the world where people live very differently than we do here," he said. "I think we formed a special connection with this community, and I am excited to have the opportunity to continue working with them as their community develops."

Sam is a sophomore at Michigan Technological University where he is studying Materials Science and Engineering.

## HEY, ALUMNI!

Do you have exciting news? We want to know! Send your updates and any photos to [mkulig@RegisCatholicSchools.com](mailto:mkulig@RegisCatholicSchools.com) to be featured in future issues of The Rambler Report!





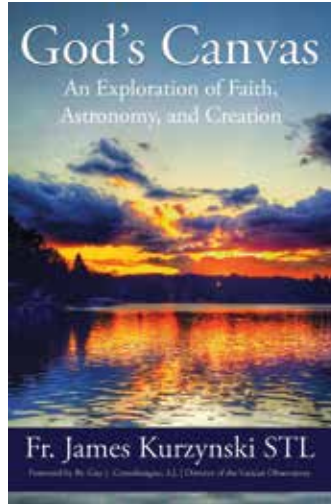
**Patrick "Pat" Scheffler** passed away on October 10, 2016. Pat was a 1952 graduate of St. Patrick's/Regis High School. He made a huge impact on Regis High School through his involvement with the Regis Booster Club. The Regis Booster Club supports the athletic teams, coaches,

student-athletes, and other co-curricular programs at Regis High School.

Pat was a longtime member of the Regis Booster Club and was a past president of the organization. He worked with Bob Duren, Al Sterling, Bill Casey, Gene Golden, and Jim Wright, among others on the Regis Booster Club. One of his major Booster Club projects was helping to construct the current track, football/physical education field, and tennis courts on the Regis campus after the Regis land was sold. As a result of his commitment and work with the Booster Club, Pat was inducted into the Regis High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002.

Pat married Joanne Mattson in 1955. He worked at Uniroyal and retired from there in 1991. One of Pat's hobbies was gambling, and he was known to visit Las Vegas and local casinos on a number of occasions.

Pat and Joanne have three adult children. Steve '78, John '79, and Paula '82 are all graduates of Regis High School.



Fr. James Kurzynski, former Chaplain at Regis Middle and High School, has published a new book, called "God's Canvas: An Exploration of Faith, Astronomy, Science, and Creation". Fr. Kurzynski explores how faith and science can and should be dialogue partners in the exploration of truth. Drawing upon his work as an author for The

Catholic Astronomer, the official blog of the Vatican Observatory Foundation, Fr. Kurzynski explores the relationship between faith and science through the lens of his life as a Catholic Priest, the Pastor of a Parish and Newman Center, and a hobby astronomer, artist, and musician.

He will be visiting Regis High School for a book signing event on...

**Thursday, May 11  
12 to 2:30 p.m.  
Regis High School**

Fr. Kurzynski's book is available for purchase through Amazon.com and Peregrino Press.

# IN MEMORIAM

## ALUMNI

- Pauline Hagmann '42**  
(St. Patrick's)
- Robert Glomski '52**  
(St. Patrick's)
- Flora Gonzale '55**

- Tom Hoepner '60**
- Susan Dalbec '67**
- Janine Morrow Swank '71**
- William Kelly '73**
- Ted Welke '74**

## FRIENDS OF REGIS

- David Morgan**
- Mary "Jackie" Wanzong**
- Kathleen Wilcox**

*Eternal rest, grant unto him/her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him/her.  
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*





## RENDEZVOUS AT THE REGIS ALL CLASS REUNION

**Plans are underway for a Regis All Class Reunion to be held June 23 and 24, 2017!**

Committee members Mark Gobler '73, Bill Uelmen, Tom Anibas '80, Mona (Flynn) Mathews '81, Suzie (Wahl) Sturz '85, and Laurie Zukaitis '75 are excited to welcome home all of our great alumni!

We'll share more information about the big event as it is available. To stay up-to-date, visit [www.RegisCatholicSchools.com](http://www.RegisCatholicSchools.com) and look under the EVENTS tab for 'Regis All Class Reunion'. You can also search for the event on Facebook.

The Regis ScRambler Golf Outing will also be held on Saturday, June 23 and plans are underway for a fun day of golf and games.

**All events will be held on the Regis High School grounds, unless otherwise noted.**

### June 23, 2017

**Dinner & Beer Tent** | 4 to 7 p.m.

**School Tours** | 6 to 8 p.m.

**Entertainment (The Shillelagh Lads) & Beer Tent** | 6 to 11 p.m.

### June 24, 2017

**Regis ScRambler Golf Outing** | 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Lake Hallie Golf Course (Form a team of classmates, family or friends! You can sign-up as a group or individual.)

**School Tours** | 6 to 8 p.m.

**Entertainment (Shotgun Johnson and the Mississippi Seven) & Beer Tent** | 6 to 11 p.m.

### Talent Show

(Share your talent with your classmates. Anything goes!)

There will also be a raffle drawing for cash prizes included as part of the festivities.

Please contact Jim Gobler at (715) 830-2271, ext. 1018 or [jgobler@RegisCatholicSchools.com](mailto:jgobler@RegisCatholicSchools.com) with any questions!

## Upcoming Events

### WALK FOR VIRTUES

May 19

Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center

### GRADUATION

May 24

Regis High School

### FAITH NIGHT AT THE EAU CLAIRE EXPRESS (Sponsored by Regis Catholic Schools)

June 4

Carson Park

## THE REGIS CLASS OF 1957

will hold its 60th class reunion on Friday, June 23, 2017 in conjunction with the Regis All Class Reunion. Invitations will be sent out soon.

Contact Tim Russell at (715) 723-3210 with any questions.



*Our elementary schools celebrated Read Across America Day on March 2! The event first began in 1998 as a way to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Seuss by encouraging children to read. Several community members...including Monica Ott from WEAU 13 News and Nick Grunseth from WQOW TV 18...visited St. James Elementary to read books to the students.*



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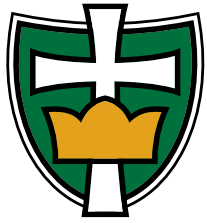
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