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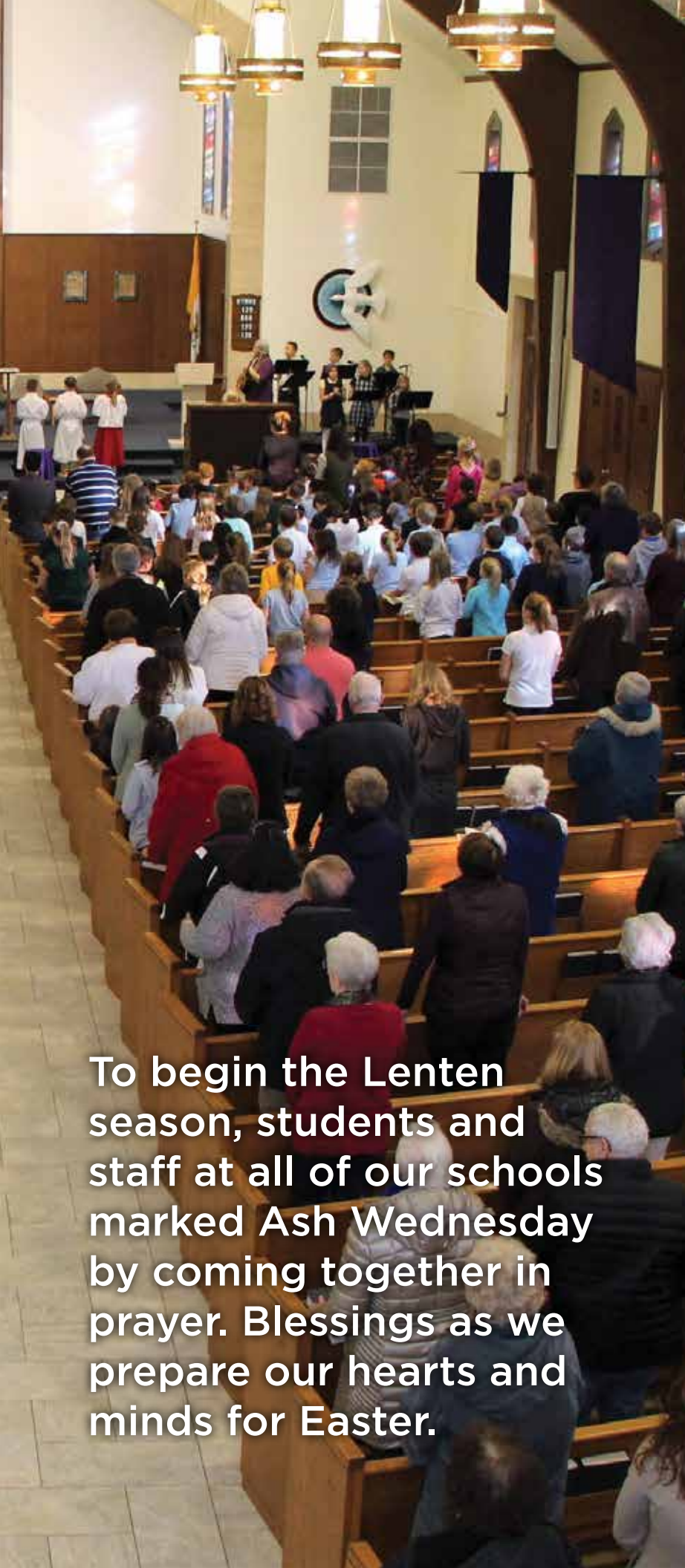
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REPORT FROM THE DEAN

Lenten greetings to you all! I pray that this special season of repentance and renewal is bearing fruit in your life.

I am deeply inspired at how seriously our students approach Lent - as seen in their devotion at Stations of the Cross, their eagerness to give to the poor, and their willingness to make challenging personal sacrifices. I especially love the opportunity we priests have to hear the Confessions of hundreds of students. At every grade level, we encounter students with a deep desire to love God with all their heart by rising again each time they fall.

During my many years of Catholic education, Lent was always a meaningful season - something we could all connect with; the ashes on our heads, the meatless Fridays, Stations of the Cross, giving something up.

On a more lighthearted note, there was my sophomore year back in 1992, when I casually said I was giving up television for Lent. These days it would be an effortless sacrifice for me. Even back then, it was not difficult - at first. Then came March Madness. My NCAA basketball picks were consistently winning. All I needed was a Kentucky upset over Duke. In my urge to follow the game, I quickly turned into a legalistic Pharisee. In my teenage mind, I told myself that I could still observe my Lenten discipline by turning my back to the TV and making my little brother call the play-by-play. He grew tired of his job, and my guilt eventually caught up with me.

Then, of course, Christian Laettner had to make a last second shot to win the game for Duke.

In my teenage Pharisee mind, I also wondered if the game was lost because of me not keeping my discipline well enough. I have since learned a great deal, both intellectually and personally, about God's unchanging mercy! Our Lenten observances are not a matter of us trying to be "good enough" to earn His love.

I have gotten to know several of our teachers well during these past six years. I am thrilled with the quality of Catholic education and Faith formation that we are now giving our students. The message I hear consistently imparted is neither lax nor legalistic. Rather, we are consistently challenging students with the loftiest vision of Christian love while gently affirming their identity as beloved sons and daughters of God, who loves them no matter what.

As we approach Easter and the celebration of the core of our Faith, the Paschal Mystery, may we all be renewed in the love and mercy of the Risen Christ!

Fr. Derek Sakowski

Fr. Derek Sakowski
Dean, Eau Claire Deanery



REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings!

With the end of another school year quickly approaching, the staff here at the Regis Catholic Schools Central Office and I are fiscally preparing for the 2018-19 academic year. I will admit that making projections at this time is purely speculative because it depends on so many factors. The 2018-19 tuition rates that the RCS Finance Council established and the Diocese of La Crosse approved are published. Now we have to project staff salaries, predict the enrollment trend, and decide on any capital improvements. I bring this up because we are in the process of refining how we will build the budget in future years.

Controller Kelly Hughes has been with us for more than two years and has made assessments to put a more strategic way of planning in place. She recently participated in a class that helped her adopt a model that projects ten years into the future, showing us the revenue it will take to operate our schools. Looking at the concept of supply and demand, we know we need to be "price sensitive", meaning if tuition is raised too drastically, enrollment will drop. Regis Catholic Schools experienced this in the early 2000s.

One way to prevent drastic increases in tuition is to develop a more assertive campaign to invite more families to experience a Regis Catholic Schools education.

Projections tell us the birth and baptismal rates are declining slightly. With this in mind, our pastors approved a letter that was sent to all our parish families who have children currently enrolled in public schools to extend a one-year tuition discount to experience our schools. We have also identified underserved demographics of the area's population. With so many options such as the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, tuition assistance, and scholarships, we can offer an affordable option to all families who are interested in a faith-based education.

Please pray for our staff as we put forth a more concentrated effort to address the "price sensitive" question as we work to increase enrollment. By our calculations, we can easily add 100 more students system wide in all but one grade without increasing staff. That is a win for all of us, including the new families we pray will decide to join our Regis family.

Thank you for all you do for our schools.

God Bless.



Mark Gobler '73
President



Accreditation REPORT

Regis Catholic Schools has been accredited since 2014 through AdvancED, which is a national organization. Moving forward, we have decided to become accredited through the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools (WRISA) as the Diocese of La Crosse has numerous schools that have completed the process through this organization. Since WRISA has local state representatives, it became necessary to follow the lead of the Diocese of La Crosse to complete our most up-to-date accreditation.

Regis Catholic Schools will have an accreditation site visit in November 2019 and we are already beginning to prepare data and evidence through school committees to prepare.

WRISA offers several factors that make sense for our schools. It follows Catholic educational benchmarks, has state assistance when needed, was significantly lower in cost to belong, and offers representation on its State Executive Board through the Diocese of La Crosse. WRISA is a state chapter of the National Federation of Nonpublic School State Accrediting Associations, which is recognized by the College Board and Office of Non-Public Education, an office within the U.S. Department of Education.

There are 73 standards that each of our five schools; Regis High School, Regis Middle School, Immaculate Conception Elementary, St. James Elementary, and St. Mary's Elementary; will complete over the next two years. Committees with representation from each school will collect evidence of these standards. WRISA will then accredit our schools based on substantial compliance with the standards and in terms of its own vision, mission, and core values. Our journey begins by collecting documentation for approval of accreditation and we ask for your prayers as we complete this important task!

Renee Cassidy

Renee Cassidy
Accreditation Coordinator



Education Commission REPORT

Since I was elected Chair of the Education Commission this past June, I have met several people who are not clear on the exact role of the commission. I would like to take this opportunity to discuss exactly what this group does.

Who is on the Education Commission?

The Education Commission is a body made up of the leadership of Regis Catholic Schools, all the clergy in the Eau Claire Deanery, one representative per parish, two student representatives, and one rotating spot given to a teacher in the system.

How are the parish representatives selected?

Priests select parish members they feel would be an asset to the Education Commission. Each parish representative serves a three-year term, and is limited to two terms total.

What happens at the meetings?

The Education Commission meets 10 times a year (taking July and December off) and discusses a variety of business, both new and old. This can include items such as the Track & Field of Dreams Project, the accreditation of our system, and reports from sub-committees such as Catholic Identity and Teaching and Learning. The things discussed are items that would affect the system as a whole.

So, is it like a school board?

No, we are not like a traditional school board. Whereas a school board votes on things that become policy, the Education Commission is an advisory board. When issues are brought before its members, we use our wide range of life experience to give the leadership of RCS the best advice we can. Occasionally, we will take a vote on something and that becomes our position on that issue. Ultimately, the leadership will decide the final course of action, but not until after listening to what the Education Commission thinks. The parish representatives then often report back to their own parish councils to answer any questions those bodies may have regarding business at Regis Catholic Schools.

How do I get in touch with someone to bring something up at a meeting?

Initially, you should look at what you want to bring up. If it only affects your child, or your child's class, it should be brought up with the principal and/or your child's teacher. However, if you have an idea

or concern that would serve the Regis community as a whole, start by contacting your parish representative. If you do not know who that is, ask your priest. If you live outside the deanery or do not currently belong to a parish, you can contact me at [rsollberger@Regis Catholic Schools.com](mailto:rsollberger@RegisCatholicSchools.com). I am always interested in hearing fresh ideas on how to improve our school system.

I hope that clears up a few common questions about the Education Commission. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to send me an email!



Reid Sollberger
Chair, Regis Education Commission



FIRST PRODUCTION BY NEW REGIS COMMUNITY

Some people were just meant for the stage. The all new Regis Community Theatre will give members of our Regis Catholic Schools family, and those in the community, a chance to show off their talents!

The new Regis Community Theatre, created and managed by Regis High School teacher Judine Brey, will offer several shows every year, each with a focus on religious themes. While the Regis Community Theatre will be open to anyone in the Eau Claire community, it will focus on the families, faculty, staff, and alumni at Regis Catholic Schools.

"The Regis Community Theatre will provide more theatrical opportunities for students of all ages," Brey said. "The students at our three elementary schools will have an earlier opportunity to participate in theatrical productions in a setting they are comfortable with, giving them a more complete background when they enter the Regis Middle and High School drama program."

The Regis Community Theatre will produce three shows a year, beginning this summer with *The Miracle Worker* by William Gibson.

"This script allows for a cast covering a broad age-range; children through adults," Brey noted. "Having belonged to casts of this nature, the diversity in age creates a nice family feeling among all the participants, with younger cast members receiving an opportunity to learn from observing and talking to older cast members."

There will be no charge to participate in the Regis Community Theatre and Brey welcomes all

participants, no matter the level of experience.

In addition to launching the Regis Community Theatre, Brey is also taking on a new role as Regis' first Fine Arts Director, giving our schools an even greater emphasis on the importance of the arts.

"Because I gained so many things from the fine arts, I am always looking for a way to give back to those activities," Brey said. "I am very excited to begin this new venture!"

During the school year, the Regis Community Theatre will produce two seasonal shows, a Christmas show in December and a Lent/Easter show in March/April.

"These productions will allow us, as a faith-based community, to deliver spiritual messages through our performances - something that is done far too little in theatrical circles," Brey said.

Regis Catholic Schools President Mark Gobler says he is excited for the system to add this new opportunity.

"While the Chippewa Valley has developed into a fine cultural center, we at Regis Catholic Schools feel we can fill a niche of presenting family centered, faith-filled plays and performances," Gobler said.

"Under the direction of Ms. Brey, we will include adult members of our parishes, our students, and alumni to offer community wide productions, which we feel is a wonderful opportunity."

"I ask for your patience and prayers as we head into this new venture for the Regis Catholic Schools fine arts programs. Your support now and in the future is greatly appreciated," added Brey.



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THEATRE SCHEDULED



The Miracle Worker

by William Gibson



“Young Helen Keller, blind, deaf, and mute since infancy, is a spoiled, violent child whom no one can handle. In desperation, her parents seek help from a teacher, Annie Sullivan, who is half-blind herself. Helen appears to be ‘a little safe, locked, that no one can open,’ but Annie

is determined to try. Through persistence, love, and sheer stubbornness, Annie breaks through Helen’s walls of silence and darkness and teaches her to communicate, bringing her into the world at last.”

AUDITIONS | June 25 & 26 | 7 p.m. Fr. Dowd Auditorium, Regis High School

Those auditioning need only come to one night. Auditions will consist of short readings from the script and some improvisational exercises. If interested and unable to attend scheduled auditions, please contact Judine Brey at jbrey@RegisCatholicSchools.com. Approximately 20 roles are available, with ages ranging from six to adult.

REHEARSALS | Monday - Thursday, Beginning July 2 | 7 to 9 p.m. Fr. Dowd Auditorium, Regis High School

A specific rehearsal schedule will be distributed at the first read-through on July 2. Not all performers must attend every night.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE | July 2 - August 12

Individuals will be needed to design and build the set, run lights and sound, and assist with costumes and make-up. These hours can be flexible and during the day. Lights, sound, make-up, and costumes should be available for the production dates and times. Contact Judine Brey at jbrey@RegisCatholicSchools.com if interested.

PERFORMANCES August 10 & 11 at 7 p.m. August 12 at 2 p.m. TICKETS \$10

Fifth grade students at Immaculate Conception Elementary played the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds in an annual game of basketball. The students won 86 to 85!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS week

January 28 - February 3

Happening since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2018 was **“Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.”** Through various events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.

Thank you for your support of Catholic education!



Students at Regis Middle and High School helped package meals for Kids Against Hunger. Those meals were distributed to those in need across western Wisconsin.



Mr. Jarocki, Mrs. Yengo, and Mr. Van Hemert each got a pie in the face as part of a Kids Against Hunger fundraiser on the Regis campus during Catholic Schools Week! Mr. Van Hemert even wore a suit for the occasion.

Children at the Regis and Genesis Child Development Centers got cozy during a special pajama day!




St. James Elementary students and families enjoyed a "Books and Bagels" event! Students were invited to come to school early and visit the Scholastic book fair, enjoy a bagel breakfast, and wear their pajamas as a special Catholic Schools Week celebration.



Students at St. Mary's Elementary enjoyed a delicious ice cream treat served by the Knights of Columbus!



Thanks to your generous donations, the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation raised a total of \$1,280 during a special 24-hour online day of giving during Catholic Schools Week 2018. *Thank you!*



*One person
cannot do
everything.*

However, there is a way for all people to have tremendous impact through the power of prayer. Regis High School senior **Lorren Postl** lives these words every day.

The 18-year-old has been at Regis Catholic Schools since she started preschool at St. Mary's Elementary. She is a member of St. Olaf Parish and is very involved in faith related activities on the Regis campus, including the Pro-Life Club. She has participated in the Day of Silent Solidarity for the past four years, and attended the March for Life in Washington, D.C. last year.

"God has worked a lot through all of my classes and experiences," Postl said. "I am grateful that I have the opportunity not only to practice my faith at school, but also that I have a good community surrounding me at school which has been very conducive to me growing in my faith."

One of Postl's most visible projects involves the rosary. Three years ago, she began making knotted rosaries as a Catholic Schools Week project for religion class during her freshman year. After just one rosary, she was hooked.

"Shortly afterwards, I started making more. What came with me making rosaries was an increase in me praying the Rosary. And what came with an increase in me praying the Rosary came a greater understanding of the significance of the rosary."

The next school year, Postl helped organize and lead a rosary service-making project at school, which allowed her to include her classmates. The project was a success, and Postl and her classmates donated the rosaries they made to a local nursing home and to people encountering difficulties. The best, however, was yet to come.

"During my junior year, I embarked on my biggest project yet," Postl said. "I, along with a group of other students, gave rosaries to four 5th grade classes and two 2nd grade classes in the system. In two months, we made nearly 100 rosaries."





Postl says the students were excited to receive the rosaries, adding some even came up to hug her afterwards. The project continues to grow, and Postl and her classmates have plans to donate even more of them to our Regis Catholic Schools elementary students this spring. She also helped lead a rosary-making project for your younger sister's confirmation group.

"I've lost count of how many rosaries I've made," Postl said. "These rosaries are now in the hands of young and old both locally and globally. I might never know the full extent of the spiritual benefits for any of the people who have prayed a rosary I helped make. However, I do know the more people pray the Rosary, the bigger the impact on the world will be. I'm humbled to be a part of that."

After graduation, Postl plans to attend the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota to pursue a degree in biology education. She says her teachers at Regis helped her make this decision, especially Dr. Anne Geraghty, who taught her science for three years.

"Through her excellent teaching, I was able to discover my love for science, and biology in particular," Postl said.

Postl also recognizes and appreciates the impact her religion teachers have had during her high school career, especially Mrs. Ellen Killian and Mrs. Tracy Yengo. She says Mrs. Killian helped get her interested in making rosaries and has supported her through the life of the project.



Lorren recently created a video application for a scholarship at the University of Mary that explains her journey making rosaries. Visit our **Regis Catholic Schools** channel on YouTube to watch the full video.


While Postl is quick to highlight the tremendous impact all of the Regis teachers and staff have had in her life, those same people say she is the one who has made a big difference.

“Lorren’s love and reverence for Jesus is genuine and shown to her classmates by word and action,” said Regis Campus Minister Kristin Betlej. “I can always count on her to volunteer at Mass or help me with any ministry-related task. She has never been afraid to speak the Truth in the classroom.”

“Lorren has the heart to help others in need and she has the graciousness to know when to help and when to let them struggle,” added Laurie Zukaitis, one of Postl’s teachers. “I have been enthralled with her ability to discuss with

classmates so that they see other points of views in literature. She does not back down from her Catholic beliefs and it is not an easy thing to do to stand up to others who go with the flow instead of doing what is right.”

With graduation just a few months away, Postl is looking to the future, while reflecting on the past.

“I’m grateful for the opportunity to interact with all the people I have in my time at Regis,” Postl said. “God has worked through them in amazing ways, and I know that as I continue to look back on these experiences over my life, I will see how God works through them even more clearly.” 

2018

Non Sibi Awards Dinner & Regis Catholic Schools Night of Recognition

On January 27, the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation hosted the 32nd annual Non Sibi Awards Dinner & Regis Catholic Schools Night of Recognition. This event honors and celebrates the people who help make Regis Catholic Schools great. We recognized our Honored Educators for the 2016-17 school year, our Honored Volunteer, our Regis High School Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, our Distinguished Alumni, and our Non Sibi Award recipients. Thank you for a wonderful evening!

2018 REGIS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Mackenzie (Hunter) Stutzman '05, Jessica (Huettl) Head '03,
Brian Walter '94, James Gagnon '72



2018 NON SIBI AWARD

Tom '80 & Judi Anibas



2018 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Drew Ryberg '67



2018 HONORED VOLUNTEER

Emma Barnett



Emma Barnett has been part of the Regis Catholic Schools family for almost her entire life. This year marks her 55th anniversary of library volunteer service at St. James Elementary!

She began her Catholic education at Sacred Heart School in Eau Claire from grades 1 to 10 and graduated from St. Patrick's High School in 1941. She helped create and open the first school library at St. James in 1963 when her daughters were in school, filling the role of running it for 24 years. She retired in 1987, but continued to volunteer and does so to this day. After 50 years, the school honored Emma and her family by dedicating the Barnett Family Library.

*Emma, we thank you for your
continued dedication!
You are a true gift from God.*



THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENT VOLUNTEERS FROM REGIS HIGH SCHOOL!

Sydney Bates, Carter Brown, Alaina Darnell, Joe Edge, Andrew Ernstmeyer, Afton Fedie, Ida Fuguso, Emily Haag, Will Jordahl, Teryn Karlstad, Nick Madson, Jannah Mehtala, Mitchell Merkel, Isaac Michels, Adrienne Morning, Alex Nunez, Cade Osborn, Quinn Petersilka, Ethan Petersilka, Nati Raehl, Abe Rocksvold, Max Salonek, Jacob Salonek, Celee Schuch, Gabby Semard, Izabella Setla, Evan Swanson, Jackson Wolterstorff, J.P. Wolterstorff, Sydnee Yengo, Justin Zwiefelhofer

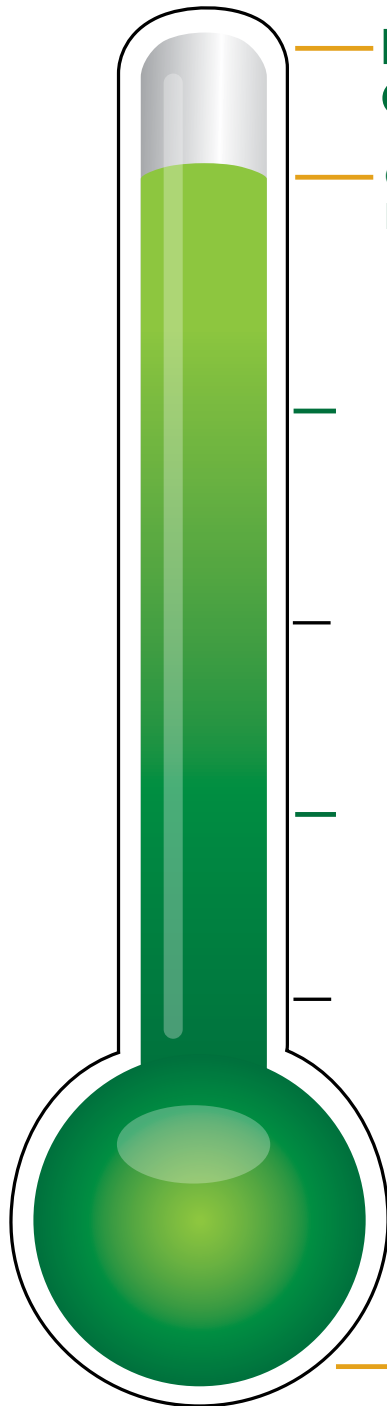
Track & Field of Dreams Update

We are getting very close to reaching our fundraising goal for the **Track & Field of Dreams** project on the Regis campus.



Visit
www.RegisCatholicSchools.com/giving/track-field-of-dreams-project/
to donate online.

We still need your help!



**FUNDRAISING
GOAL \$1.3 Million**

**CURRENT AMOUNT
RAISED \$1.2 MILLION**

We knew going into this project that it was an aggressive campaign venture, but one that was needed. We invite our Regis Catholic Schools alumni, parents, and friends who appreciate the need for these

improvements to make a donation to help us complete all parts of the project in time for the start of the 2018-19 school year.

Once the weather cooperates, crews will blacktop the track in time for the upcoming track & field season. They will also install the synthetic turf and complete the fence around the outside of the complex.

On behalf of the current students at Regis High School and Regis Middle School who use the field for physical education classes, our athletic teams who practice and play games there, and our younger students who will get to use this complex in the future, we ask you to consider a generous donation in support of the project. We know once it is complete, this facility will be one we can all be proud of.

You can choose to make a tax-deductible donation in one lump sum or spread out over two years. Visit www.RegisCatholicSchools.com/giving/track-field-of-dreams-project/ to donate online or send a check payable to Regis Field Project to:

Regis Track & Field of Dreams Project
c/o Perry Myren, Regis Athletic Director
2100 Fenwick Avenue | Eau Claire, WI 54701

\$0

Thank you for your support!



WRESTLING

This past season was a fantastic opportunity to grow the talent and numbers on the Regis-Altoona Wrestling team. Through hard work, the team had success to the likes of Payton Kostka placing third at the Northern Badger tournament and Henry Theisen becoming Regis' first sectional qualifier in more than 20 years. It is a young team with one junior and the rest being freshmen and sophomores. The future is looking very bright with increased interest in the combined youth program, and the team is looking forward to next year!



HOCKEY

The RAM Hockey team ended the season with an overall record of 11-15. This record marked the most wins any RAM Hockey team has had since the co-op started three years ago. The team finished the regular season with a tough win against Hayward and carried that momentum into the first round of playoffs, earning another win against Black River Falls. The team lost to Eau Claire Memorial, ending its season.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Regis Girls Basketball team had another great season on its way to another Western Cloverbelt title. The girls battled through the season and grew as a team. The Lady Ramblers went toe to toe with one of the most difficult non-conference schedules in the state. The team graduates three players in Amber Darge, Celine Sabbagh, and Kate Seyer.



BOYS BASKETBALL

The Regis Boys Basketball team finished the season with a 18-6 record, losing in the WIAA Regional Championship game 69-59 to Durand. The Ramblers finished in 3rd place in the conference with a 10-4 record. The leading scorer for the Ramblers was Keelin Norman-Klatt who averaged 25 point per game. Regis had four seniors who played on the team this year; Trenton Cronk, Jake Salonek, Carter Brown, and Keelin Norman-Klatt.



Winter Sports REPORT

In January and February, six of our Regis High School seniors signed their Letters of Intent to participate in athletics at the college level.



- Laith Kidess** | Football - University of St. Thomas
- Dayton Gutsch** | Baseball - Hamline University
- Zach Yengo** | Cross Country - UW-Eau Claire
- Esme Reinders** | Soccer - UW-Stevens Point
- Keelin Norman-Klatt** | Basketball - Beloit College



Jordan Ruppelt
Baseball
Western Technical College

Congratulations!

We are proud of your hard work!



Members of the Regis and Altoona High School Boys and Girls Basketball teams joined in February for a Coaches vs. Cancer check presentation. **A special two night fundraising event raised \$1,366.19**, which was presented to the Marshfield Clinic Regional Cancer Center. The money will help fund transportation to and from the Cancer Center for patients who need rides, provide education for children who have a parent going through cancer treatments, and many other activities to help patients. Regis and Altoona High School are fierce competitors on the court, but are teammates in making our community a better place for everyone who lives here!



Congratulations to Regis High School senior Keelin Norman-Klatt for scoring his 1,000th career point in the Boys Basketball win over Stanley-Boyd on February 8.

He needed 21 points going into the game to get his 1,000th point and ended up scoring 26 points to break the mark. Keelin becomes the 15th Regis/St. Patrick's Boys Basketball player to score 1,000 career points.

Keelin will attend Beloit College next year and will play basketball there.

1,000 Career Points

Carl Glocke | 1949
(St. Patrick's)

Jim Miller | 1952
(St. Patrick's)

Dan Fisher | 1967

Ken Hanson | 1971

Mike Devney | 1976

Andy Fisher | 1993

Joe Winter | 1996

Jeff Uelmen | 1997

Eli Sheets | 2001

Adam Ganske | 2010

Jack Eaton | 2010

Conner Miller | 2011

Billy Wampler | 2015

Logan Rohrschieb | 2016



In December, Regis students participated in the **12th annual LEGO Robotics Competition** in Rochester, Minnesota. IBM sponsors the LEGO Robotics Program and at least one Regis team has competed since the program began. This year there were 470 students from 152 teams competing across three divisions.

Students spend several months building and programming their LEGO robots to solve weekly problems. 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.

One team from Regis advanced to the second round and two teams advanced to the third round of the short-term project competition.

Tech Club members who competed include Evan Biesterveld, Cole Chilson, Zane Cullinan, Ethan Eager, Nora Frank, Brayden Galewski, Lucas Kovacevich, Evan Majeski, Cole Myren, and Samuel Schmitz.

The LEGO Robotics Competition is held during Computer Science Week and is a great way for Regis students to display their programming, teamwork, and problem solving skills!

Activities REPORT



On January 14 and 15, four Regis High School choir members participated in the **68th annual Dorian Vocal Festival** as members of the Festival Choir. The Dorian Vocal Festival, held at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, is the largest choral festival in the United States, with a choir of more than 1,000 high school juniors and seniors, representing more than 238 high schools.

Juniors Sophia Burgess and Marne Milanowski and seniors Emily Haag and Jenna Schabert rehearsed for the better part of two days with the choir and their three Luther College choir directors. They performed in a sold-out evening concert on January 15, which featured the Festival Choir, five outstanding high school soloists, the Dorian Chamber Choir, and the Nordic Choir.

In addition, Jenna Schabert was chosen to sing with the select 100-voice Dorian Chamber Choir, performing three songs in addition to the five songs performed by the Festival Choir. Congratulations to our fine musicians!



On January 20, several Regis High School music students participated in the annual **Cloverbelt All-Conference Band and Choir Festival**, which was held at Cadott High School. These students spent most of the day rehearsing with Dr. Frank A. Watkins (UW-Eau Claire Director of Choral Studies) and Dr.

Glenn C. Hayes (UW-Whitewater Director of Bands), and performed a concert that evening.

Taryn Alexander, Ellie Atkinson, Alaina Darnell, Emily Haag, Caroline Kowieski, and Matthew Talley participated in the All-Conference Band, and Sophia Burgess, Matthew Kim, Marne Milanowski, Jenna Schabert, and Chelsea Schaf participated in the All-Conference Choir. Congratulations to these fine musicians!



The **25th annual Brains and Brawn Tournament** held in January was an opportunity for Catholic school students in grades 6-8 from across the Diocese of La Crosse to display their talents in basketball (brawn) or their knowledge in six categories (brains). Aquinas Catholic Schools hosted the tournament and Bishop William Patrick Callahan celebrated Mass at the end of the competition.

The Regis Brains Team, comprised of ten students, took 1st place in consolation and placed 7th overall. Participants included Eli Henriksen, Lucas Kovacevich, Madeline Rubenzer, Macyn Cullinan, Kyleigh McCauley, Eliana Boda, Madison Guo, Rowan Helms, Alexis Ridenour, and Samuel Schmitz.

Every year, we send a girls and boys Regis Brawns Team to compete on the court. Participants included Leela Schuh, Caroline Halfen, Bella Larsen, Hailey Tally, Elaina Myren, Taylor Wolff, Alison Haag, Andrew Milner, Gus Theisen, Alex Leis, Griffin Kristo, Aiden Auth, Hank Axelrod, Alex Picco, Ben Solonek, and Greg Sokup.

Activities REPORT CONT.

The **ProLife Club** hosted speaker Vicki Thorn during Catholic Schools Week for her presentation, "The Biology of Attraction". Mrs. Thorn is the foundress of Project Rachel, which is the Catholic Church's ministry to those who have been involved with abortion. She is the executive director of the National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing. In August 2009, she received the People of Life Award from the USCCB.



Environmental Club members took off in search of snowy owls after school in early February. They located a beautiful adult male actively hunting south of Elk Mound as the sun was setting.

Students were able to view the owl through a spotting scope and take "digi-scoped" photos with their cell phones. They also observed and photographed horned larks and snow buntings.



Sturgeon Bowl team members trained hard and went down well prepared for the competition at UW-Milwaukee in early February, but drew a tough pool in the preliminaries and were unable to improve on last year's 4th place finish. They did earn the Sportsmanship Award, as voted for by the competing teams.

On the day before the competition, team members toured Discovery World in the afternoon and the laboratories of UWM School of Freshwater Sciences in the evening. Engineering professional presented a lunchtime talk on competition day focusing on career opportunities in water sciences and engineering.



In February, the **Regis Math Team** participated in the UW-Eau Claire Math Challenge and took 1st place in the A division! Mr. Nervbovig coached the team.



On December 20, students and staff at the Regis campus celebrated the annual **Gold Mass**, a tradition that dates back to 1953. Throughout the month of December, students at Regis Middle and High School brought in donations of non-perishable food items and cash for the St. Francis Food Pantry and the Sojourner House. In all, they helped gather 1,750 pounds of food and toiletry items and \$1,600 in cash donations.



Regis Catholic Schools student selected as 2018 Horatio Alger National Scholar

Trenton Cronk, a senior at Regis High School, was selected as a 2018 Horatio Alger National Scholar. He is one of only 106 high school seniors nationally recognized and one of only two students recognized in the state of Wisconsin.

As a National Scholar, Cronk will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship to be used in the pursuit of a bachelor's degree, along with an all-expenses-paid trip to the 2018 Horatio Alger National Scholars Conference in Washington, D.C., being held April 4 to April 8, 2018.

This honor is a tribute to Cronk's determination and hard work.

"Receiving this scholarship means the world to me," Cronk said. "It is an absolute honor for me to be selected and have the chance to represent Regis

in such a positive way. Receiving the Horatio Alger Scholarship is both a goal and dream come true. The stress it has lifted off my shoulders and peace it has given me is beyond words. I thank God for this amazing opportunity and blessing. My hard work, perseverance, and integrity has paid off in a remarkable way."

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As one of the nation's largest need-based college scholarship programs in the country, the Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs specifically assist high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. While many programs are directed primarily to recognizing academic achievement or leadership potential, the Horatio Alger Association seeks students who have exhibited determination, integrity, and perseverance in overcoming adversity, as well as have critical financial need.



Spring greetings and **thank you** to all of you who have made gifts in support of our annual Regis Fund and Tuition Partnership Program for 2017-18. Annual gifts provide crucial funding for initiatives that support our students, teachers, and all aspects of Regis Catholic Schools.

The 2017-18 annual Regis Fund will conclude on June 30, 2018. At this point in our annual appeal, we have received donations totaling \$232,000.

It is humbling to know that we rely on the generosity of our loyal alumni, parents, and friends for support. We are grateful for your past support and ask that you consider contributing this year if you have not done so



"Your participation in the Regis Fund will help ensure the opportunity for our current students to receive the highest level of preparedness to meet the challenges of life."

- Dan & Jane Pedersen '69
2017-18 Regis Fund Co-Chairs

already. What better way to say **thank you** for the education you received, the education your adult children received, or the education your child or grandchild is currently receiving.

We will acknowledge all gifts to the annual Regis Fund in The Rambler Report - Fall 2018 and your gift is 100% tax-deductible. Gifts will be accepted for the current giving year through June 30, 2018.

It is not too late to make a difference! We invite you to make a donation today by returning the enclosed envelope or visiting

www.RegisCatholicSchoolsFoundation and clicking DONATE NOW.



Kathy (Haugen) Gabrielson '60 and **Judy (Gustin) Brunet '60** had a chance to get together recently and catch up at a very fun party celebrating Kathy's birthday.



Muffy Hall '64 has successfully hiked all seven continents, finishing with Antarctica in January 2017.

Rick Meyer '63 recently celebrated 51 years of marriage to his Irish lass, Kathleen (Hughes) Meyer. The two have been retired and living in New Bern, North Carolina since 1998. They enjoy traveling both in and out of the country, with their favorite locations being Ireland and Jamaica.

Kathleen (Schneider) Bowman '73 recently celebrated the 30th year of having her own business. She has been doing hair for 44 years and still loves it! She and her husband, Thomas Bowman, have two married sons and four grandchildren. The two celebrated their 43rd anniversary on February 1.

Alumni REPORT



Brittany Miller '07 and **Mitch Miller '07** welcomed their son, Mason, on February 4. Mitch is currently a Hearing Instrument Specialist at Miracle Ear in Onalaska and Brittany is a Registered Nurse at Gundersen Health System in La Crosse.

Reunions

Class of 1958 (60th Reunion)

Friday, August 17

Wild Ridge Golf Course

More details to come! If you have any questions, please contact Cotsy Jones at (715) 456-8643 or (715) 834-3345.

Class of 1963 (55th Reunion)

Saturday, September 15

Organizers ask you to please update your email address via the Regis Catholic Schools website. They look forward to hearing from you!

Class of 1968 (50th Reunion)

Ice Breaker - Friday, September 7

Side Bar on Grand Avenue

Dinner - Saturday, September 8

UW-Eau Claire

HEY, ALUMNI!

Do you have exciting news? We want to know!

Send your updates and any photos to mkulig@RegisCatholicSchools.com to be featured in future issues of The Rambler Report!



In February, the Regis community lost a good friend and coach, Jim Negrini.

Jim became the Regis High School head Girls Basketball coach in 1987. His overall coaching record at Regis was 247-71. His teams won the WISAA Division 2 Girls State Basketball Championship in 1992 and 1993. He also won six CWCC Conference Championships and at one time had a streak of 56 consecutive conference game wins. More recently, Negrini coached the Regis Girls Basketball team that qualified for the WIAA State Tournament in 2014. Negrini's overall coaching record was 409-176.

Negrini is a member of the Hurley High School Hall of Fame, the UW-Superior Hall of Fame, the WBCA Hall of Fame, and the Regis High School Hall of Fame.

IN MEMORIUM

ALUMNI

Eileen Leinum Eckert '41
(St. Patrick's)

Beverly J. (Flynn) Brainard '44
(St. Patrick's)

LeRoy Dickerson '45
(St. Patrick's)

John M. "Jack" Flynn '45
(St. Patrick's)

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Peter Auman '84

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Jim Negrini

*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.*

All Class Reunion

Friday, June 22 & Saturday, June 23
5 to 11 p.m.

Regis High School Front Lawn

We invite all St. Patrick's High School and Regis High School alumni to join us for food, drinks, music, and plenty of fun! We will also be providing school tours for anyone who wants to peek at his or her old classrooms.



Regis ScRambler Golf Outing

Saturday, June 23

12 to 4:30 p.m. | 1 p.m. Shotgun Start

Lake Hallie Golf Course

Extend the fun during the Regis All Class Reunion weekend by participating in the annual Regis ScRambler Golf Outing! Form a team of classmates, family, or friends. You can sign up as a group or individual. Your entry fee includes 9 holes of golf with a cart, beverages, a Regis High School tailgate lunch, games and raffles, and a chicken dinner catered by Tom Anibas '80.

Contact Jim Gobler at
(715) 830-2273, ext. 1018
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with any questions.



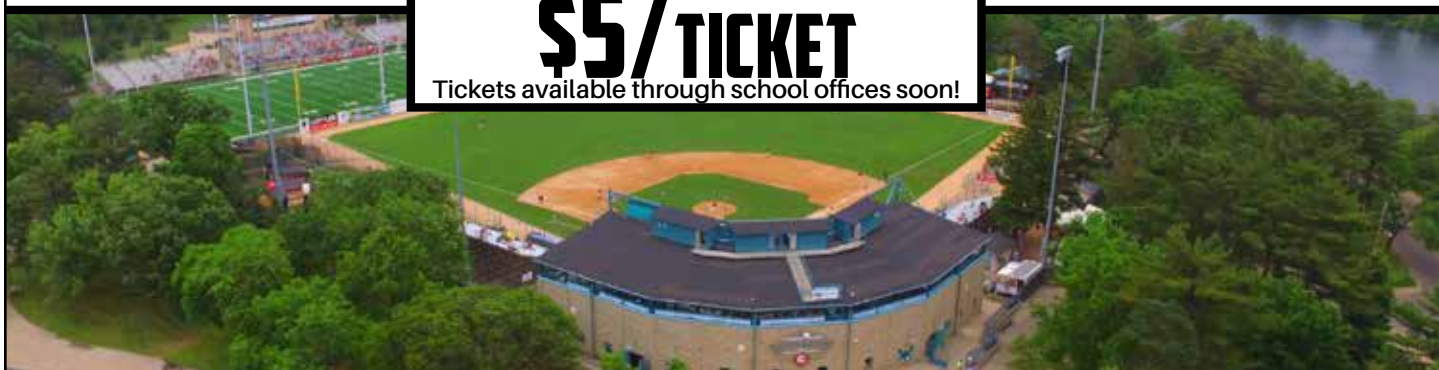
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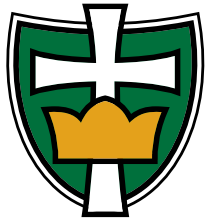
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