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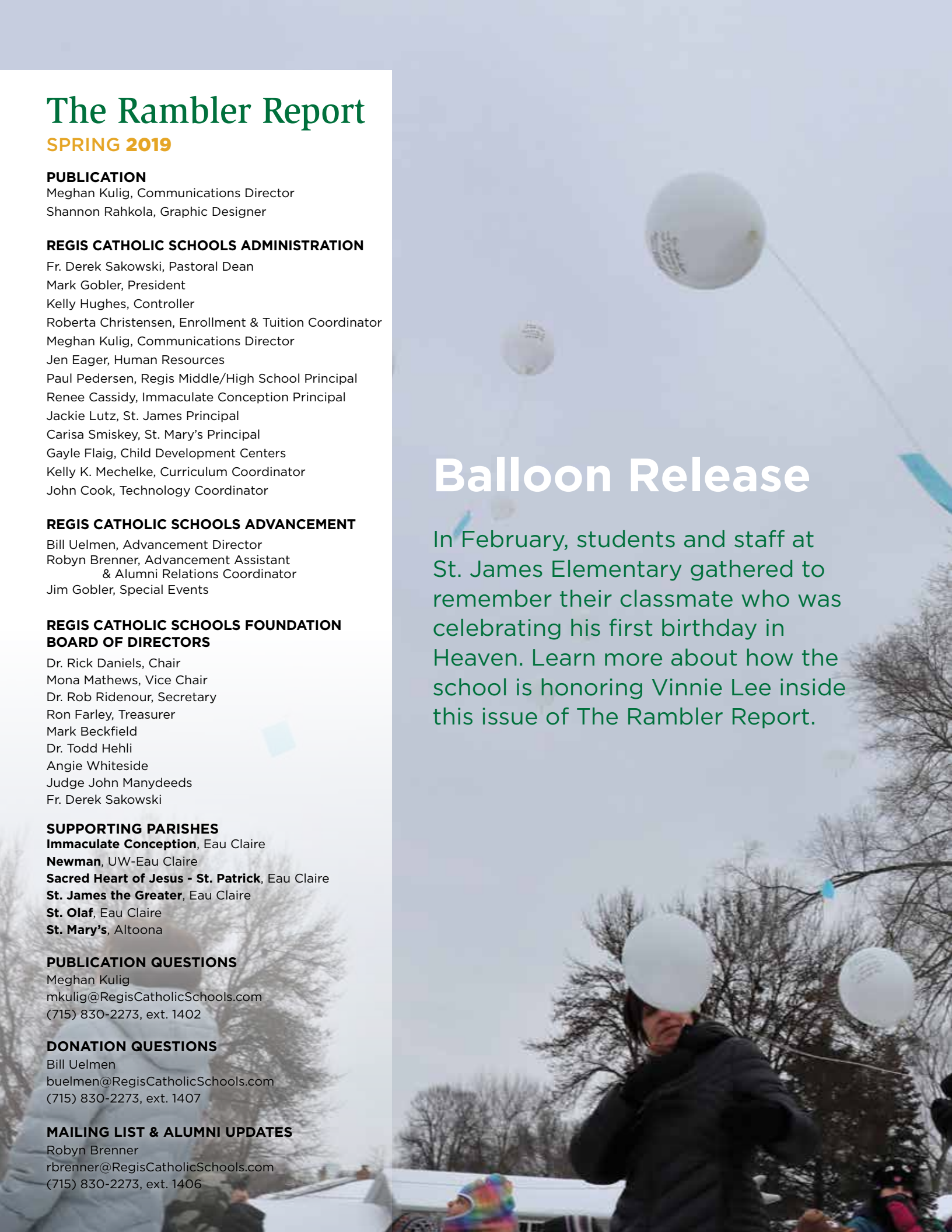
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# Report from the Dean



“I have met amazing people doing amazing things out of a deep love of God and neighbor.”

The longer I have been a part of the Regis family, the more opportunities I have had to meet amazing people doing amazing things out of a deep love of God and neighbor. Most recently, several of our stakeholders gathered for strategic planning, giving up two of their Saturdays to do so. Thank you!

Our last Regis Catholic Schools Strategic Plan (forged in 2013) proved to be a great success. In a time of conflict and transition and challenge, it provided marching orders to our administrative team, several of whom were new additions. The plan included a humble acknowledgement of areas needing growth and improvement. As someone who joined the Regis family in 2012, I have been grateful to see all the areas that have improved over the last seven years. Our administrators and staff have done outstanding work in recruiting kindergartners and retaining families – especially during those “bridge” years (moving into grade 6 and into grade 9). Our middle school and high school, once reeling

from turnover and lack of stable leadership, have improved in multiple areas: campus ministry, student involvement in faith, stable leadership, building safety and security, ever improving performance in mathematics, and new opportunities for learning and for college credits (online courses, CVTC courses, shared courses with other Eau Claire schools, etc.). Our parish priests have a strong and well-appreciated presence in all our schools, both in the sacraments and in the classrooms. We paid off our longstanding debt. We provided additional opportunities to our staff to gain advanced degrees and ongoing professional development. Unlike the other six systems in the diocese, we have viable future leadership candidates within our own ranks. We have a much more consistent K-12 curriculum than we used to. I could go on and on. These things did not just happen by accident. Having a plan and updating the initiatives year by year helped us keep our focus.

However, with six years elapsed, we were definitely due to step back and look at everything once again. Much has changed since 2013. We now participate in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program – which brings in more revenue but also new challenges and new opportunities. We are working seriously at recruiting Spanish-language families to our system. There are at least 40 kids regularly going to Mass whom we would love to persuade to join the Regis family. The language barrier is only one challenge. We need to connect with them culturally as well and train our own people to do so. Finally, we are all aware of other ever-increasing challenges that touch our whole society these days: mental and emotional health, school security, internet pornography, secularism, loss of faith, church scandals, political polarization, and so on.

Nevertheless, some things remain the same. Far and away our #1 item of discussion was improving teacher pay and teacher retention. Even though we gave a couple of much appreciated raises to our staff in recent years, they still are paid far less than their public school counterparts. We all acknowledged that there is no “silver bullet” solution – but we will be calling a task force to look relentlessly at all options to figure out a better future.

Our plan must now be reviewed, revised, and recommended for approval by our other bodies; Education Commission, Finance Council, Regis Catholic Schools Foundation. Then it can be approved by the six parishes that govern us: St. James, Newman, St. Olaf, Sacred Heart-St. Patrick, Immaculate Conception, and St. Mary Altoona. Then comes the real work of implementing it. I hope that it will be as successful as the previous plan. Please pray for us!

Fr. Derek Sakowski  
Dean, Eau Claire Deanery

# Report from the President

“For those of us who live here in western Wisconsin, this winter has truly been a pain.”

I typically do not mind the winter weather. However, for those of us who live here in western Wisconsin, this winter has truly been a pain. Of course, the dreaded school closures cause our parents to make accommodations and our staff to adjust lesson plans. While we always expect and plan for a few interruptions during the school year, this year, we have had to adjust our calendar to meet the state standard of instructional hours. Then, after making those adjustments, another storm hit and closed school again. We thank our staff and parents for understanding and working with us on the required changes.

On a non-weather related note, I would like to acknowledge the retirements of longtime employees who will be leaving at the end of the school year. Cheryl Hanson, our kindergarten teacher at St. Mary's Elementary, has had taught generations of families in her classroom over the years. We will miss her experience, but more importantly, her compassion and love for her students. Anne Hoffman served as our librarian and media specialist for all of our schools. A daunting task in itself, but with her professionalism and dedication, she made it work to the benefit of our students. The halls of Immaculate Conception Elementary will welcome a new principal patrolling next year, as Renee Cassidy will be retiring. Renee was also instrumental in the accreditation of our schools and served as the point-person on religious certification for



our entire staff. I thank her for her leadership. There is the possibility of a few other staff members deciding to retire before the next academic year. Thus, I offer this traditional Irish prayer for our retirees.

*“May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face. The rains fall soft on your fields. And until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hand.”*

God Bless.

Mark Gobler '73  
President

# Regis Updates



## Mrs. Cassidy Announces Retirement

In February, Principal Renee Cassidy announced her upcoming retirement.

Mrs. Cassidy has been a Catholic school administrator for 21 years, serving for the past 11 years at Immaculate Conception Elementary. She will be retiring at the end of the current school year. A search for her replacement is underway.

*Thank you, Mrs. Cassidy, for your commitment to Catholic education!*



## New Enrollment & Tuition Coordinator



**Roberta Christensen recently joined the Regis Catholic Schools family as our new Enrollment & Tuition Coordinator.**

Rachel Brogelman, our previous Enrollment & Tuition Coordinator, remains a vital part of our team as the new Central Office Manager. As part of her new duties, Rachel serves as our Scrip Coordinator following the departure of Karen Forden.

Some of you may already know Roberta, as she is also a current parent within our system. Her daughter, Elinor, attends Immaculate Conception Elementary. Roberta also has three sons; Tyler, Hayden, and Preston. Roberta has also been involved with the Immaculate Conception Elementary Home & School, the annual Walk for Virtues, and the Regis Catholic Schools Auction. She is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish.

This school year, Regis Catholic Schools collaborated with the Diocese of La Crosse on a special video project. Each Catholic school within the Diocese, regardless of its size, received a professionally shot and edited promotional video it can now use to help people witness the difference a Catholic education can make.

witness  
our new  
video

We invite you to check out our Regis Catholic Schools video, which features testimonials from various individuals, online at [www.RegisCatholicSchools.com/community/](http://www.RegisCatholicSchools.com/community/).



**Thank you** to Don Byrne and his team at The Post House in Eau Claire for their outstanding work on this project and to the Diocese of La Crosse for helping provide this valuable resource to all of our Catholic schools!

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION!



**Catholic Schools Week**  
January 27 – February 2



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



**Happening since 1974**, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2019 was “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” The weather did not cooperate with our original **Catholic Schools Week** plans, forcing our schools to cancel some of the week’s events. However, the students did still celebrate in February!





Fifth grade students at Immaculate Conception Elementary played the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds in an annual game of basketball. The students won 87 to 85!



Author Rick Chrustowski visited St. James Elementary to share his knowledge on what it takes to write and illustrate books for kids. Rick lived on a farm in River Falls for 20 years, so nature inspires all of his books. He even ate lunch with the students!



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



The Regis Faith Council helped students at Regis Middle and High School celebrate with a special cookie delivery!

# 2018

## *Regis Catholic Schools Auction*

### FUND-A-NEED CHECK PRESENTATIONS

At the end of last year, our 2018 Regis Catholic Schools Auction co-chairs Jeff Kassing and Bill Spangler stopped at all of our facilities to officially announce the amount each one received thanks to the event's Fund-a-Need.

**We were thrilled to have \$6,780 going to each building, for a total of \$40,680. Thank you to our generous donors!**



**Regis Child Development Center**  
New Carpet + Bathroom Updates + Security Devices



**Genesis Child Development Center**  
New Carpet + Security Devices



**Immaculate Conception Elementary**  
New Doors on Highland Avenue



**St. James Elementary**  
Intercom System Update



**St. Mary's Elementary**  
Reading Resources

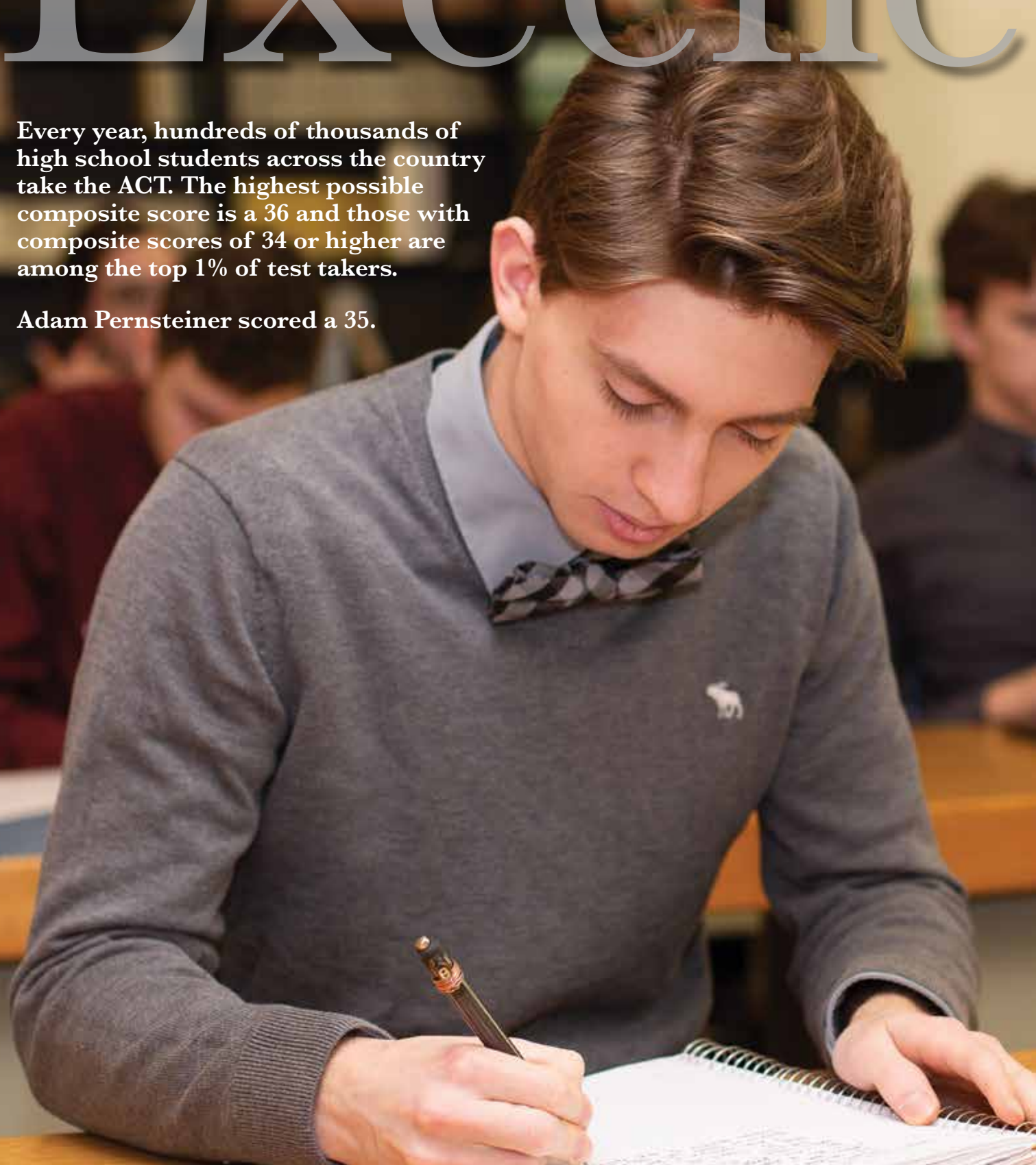


**Regis Middle & High School**  
Science Lab Upgrades

# Academic Excellence

Every year, hundreds of thousands of high school students across the country take the ACT. The highest possible composite score is a 36 and those with composite scores of 34 or higher are among the top 1% of test takers.

Adam Pernsteiner scored a 35.



# nice

**T**he Regis High School senior took the ACT three times, with the most recent being in June of 2018. He says he used his experience during his first two attempts to hone his skills and prepare for his third attempt.

“Several teachers handed out information to help with taking the test,” he said. “Mrs. Killian, for example, gave out a packet of common words used on the ACT and their definitions.”

Pernsteiner says it was this help, plus his work ethic and drive to succeed, that enabled him achieve this accomplishment.

“I feel overjoyed,” he said. “The driving factor is my desire to be successful in my career later in life. I want to have as many opportunities as possible.”

Pernsteiner says earning a high ACT composite score means he will not have to worry about that number holding him back in any way.

“I want to do well now so that I can attend a university that will allow me to have those opportunities.”

It is also a testament to the academic rigor offered within the Regis system.

Pernsteiner has been a student at Regis Catholic Schools since kindergarten, attending St. Mary’s Elementary. His sister, Alyson, graduated from Regis High School in 2016. She is currently attending the University of St. Thomas and majoring in Biology.

Mr. Mike Nerbovig, a math teacher at Regis High School, taught Adam Trigonometry and Calculus. He says Adam always worked hard in his drive for academic success.

“Adam is an ideal student whose intellectual curiosity and persistence enable him to succeed at the highest academic level,” Mr. Nerbovig said. “Besides being an outstanding academician, Adam accepts personal responsibility for his own learning. His effort may entail additional reading, seeking out guidance from teachers, or discussing ideas with other students in class.”

Mr. Nerbovig says he and his teaching colleagues work hard to help our students achieve at the highest level possible.

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“I am thankful every day for the opportunity to provide our students with a challenging and rewarding mathematical experience,” he said. “I believe that the caring environment at Regis and the willingness of teachers to spend time outside of the classroom to help individual students enables them to reach their highest potential.”

During his time at Regis, Pernsteiner has also played tennis and participated in National Honor Society, Mock Trial, Math Team, Academic Challenge, and peer mentoring. He is currently making his decision as to where he will pursue a college degree, but says he would like to study engineering. He adds he feels well prepared for the future thanks to his Regis education.

“I had the opportunity to take several college level classes, such as Mr. Nelson’s History 202 class and Honors Calculus. These classes have given me the ability to experience what college classes are like and earn college credit.”

Experiences that will help Pernsteiner find success well into the future.



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# ACT Scores

Graduation Year 2018	Mathematics		English	
	REGIS	STATE	REGIS	STATE
	24.0	20.3	25.2	19.8
Composite	Reading		Science	
	REGIS	STATE	REGIS	STATE
	24.7	20.5	24.5	20.8



## 5-Year ACT Scores

Graduation Year	REGIS Total Tested	REGIS Composite Score	STATE Composite Score
2018	59	24.7	20.5
2017	53	23.1	20.5
2016	61	24.2	20.5
2015	55	23.7	22.2
2014	62	24.3	22.2

## Regis High School Top ACT Scores (Past Five Years)

CLASS OF 2019

**Adam Pernsteiner**  
35 Composite

CLASS OF 2018

**Andrew Reis**  
34 Composite  
**Emily Haag**  
33 Composite

CLASS OF 2017

**John Usher**  
33 Composite

CLASS OF 2016

None 33 or Higher

CLASS OF 2015

**Allison Jacobson**  
33 Composite



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# R emember



*Forever in our hearts you'll stay  
We will love you  
and remember you  
every single day*



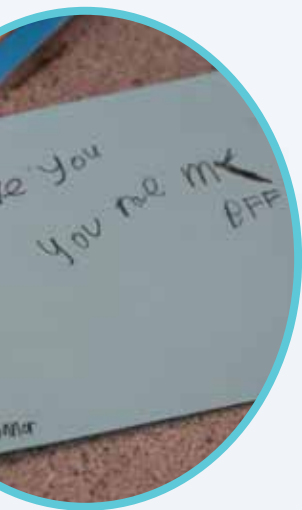
**In April of 2018**, St. James Elementary lost one of its precious students. Vinnie Lee was in kindergarten at the school when he passed away at the age of six. Since then, his classmates, teachers, and staff at the school, along with his family, have been working to keep his memory alive. Vinnie was a sweet, energetic, and joyful student and we miss him dearly.

**In December**, workers from Lee Recreation out of Cambridge Wisconsin installed a new piece of playground equipment in honor of Vinnie. Donations gathered at Vinnie's funeral helped pay for the new addition.

Vinnie loved nothing more than playing and being with his friends, and this piece of playground equipment is a physical reminder of him and a way for his friends, classmates, and brother to feel his presence as they play.



# ing Vinnie Lee



**On February 1**, students and staff at St. James Elementary gathered to remember Vinnie as he celebrated his first birthday in Heaven.

His classmates wrote special notes for Vinnie and released balloons as they prayed for him. We thank Vinnie's family members for joining us for this special event.

**Please keep Vinnie  
and his family in  
your prayers as we  
remember him  
today and always.**



A new scholarship within the Regis Catholic Schools system will help keep Vinnie's memory alive for years to come. The Vinnie L. Lee Scholarship of \$500 will benefit a "fellow Vinnie", one of his classmates who wishes to remain at the school he so loved.



# Help us reach our fundraising goal!

In 2017, Regis Catholic Schools announced the Track & Field of Dreams project. This much needed improvement upgraded our physical education and athletic facilities, as well as our tennis courts on the Regis campus.

We are completing a two-year funding campaign to help fund the project, which we hope to conclude by June 30 of this year. This campaign has been very successful. With just a few months remaining, we need to raise approximately \$108,000 to fully fund the improvements.



We have mailed a Donor Proof letter to all of the individuals and businesses who graciously contributed to this project. However, do not worry! There is still time to make a donation if you would like to see your name included on our Donor Wall. All gifts received before June 30, 2019 will be eligible to have their name listed. After this deadline, the sign company will begin work on the Donor Wall with plans to have it finished by the beginning of the 2019-20 school year. Financial support to complete the Track & Field of Dreams project came primarily from generous gifts from many supporters of Regis Catholic Schools. We encourage alumni, current parents, and friends of Regis Catholic Schools and the Regis Ramblers who appreciate the need for this improvement to make a donation. We welcome a gift at any level and thank you for helping us raise the remaining \$108,000 needed to pay off the balance on this project.

Together...we can do this!

To donate online, please visit  
[www.RegisCatholicSchools.com/giving/track-field-of-dreams-project/](http://www.RegisCatholicSchools.com/giving/track-field-of-dreams-project/)  
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

*On behalf of our students...thank you!*



# Winter Sports Report



## Hockey

This year, the RAM Hockey team struggled with numbers, but got off to a decent start with a record of 4-5-0. Unfortunately, the team lost its leading scorer to a season ending injury and had to play several games with several other players out due to injury. The team battled through it and earned a home game in the first round of the playoffs. RAM

Hockey beat Medford 4-3 by coming back after being down 0-3 at the start of the 3rd period. The team moved on to play Eau Claire North in the second round of playoffs, but unfortunately, the season ended there. The team had back-to-back years where the season ended in a game against a team that eventually made it to state.



## Boys Basketball

The Regis Boys Basketball team ended the season with an overall 13-10 record under new head coach Bryant Brenner. The team's four seniors - Will Jordahl, Mitchell Merkel, Cade Osborn, and Jackson Wolterstorff - provided leadership on and off the court. The team started the season with an 11-3 record, but struggled to win games down the stretch. The team ended its season with a loss to Whitehall in the opening round of the WIAA playoffs. Many underclassmen received valuable playing experience, which will help them in the future.





## Girls Basketball

The Girls Basketball team finished the season in a familiar position, winning the Cloverbelt Conference Championship for the fourth consecutive season and finishing with an 18-6 (13-1) record. The Ramblers had some outstanding non-conference wins over Dunn-St. Croix Conference Champion Colfax, Great Northern Conference Champion Rhinelander, and Heart of North Conference Champion Bloomer, along with an exciting OT win over Elk Mound, and a one possession loss to Big Rivers Conference runner up, Menomonie.

Teryn Karlstad was named Cloverbelt Conference Player of the Year averaging 21 points per game along with 15 rebounds, while Marne Milanowski was named 2nd Team All-Conference and Morgan Rohrscheib, Gabby Semerad, and Mandi Van Brunt were all named Honorable Mention All-Conference.

Karlstad was also a unanimous selection to the WBCA All-State

First Team and has also been selected to play in the WBCA D4 All-Star Game in June in the Wisconsin Dells. Karlstad's teammates also voted Teryn as Team MVP.

The Ramblers played this season without any juniors on the team, giving an opportunity to many underclassmen who were counted on to provide some valuable minutes.

Over the last four seasons, the Ramblers are 72-28 with four Conference Championships, a Regional Championship, and a Sectional Championship.



*A milestone on the court!  
 Congratulations to  
 Teryn Karlstad  
 on scoring 1,000 points  
 in her basketball career!*



# Winter Sports Report



## Wrestling

The Regis-Altoona Wrestling team grew in both numbers and in talent this past season, placing in the top half of every tournament, which is a huge achievement! RAW had two sectional qualifiers this year; Payton Kostka and Garret Steffen. Unfortunately, due to injury, Peyton's season ended before competition at sectionals. Garrett wrestled strong, but with a tough bracket, he was not in placement to qualify for state. The future is looking very bright for the team, with new members and those returning to become better, stronger, and more determined than the year before.

## Dance Team

The 2018-19 Regis Dance team season included seven dancers and was under the direction of coach Rachel Leath. This season, the team relied on senior, Katherine Ao, as well as co-captains, Chelsea Schaf and Madalyn Carlson.

The team competed at two area competitions, as well as the WACPC Regionals. At regionals, one dancer, Kendall Alexander, moved on and competed her solo at State, becoming one of the finalists for the All-State Dance Team! Way to go!



# Good Luck!

On February 6, six Regis High School seniors signed their Letters of Intent to participate in athletics at the college level.

**Jack Nicolai** | Track & Field - University of Sioux Falls  
**Grace Gilles** | Volleyball - University of Sioux Falls  
**Teryn Karlstad** | Basketball - University of St. Thomas

**Andrew Ernstmeyer** | Football - Iowa State University  
**Cade Osborn** | Football - St. Cloud State University  
**Tommy Schmidt** | Track & Field - UW-Eau Claire



*Congratulations* to Regis High School senior Laura Sokup for being named a 2019 Herb Kohl Student Excellence Scholarship recipient!

Laura was chosen to receive this \$10,000 scholarship award because of her exceptional leadership, citizenship, and school and community involvement.

She will be recognized at a regional luncheon along with other Herb Kohl Student Excellence Scholarship, Student Initiative Scholarship, Teacher Fellowship, and Principal Leadership award recipients.

The Herb Kohl Educational Foundation and program co-sponsors, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools, Wisconsin Cooperative Educational Service Agencies, Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation, and Wisconsin Parents Association, are delighted to recognize Laura for her outstanding accomplishments.

# Give blood. Save a life.

Friday, March 15 was a special day on the Regis campus as students, teachers, and family members came together to support the annual blood drive. Thank you to those who donated!



# Activities Report

## Day of Service

Our 6th, 9th, and 10th grade religion classes at Regis Middle and High School marked Ash Wednesday with a day of service. They made tie blankets for the Chippewa Valley Child Advocacy Center, which conducts forensic interviews with children who have been neglected or abused.

Donations helped pay for the blanket supplies, along with stuffed animals and books that were also donated for use as comfort items. The final total was 125 blankets, 50 stuffed animals, and \$1,000+ worth of books!

## WEAU Visit

Thank you to WEAU 13 News for allowing our Regis High School current events class to visit the newsroom in February. The students even got to sit in the studio and visit the control room during the 12 p.m. newscast with Judy Clark and Monica Ott.



## Dorian Vocal Festival

Three of our Regis High School choir students participated in the Dorian Vocal Festival at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa! Sophia Burgess, Marne Milanowski, and Quinn Petersilka performed with more than 1,000 other juniors and seniors from high schools across the Midwest!



## All-Conference Music Festival

In January, twelve Regis High School music students participated in the Cloverbelt All-Conference Music Festival, held at Greenwood High School. They rehearsed all day as part of the All-Conference Choir and All-Conference Band, directed by guest music professors from UW-La Crosse, and performed an evening concert for a nearly sold-out audience.

## Annual Turkey Trot

Student members of the 'Running Ramblers' started their Thanksgiving by running the annual Turkey Trot!





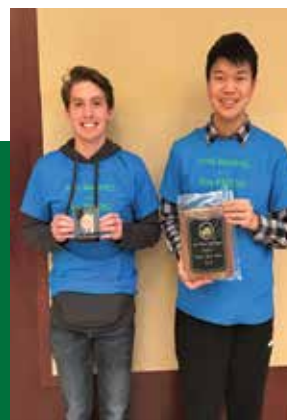
## Sharing Musical Talents

Current students and alumni from Regis High School took some time before Christmas to share their musical talents! The group of 41 singers included 20 current choir members and 21 alumni who came together to sing a 30-minute program at The Classic at Hillcrest Greens. A beautiful tradition!

## Sturgeon Bowl

The Sturgeon Bowl traveled to UW-Milwaukee for the regional competition of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl in February. Members did especially well on the team challenge questions and advanced to the upper level of competition in the afternoon, but eventually were beat by Marshfield who went on to the finals. The trip also included a visit to Discovery World and an interactive tour of the laboratories at the UWM School of Freshwater Sciences.

Team members also met up with team alumni Emily Haag and Justin Zwiefelhofer who are now studying in Milwaukee and volunteered to help at the competition this year. They [belatedly] picked up the Sportsmanship Award they won last year!



## Brains & Brawns

After a tiebreaker between Regis and Aquinas, our team placed fourth in the "brains" portion at January's Brains & Brawn event, hosted by the Diocese of La Crosse. Pictured are team members with coaches John Snyder and Zade Kiddess.

## LEGO Robotics Competition

Regis students participated in the 13th Annual LEGO Robotics Competition on December 12 in Rochester, Minnesota. This year there were 480 students from 163 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 the competition where students demonstrate the program they wrote to solve a long-term problem. Students also work on a short-term project, which requires teams to solve a problem from start to finish during a set amount of time.

## Math Competition

In February, several students from Regis High School competed in the 37th annual math meet at UW-Eau Claire. (In fact, Regis sent a record nine teams to the event!)

Our "Beyond Belief" team won first place in the team event with a score of 83. In addition, senior Adam Pernsteiner won an individual 3rd place medal and junior Mingyu (Michael) Liu won the 1st place individual title for the event.



*Thank you to those of you who have already supported the annual Regis Fund for 2018-19!*

The annual fund appeal runs through June 30, 2019. As of the printing of this publication, the Regis Fund has generated donations of approximately \$293,597.

Supporting the Regis Fund is the best and most important way we can ensure we can meet the current and future needs of Regis Catholic Schools.

Charitable gifts made to the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation through the Regis Fund help enhance curriculum, materials, and programs for our students. Those dollars also help financially support our teachers.

At the end of 2018, we used Regis Fund dollars to help thank our teachers and staff with a Christmas “bonus gift”. The staff truly appreciated this show of support. Regis Fund dollars have also helped support...

- Tuition Scholarships
- Track & Field of Dreams Project
- Professional Development for Teachers
- Funding for The Rambler Report
- Fr. Dowd Auditorium Seating Chart Sign

Here at Regis Catholic Schools, we rely on the loyalty and generosity of our alumni, current parents, friends, grandparents, and businesses to further our mission. We greatly appreciate your support and investment in our students and teachers!

Every gift is a blessing and makes an impact, no matter what the amount. If you have not contributed to this year’s campaign, there is still time to do so! The current Regis Fund will end on June 30, 2019. For your name to be included in The Rambler Report – Fall 2019 (Annual Report) as part of our levels of giving, we must receive your donation by that date. We will mail out a Donor Proof letter in April.



## JOIN THE REGIS LEGACY SOCIETY AND LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY!

By including the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation in your estate plan with a gift of \$10,000 or more, you qualify for membership within the Regis Legacy Society.

### BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Communications and other opportunities to share in the growth and achievements of our Regis Catholic Schools students.
- Your name(s) listed alongside other honored Regis Legacy Society members on the recognition plaque located in the Regis High School main entrance.
- The ability to inspire others to make a lasting and significant commitment to Regis Catholic Schools.

To become a member of the Regis Legacy Society, please visit [www.RegisCatholicSchools.com](http://www.RegisCatholicSchools.com) and click "Regis Legacy Society" under the GIVING tab. Print a Regis Legacy Society Planned Giving form and return it to:

Regis Catholic Schools Foundation  
2728 Mall Drive, Ste 200  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

**Please make your will or trust out to the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation.**

If you have any questions, contact Bill Uelmen, Regis Catholic Schools Advancement Director, at (715) 830-2273, ext. 1407 or [buelmen@RegisCatholicSchools.com](mailto:buelmen@RegisCatholicSchools.com).

## WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

### Current Regis Legacy Society Members

- Anonymous
- Anonymous
- Betty Abts
- John (Jack) Adler
- Earl Benning
- Fr. J. Thomas Finucan
- Elaine Frank
- Richard T. Gannon
- Curley & Captola Golden
- Francis "Bud" & June Harrington
- Robert Karrow
- Joseph Koehn
- Peter & Patricia (Wenberg) Koupal
- Kathleen Kovell
- Dan & Lori Lavalley
- Lawrence & Dorothy Lawler
- Rev. Henry Lee
- Mark & Patricia Mato
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- Jerome & Penny Miller
- Joseph Clyde Pavelski
- Walter & Patricia Ryberg
- Emilio & Patricia Rinaldi
- Peter Scobie
- Richard & Judy Sires
- Angelo & Alva Speros
- Marie Steubing
- D. Patrick Stoffers (In Honor of Michael Karrow)
- Cathy Sykes
- Fred Urmann
- Grace Walsh
- James Welter
- In Memory of Lou & Curly Welter
- Jason Yarrington

**Thank you** to the following supporters for their generous gifts to Regis High School and the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation. Thanks to their planned gift to the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation, our legacy donors qualified for membership into the Regis Legacy Society.

Angelo '52 & Alva Speros | Estate Gift  
Mark '52 & Patricia Mato | Estate Gift  
Rev. J. Thomas Finucan '48 | Estate Gift  
Patricia Radle '49 | Donation

# Alumni Report

**Joyce LaBerge Krumenauer '58** welcomed a new great-grandchild on November 29...making for three so far! She still works on the election board for the Town of Eagle Point as a Chief Inspector. She didn't go on a trip south this winter...but wishes she would have!

**Anne Rud Miller '68** is recovering from an awesome 50th reunion held in September and currently finishing her second novel. Her expected publishing date is the end of summer 2019.

**Daniel Schulner '70** is the CPA and Owner of Wisconsin Truss Inc. in Cornell, Wisconsin and the landlord for 13 4-plex units. He is married to Gail, a retired RN, and the father of two married girls who live in Eau Claire. Daniel is a grandfather of five...soon to be six!



**Bill Wampler '15**, a junior at Wright State University, was selected to the All-Horizon League Basketball Second Team. He averaged 14.6 points for Wright State University, which is a NCAA Division 1 school, this past season. Wampler was also named to the Horizon League All-American Team.



**Kevin Crane '04**, his wife Stephanie, and big brother Cody welcomed a baby boy named Henry Allen Crane on February 14, 2019. Congratulations!

## 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!



## Alumni Spotlight

**Victoria Matson '16** was recently named a 2019 American Family Insurance Game Day Dreamer!

American Family Insurance teams up with UW-Madison to honor Badger fans, students, and alumni who are making a difference in the world. After countless submissions, the pool was narrowed down to three inspiring finalists. Each finalist received a \$3,500 contribution in his or her name to the charity of his or her choice and a special Game Day prize package.

Victoria is the founder of A Moment of Magic Foundation at UW-Madison, which provides medically vulnerable children with creative programming, outlets, and support to foster imagination, friendship, and hope. Her organization's college-student volunteers dress up as princesses and superheroes and attend individual visits, group visits, and special events with nonprofits and hospitals across the Midwest. Today, A Moment of Magic has reached more than 30,000 children nationally, and approximately a thousand children in Wisconsin. When a child is hospitalized, treatments and diagnoses become a priority for parents and doctors, but Victoria's foundation encourages each child to be brave, strong, and fearless throughout their medical journey — while providing them with opportunities to 'just be a kid.'

**Way to go, Victoria! We are so proud of you!**

## Reunions

### Class of 1969 | 50th Reunion

Friday, September 20  
Wild Ridge | Eau Claire  
Come enjoy an evening of reconnecting, reminiscing, food, fun, and music. Classmate John Andrews and his band Moonshine will provide entertainment!

Saturday, September 21  
Football Game | Carson Park | 11 a.m.  
Lazy Monk Brewing | Eau Claire  
Members of the Class of 1969 get free admission to the Regis Ramblers Football game and will be recognized at halftime! Then, enjoy an informal get-together and another evening of fun. At Lazy Monk Brewing.

Watch for more details in May mailing.

Questions?

Gerry & Pat Candell (715) 874-6895  
Ken & Barb Stolp (715) 834-9734  
Karen Anderson (715) 834-7559

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### Class of 1974 | 45th Reunion

Friday, August 9 | 6 p.m. to ?  
Pub Crawl | Downtown Eau Claire

Saturday, August 10 | 6 p.m.  
44 North | Altoona (\$30/Person)

Questions?

Toni Schroer-Dewitz | tonidew1@yahoo.com  
Jean Rodel-Fisher | fishjpm@gmail.com  
Pam Dingmann-Kozuch | pam@tsi-eauclaire.com

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### Class of 1979 | 40th Reunion

Friday, August 9 - 4 p.m. to ?  
Ray's Place | Eau Claire

Saturday, August 10  
Bus Trip to Loopy's | Chippewas Falls  
Gather at The Oxbow Hotel & The Lakely | Eau Claire

For latest updates check out our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/groups/Regis79/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Regis79/) or the class website at [www.classcreator.com/Eau-Claire-WI-Regis-1979/class\\_index.cfm](http://www.classcreator.com/Eau-Claire-WI-Regis-1979/class_index.cfm).

Please be sure we have your updated email address for future communications!

RSVP to Lisa Barrett at [lcb0809@gmail.com](mailto:lcb0809@gmail.com).

## IN MEMORIAM

*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.*

### ALUMNI

**Arlene Spaeth '40**  
(St. Patrick's)

**Anne McDonald DeMeules Myers '46**  
(St. Patrick's)

**Thomas Biermeier '51**

**Lawrence "Larry" Menard '62**

**Allen R. Tobin '62**

**Diane (Milton) Estreen '65**

**Donald James Grzyb '70**

**Patrick LaChappelle '75**

**Melanie White '04**

### FRIENDS OF REGIS

**Gregory Devine**

**Robert Caspersen**

**Ryan Fitzgerald**  
(Assistant Football Coach)





**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday, October 5, 2019**  
Regis High School

*2019 Non Sibi Awards Dinner  
& Regis Catholic Schools  
Night of Recognition*

**More details to come soon!**



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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019**

**The Florian Gardens | Eau Claire**

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# FRATERNAL LEGACY RIDER

With the **Fraternal Legacy Rider**, your life insurance death benefit can be used to support **Regis Catholic Schools**.

When you purchase an eligible life insurance policy from Catholic Order of Foresters (COF), you may add this rider to your policy and provide an additional 5% of the death benefit<sup>1</sup> to a Catholic charity at no additional cost to you. This extraordinary benefit is payable to the Catholic charity<sup>2</sup> of your choice. The **Fraternal Legacy Rider (FLR)** can even be spread across multiple qualified Catholic charities.

If you are considering life insurance for the first time or need to review your current policies, talk to **Geoff Wolterstorff** about this excellent opportunity to create a personal legacy for Regis Catholic Schools.



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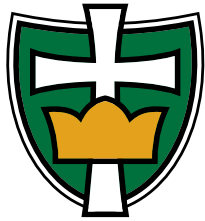
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<sup>1</sup>COF will pay an amount equal to 5.0% of the eligible policy face amount. Amount payable to charitable beneficiary/ies shall not exceed \$250,000. <sup>2</sup>Catholic charity must meet criteria as a qualified Charitable Beneficiary: Must be an organization whose principles are consistent with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church and listed in the most current edition of *The Official Catholic Directory Anno Domini*. Must also be considered exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and listed in Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code as an authorized recipient of charitable contributions. Other requirements apply. Not available in all states. <sup>3</sup>The policy owner may change the Fraternal Legacy Rider beneficiary(ies) or dollar amount at any time by adding or removing charitable organizations to the beneficiary designation for the rider. <sup>4</sup>Amount earmarked as of 11/13/2018.



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## Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Regis Catholic Schools is dedicated to educating students of all faiths in a Catholic, Christ-centered environment. We are united by Our Core Values of *Living Faith, Accepting Responsibility, Promoting Teamwork, Achieving Excellence, and Inspiring Leadership.*



### 2018 Gold Mass

In December, Regis High School and Regis Middle School hosted the annual Gold Mass. The celebration of the Gold Mass is a long-standing Regis tradition dating back to the beginning of Regis in 1953. Throughout the month of December, students bring in donations of non-perishable food items and cash to be donated to the St. Francis Food Pantry and the Sojourner House.

We are happy to report we collected more than \$1,000 and many pounds of non-perishable food items for the two charities.

*Thank you to our families for your support!*

