

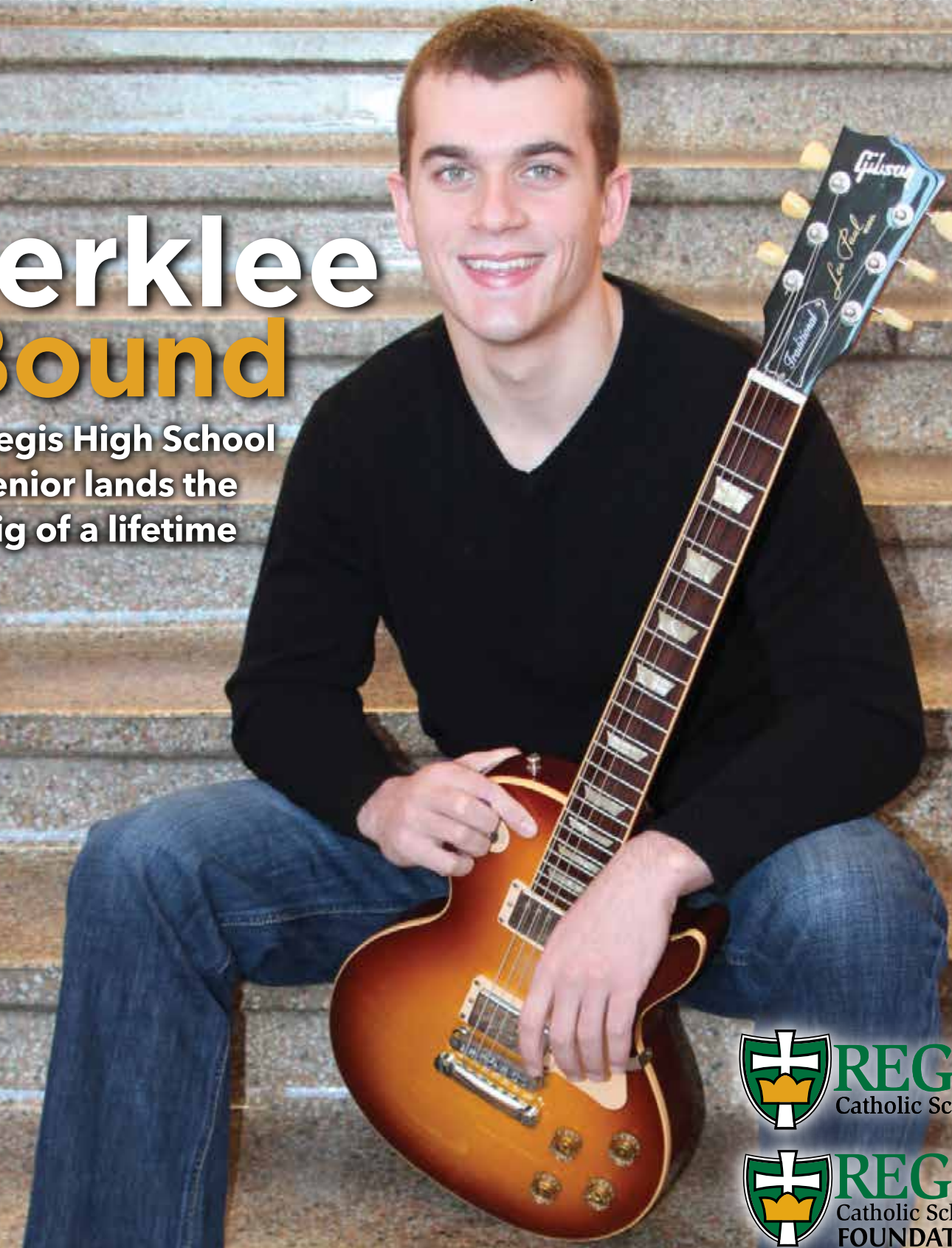
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Report from the President

The last week in January was Catholic Schools Week across the nation. What a wonderful way to acknowledge and celebrate the importance of a Catholic education! Our schools, especially the three elementary campuses, put on a great week of sharing FAITH, FUN, and FAMILY. Activities brought our students, parents, and staff together to rejoice in the uniqueness of our schools and the added dimension of a faith-filled educational experience.

In the mix was a reaffirming of the Catholic guidelines that we teach and practice. In visiting the elementary schools, I witnessed a fervor and sense of excitement that was inspiring. The staff and administration planned a variety of dress days, special activities and of course, Bingo. Now, there isn't a more traditional Catholic game than Bingo! The parents and grandparents were invited to share in many of the festive events and the response was tremendous. It is important to remember that the Regis Catholic Schools philosophy is to work in partnership with those who have decided a Catholic education is the best option for their child or children. We are blessed to be able to jointly educate the 'whole child'.

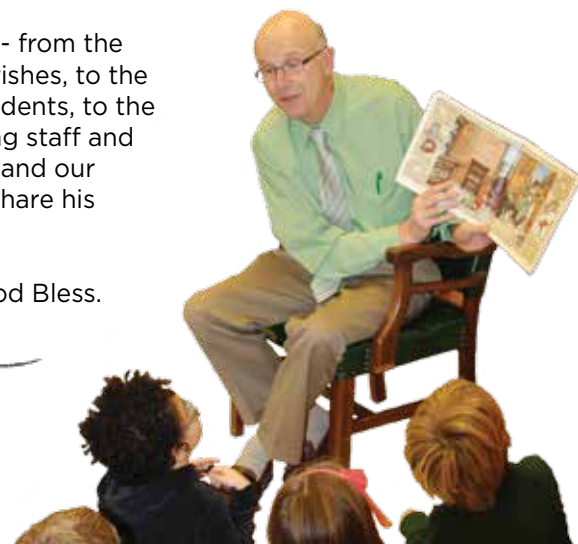
Shifting gears, as we move forward into the second semester of the current academic year, it is only natural that we look forward to 2015-2016. Enrollment for current and prospective families is now open and we are happy to announce the process can now be completed online! The response has been super and with this new streamlined application, we have been able to save paper resources and manpower.

In closing, I would like to refer to a quote from Bishop Roger J. Foy of the Diocese of Covington, Kentucky. "While there are many alternative to a Catholic education, there are no substitutes."

Our shareholders - from the pastors of the parishes, to the parents of our students, to the dedicated teaching staff and other employees, and our benefactors - all share his simple statement.

Thank you and God Bless.

Mark Gobler '73
President



Report from the Dean

Greetings! I want to thank Bishop Callahan in asking me to be the Dean of the Eau Claire Deanery and part of the Regis Catholic Schools system.

Catholic schools have been an essential part of the mission of every parish. There is a special relationship as a part of the parish that I hope to deepen as Dean.

In past times, the school was seen as separate from the life of the parish. The parish financially supported the school, but that was seen as the extent of the relationship. That thinking is very far from the reality of the relationship. Both the school and parish work to promote living the Gospel values brought to us by Jesus. We are co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord. It is very uplifting to the people of the parish to see students take part in ministries during Mass and in the various events in the life of the parish.

It is also essential that the students and faculty know the support, encouragement and pride acknowledged by parishioners in the accomplishments of our schools.

I hope to have that sense of being part of the greater Church grow in the years to come. That we always and in many ways recognize, acknowledge and support each other as the People of God, the Church.

Fr. Don Meuret
Dean, Eau Claire Deanery

New websites

At the end of January 2015, Regis Catholic Schools and the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation launched two new websites!

The new websites feature a fresh, updated look and easy navigation, along with the latest news and events, important information and documents. There's also a quick and easy way to donate online!

Check them out for yourself at www.RegisCatholicSchools.com and www.RegisCatholicSchoolsFoundation.com!

St. James Elementary Home to New Computer Lab

In early December 2014, students at St. James Elementary started using the school's new computer lab! The goal of the project was to increase the number of computers available, as class sizes at St. James are increasing. The current lab computers were moved into the new lab space and new desks were purchased. The space was also updated with a new interactive projector and Apple TV to enhance the learning environment.

We'd like to offer a big THANK YOU to Anita Vlcek for volunteering her time to paint the space and to St. James alumnus Bill Candell, who volunteered time and materials to update the electricity in the room to power the new equipment.



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Principal Pedersen Moving Regis Forward

Mr. Paul Pedersen began serving as Principal of Regis Middle and High School on July 1, 2014. Meghan Kulig sat down with him to see how his first year has been going so far!

Q: What has it been like to take on this new role?

A: It's been wonderful. Some days, it is a touch breathtaking to be in charge of a building where your parents went to school, where you went to school and where your children are getting their education, especially considering our time-honored tradition of excellence, both academically and athletically. It is certainly an honor and a privilege to be in this position right now. But, at the same rate, it is very humbling to know that I actually get to report to a place every day that I consider to be the greatest place to work. I'm surrounded by an outstanding faculty and we have wonderful, supportive families and alumni.

Q: What changes, if any, are you working on?

A: When you work in education, you are going to be part of a process of change and that's normal and healthy. The initial thing that was important for me in this transition was to make sure there was a sense of stability known and felt by the faculty, the students and the parents. The things that work at Regis Middle and High School should remain in place. Those that need attention should be looked at. The dress code is always a hot topic. We are addressing student dress code issues with the new student dress code committee.

We are also working to maintain the integrity of the learning environment. We want our students to know it is their right to sit down in a classroom environment and to feel their academic progress is not impeded by another student or negative behaviors.

Finally, we are taking a look at balancing the appropriate use of technology inside our building. Instead of fighting technology, we are working with students on how to manage and utilize technology in the most appropriate way.

Q: What is your favorite part of each day?

A: Right away in the morning, when I stand on the front step or at the front door and greet students as they arrive. It is my greatest privilege and joy to greet kids as they come in and welcome them to a new day. I also love going to Mass with the student body and participating in the Liturgy.

Q: What makes you proud of your students?

A: The students define this institution. The students and their hard work, their co-curricular activities or athletics, and the things they do as service to our community define Regis. Regis has a time-honored tradition of excellence, but that excellence is actually what is practiced every day. The time-honored tradition is now.

Thank you **veterans!**

On November 11, 2014, students at Immaculate Conception Elementary gathered to give thanks to the men and women who have served our country.



Regis High School partnering with

Gphomestay is an educational service company that provides quality homestays for international students who attend American high schools.

We will have several international students attending Regis High School during the 2015-2016 school year. For this reason, we are searching for caring families to open their home to an international student.

Host families receive a monthly stipend of \$750 to cover any costs that arise with having an extra person in your home. Host families also have access to ongoing support from a local Residential Coordinator.

If you are interested in becoming a host or are looking for more information, please visit gphomestay's website at www.gphomestay.com. You can also contact gphomestay directly at (781) 996-0429 or info@gphomestay.com.



Report from the classrooms

Regis Catholic Schools was recently accredited through AdvancEd. The AdvancED accreditation process helps us stay student-focused for continuous improvement with student achievement.

We have formed committees to ensure we have the resources and support needed to enrich students' classroom experience. Our teachers work hard to make connections from the classroom to real-life through performance-based lessons and active discussions. AdvancEd helps us focus our attention on the eyes of our learners and how they view each day. The accreditation process is a blessing because it also looks at our Catholic identity and how well it is infused into all our subjects and students' lives.

As a smaller school system, it is ever challenging to offer all that is needed for today's students. We have begun

using Odysseyware. This is a web-based educational option that is ideal for core curriculum, blended learning, alternative education, and more. Odysseyware is offered beginning with third grade and continues beyond high school. There are more than 90 core content classes offered and 55 courses in career and technical education. Currently, Regis High School is using Odysseyware with more than 24 students.

The use of these course offerings will not replace or be a substitute for teachers and the courses they teach. It is an outstanding way to explore other curricular areas that are affordable and beneficial.

AimsWeb is an in-house computer program that allows us to measure each student's academic level and use progress monitoring for their individual growth more efficiently and effectively. We use this computer program in Math and Language Arts.

Maintaining a culture supporting continuous improvement requires on-going self-reflection mixed with encouraging motivation and active engagement for all.

Kelly Mechelke
Curriculum Coordinator

Our students continue to test above their grade level!

- Regis Catholic Schools 4th graders, on composite average, tested into a 5.8 grade level
- Regis Catholic Schools 6th graders, on a composite average, tested into a 7.1 grade level
- Regis Catholic Schools 8th graders, on a composite average, tested into a 10.2 grade level

(National Standardized Iowa Test of Basic Skills, Fall 2014)

REGIS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 5 YEAR ACT SCORES				
YEAR	Percentage of Tested to Graduates		Composite	
	REGIS	STATE	REGIS	STATE
2014	95%	73%	24.3	22.2
2013	91%	71%	24.6	22.1
2012	98%	68%	23.0	22.1
2011	94%	67%	25.0	22.2
2010	98%	67%	24.4	22.1



Regis Catholic Schools announces debt repayment to Diocese of La Crosse

Regis Catholic Schools recently announced the debt the system had owed to the Diocese of La Crosse has been paid off.

The “We Belong to Christ Capital Campaign”, the “Building Our Future Campaign” and recent estate gifts were instrumental in this debt retirement, along with strategic financial planning and annual payments made by Regis Catholic Schools.

History indicates the loan was necessary at a vulnerable time for Regis Catholic Schools and was used to meet financial obligations when our Catholic school system consolidated in the late 1990s.

As we move forward, Regis Catholic Schools will continue to ensure our financial stability while maintaining the high-standards of our mission.

“I would like to personally thank the numerous benefactors and supporters who were able to donate, allowing us to focus on keeping an excellent, faith-based academic system intact through those years,” said Regis Catholic Schools President Mark Gobler. “Now that the debt to the Diocese of La Crosse is no longer part of the finances, Regis Catholic Schools will continue to examine a number of other areas that would be beneficial to all of our constituents.”

Regis Catholic Schools is committed to working to continue increasing enrollment, securing current and future revenue sources and using those potential enhancements carefully in order to maintain the high quality of instruction we provide to our students.

Read Across America 2015

On March 2, students at St. Mary’s Elementary, Immaculate Conception Elementary and St. James Elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss’ birthday with guest readers and lots of fun! A big thanks to everyone who shared their time with our students, including Monica Ott, Lindsay Veremis and Courtney Everett from WEAU 13 News!



New Staff Member

We are happy to announce that Regis Catholic Schools has retained the services of Pam Foegen as Pupil Services Director.

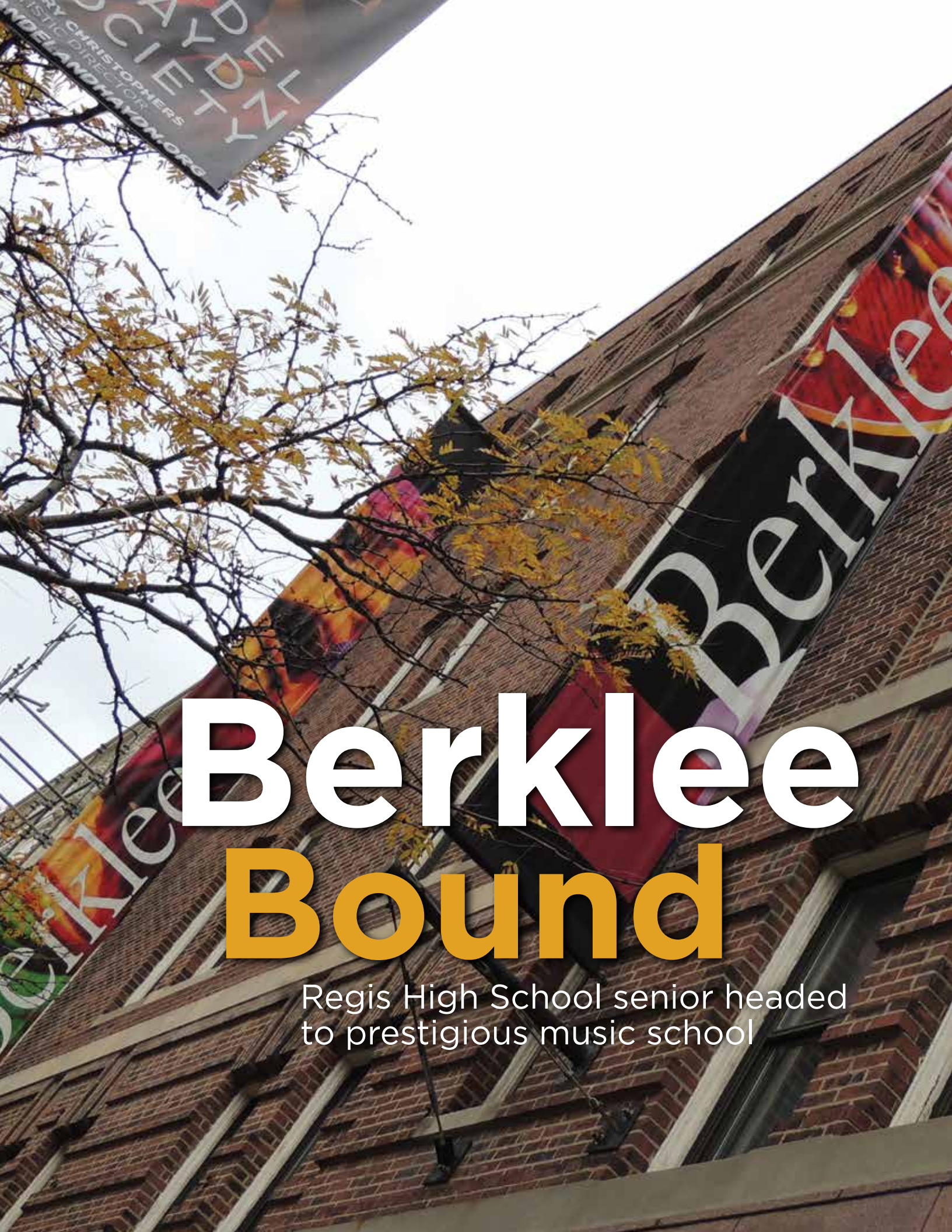
As we move forward, Mrs. Foegen will help the staff and principals at our elementary, middle and high schools in a variety of ways.

Her background is in K-12 special education and she has been a teacher, team leader and most recently, the Director of Special Education for the School District of La Crosse. Prior to that, Mrs. Foegen served as the autism consultant for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. (She holds a DPI license for Pupil Service Administration.) Her experience will allow Regis Catholic Schools to discover new ways to accommodate our students who may struggle in particular areas of curriculum.

Mrs. Foegen’s duties will include evaluating student performance, recommending plans of action and consulting with the Regis Catholic Schools staff and administration. She will also serve as a liaison to our public school partners for services that, if needed, we are entitled to.

Our goal is to provide a Christ-centered education to all of our students across the learning spectrum.





Berkeley Bound

Regis High School senior headed to prestigious music school

He currently plays music gigs on Friday and Saturday nights.

But soon, a Regis High School senior will find himself at the biggest gig of his life – Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts.

18-year-old Sean Jordan will be attending the prestigious school in the fall of 2015. Berklee calls itself the ‘world’s premiere learning lab for the music of today—and tomorrow’ and according to statistics, only 35% of students who apply get in.

The talented musician plays multiple instruments – piano, saxophone, drums, bass, ukulele and the banjo – but, the guitar is his primary instrument. Jordan started playing the guitar professionally at the age of 12 and continues doing so 5 to 6 times a month. He says he decided to apply to Berklee after his performance at Volume One’s ‘Sounds Like Summer Concert Series’ in Eau Claire’s Phoenix Park.

“That was my first time performing all original music by myself and it was a blast,” Jordan said. “That was a turning point for me musically and I decided that I would like to pursue it beyond high school, if possible.”

Jordan started the application process in September and had his audition in Chicago in late-November. Regis band director Jeff Walk says

Jordan is one of the most talented and goal-driven music students he’s ever had the pleasure to teach.

“Whenever a challenge is presented to him, he always goes far beyond and above what is to be expected. Sean has people skills that cannot be taught. He is tenacious and sticks to a task to see it to a successful outcome,” Walk said. “Sean has developed into an individual leader that everyone in our expanding high school band looks up to and relies on his vision and decision making skills. I wish him the very best!”

“We’re really proud,” added Jordan’s mother. “Sean has worked so hard. He’s been playing the guitar since he was little; thousands of hours, every single day of his life.”

Jordan says he’s excited to pursue his passion for music, adding “the fact that music gets to play as big of a role in my life as it does is truly a blessing.” He says his ultimate goal is to be successful enough in music that he can do it for a living. “Whatever that takes, that’s what I want to do,” he said with a smile.





1.
Dads serving ice cream at Immaculate Conception Elementary.
A sweet treat!



2.
Teachers and staff dressed as book characters at St. James Elementary!



3.
First grade students at St. Mary's Elementary enjoyed **a classroom slumber party**, complete with popcorn and a movie!



4.
Babies at the Regis Child Development Center celebrating **'Wacky Wednesday'!**



5.
Students from Regis High School volunteered at the **Feed My People Food Bank** Distribution Center in Eau Claire. They donated around 80 total service hours.



6.
Students at St. James Elementary dressed for their **dream career**. Looks like we have some future teachers, doctors, coaches, dancers and scientists among these first graders!



7.
Children from the Regis Child Development Center visited **Heritage Assisted Living** to visit with the residents and deliver pictures they made.



8.
Third grade students at St. Mary's Elementary created **a special video** highlighting the importance of a Catholic education. You can watch "If You Give A Kid A Catholic Education..." at www.RegisCatholicSchools.com/schools/st-marys-elementary/.

Living Faith

Catholic Schools Week 2015



9.
Sixth grade students at Regis Middle School spent time **making valentines** for patients at Sacred Heart Hospital.



10.
Fifth grade students at Immaculate Conception Elementary played the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds in **a friendly game of basketball**. The students WON 68 to 67!



Sports Report

Football

After a lot of hard work, 2014 was a year of getting Regis Football back to a very respectable level. The team ended the season at 10-2 and made a run in the Division 5 playoffs!

On February 4, 2015, three Regis High School football players signed their National Letters of Intent to play at the college level.

Jaxon Brown (North Dakota State University)
Cameron Pedersen (North Dakota State University)
Nolan Kern (University of Sioux Falls)



Volleyball

The Regis Volleyball team ended the 2014 season with a 25-11-3 overall record. All-Conference Team members included Shae Brey (1st Team), Haley Gibbons (2nd Team) and Alexis Schaffer (Honorable Mention).

Special congratulations to Shae Brey for reaching 1,000 kills as a junior!



Cross Country

The Regis Cross Country teams both had good seasons in 2014! The Girls team, which had eight members, won the Cloverbelt Conference title and was 3rd at the Boyceville Sectional, just missing qualifying for State. The Boys team, which had twelve members, finished 8th in the Conference and was 12th at the Boyceville Sectional.

Girls Tennis

In 2014, Regis Girls Tennis qualified for the Division 2 State Tournament for the fifth straight season! The team finished the season at 16-4, falling to defending state champion, Madison Edgewood in the State Semifinals.



Boys Soccer

The Regis/McDonell co-op Boys Soccer team finished the 2014 season at 14-4-3 and were defeated by Phillips in the WIAA Regional Tournament.



Girls Golf

The 2014 Regis Girls Golf team finished first in Division 2 at Wisconsin Dells, first at a non-conference meet in Lake Hallie and first in two conference meets. The team also advanced to the WIAA Sectional Tournament.





Wrestling

In just its second season, the Regis Wrestling team won six duals, defeating five schools it lost to in its inaugural season. The team also placed 5th at the Cloverbelt Conference tournament, despite missing one of the senior co-captains. Hunter Hood was the runner-up at 220 lbs. Next season promises to be a huge step forward, with some State Tournament potential!

Dance Team

In December 2014, the Regis Dance Team hosted the 5th annual Rambler Dance Invite, featuring 36 teams and more than 500 dancers! The event also served as a way to support the St. Francis Food Pantry, with 368 lbs. of food collected.

The team competed at the Western Regional Championships on January 31 and placed 2nd in Division 2 Hip Hop and 4th in Division 2 Jazz, earning a bid in both routines to the State Championships. This is the 13th consecutive year the Regis Dance Team has qualified for the State Championships!



Hockey

This season, the Regis/McDonell Saints Hockey team had an overall record of 11-13. The team took third in the Middle Border Conference with a record of 6-4. Daylon DeSouza of Regis is currently 9th in the state, with 68 points -- 38 goals and 30 assists.

Full-Court Success

Basketball has been part of his life since he was young. Now, Regis High School senior Billy Wampler is being recognized for his talent and getting ready to take his game to the next level.

On November 12, 2014, the Regis High School senior signed his National Letter of Intent to play Division 1 basketball at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He says he had 18 different Division 1 scholarship offers during the recruiting process.

“When I started getting offers, I got some good advice to make a list of what was important to me both athletically and academically,” Wampler said. “My basketball focus was about being able to contribute early in my college career, making a difference in the program and having a coaching staff and teammates that I can trust. Academically, I was looking for a great business program and Drake certainly has that and more.”

Then, in January 2015, Wampler was nominated for the 2015 McDonald's All American Games. The only other Regis basketball player to be nominated for the same honor was Jeff Uelmen in 1997.

Coach Bill Uelmen says Wampler is one of the most talented and physically gifted players he's ever coached. “Billy deserves the credit for putting in the time to make himself one of the top players in the state. He is a special player that doesn't come around too often in a coaching career. Drake is getting a legitimate college basketball talent.”



Activities Report

Middle & High School Technology Club

Regis students participated in the 9th annual Lego Robotics Competition on December 10, 2014 in Rochester, Minnesota. The program is sponsored by IBM and at least one Regis team has competed since it began!

After building, programming and testing their robot, students demonstrate their team's solution for the judges or compete head-to-head with other teams. The Regis High School Advanced EV3 team placed 2nd in their division for the short-term portion of the competition. Team members included Mitchel Abts, Peter Farley and Ryan Gorzek.

Band

The following students were selected to be in the Chippewa Valley Jazz Orchestra's High School Honor Jazz Band, which was directed by Mr. Jeff Walk.

Michael Hoffmann
Lauren Clark
Katheryn Hayes

The Honors Jazz Festival is a one-day intensive jazz clinic and performance. Previous experience playing jazz is not required, but an interest in jazz is!

Choir

On January 11 and 12, 2015, four Regis High School singers participated in the 65th annual Dorian Vocal Festival. Juniors Regan Alexander and Taylor Peterson and seniors Mary Martha Callaghan and Sean Jordan rehearsed for the better part of two days with the choir and their four directors.



Pep Club

Members of the Pep Club were busy with the 2015 Winter Carnival in February! Regis students helped plan and put together the week's activities, including the dance.

Forensics

The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet received a Critic's Choice award at the state one-act play competition. This is the highest award that is given out! In addition, senior Meghan Gobler received an outstanding acting award.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club is taking its biannual trip to Spain this spring! The students will be starting out in Madrid, Spain and working their way down to the southern part of the country, where they will be staying with host families for five days. They will be very excited to return with stories of unforgettable experiences and many valuable memories.

Sturgeon Bowl

Tyler Peterson, Aissa Kidess, Mitchell Petit, Lauren Clark and Natalie Pieterick traveled to UW-Milwaukee at the end of January to compete in the regional match for the National Ocean Sciences Bowl. It was an academic competition in all fields of science, plus geography, policy and history, all as they apply to oceans. Regis finished 3rd - the team's highest finish ever - and won the costume contest and a special commendation from the director for sportsmanship.



March for Life

On January 22, 2015, seven students from Regis High School traveled to Washington, DC to take part in the March for Life. What began as a small demonstration has grown to be the largest pro-life event in the world.

Esther Theisen, Nora Killian, Eileen Endres, Kate Henriksen, Danielle Yengo, Margaret Killian and Kate Burhop joined Youth Minister Kourtney Kuba and Religion Teacher Ellen Killian on the journey. Esther's mother also traveled with the group. They joined others from across the Chippewa Valley to participate in a youth rally and Catholic Mass to pray for the end of abortion. They also marched down Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court building.

Chess Club

Members took part in the annual Chess Club Tournament in early 2015. The single-elimination event was open to anyone at Regis. This year, there were 40 student and faculty participants!

Education Commission Report

The Regis Catholic Schools Education Commission is an advisory group established by the Dean to assist the pastors of the supporting parishes, the President, and our other administrative leaders in the implementation of the strategic plan, governance and operation of Regis Catholic Schools. The Commission formation is a Diocesan requirement for operational management, since Regis Catholic Schools is part of the Catholic schools education ministry of the Diocese of La Crosse.

Along with our pastors and various administrative professionals, the Commission includes a lay person appointed from each of our parishes for a term of service. The Commission has multiple subcommittees, each particularly charged with an objective(s) within Our Core Values and strategic plan.

The subcommittees of the Commission include Catholic Identity/Mission Integration, School Life, Advancement, Finance and Teaching and Learning, amongst others.

The Commission is currently seeking to expand those subcommittees to include a more broad range

representing a cross section of all of our stakeholders within the Regis community. We hope this will foster better engagement on a more global level involving all of our schools, and enhance communication and support within and outside of our community.

We are looking for you! We want to invite those with particular talents, visions, and experience who are willing to share that as we journey together to promote and provide the best quality Catholic education and faith experience for our current generation of students and for generations to come.

Please contact the Regis Catholic Schools Central Office at (715) 830-2273 for more information and to get an application.

Thank you for all that you do for Regis Catholic Schools and God Bless.



Patricia R. Usher, JD
Chair, Regis Education Commission 2015-2016

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New display to honor Regis Legacy Society members

The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation is planning a special honor for members of its Regis Legacy Society. The Regis Legacy Society comprises those generous donors who have made commitments to the **Regis Catholic Schools Foundation** of \$10,000 or more in their estate planning.

During homecoming weekend 2015, the **Regis Catholic Schools Foundation** will hold a dedication ceremony for a display highlighting charter members and featuring the names of all Regis Legacy Society members. The display will be installed in a place of honor in the main entrance on the first floor of the Regis High School building and updated on a yearly basis.

Members of the Regis Legacy Society share a special place in our Regis family and inspire others to make a lasting and significant commitment to Catholic education at Regis Catholic Schools. These gifts will help create a legacy of philanthropy that will benefit our current and future generations of students, providing them an excellent Catholic education.

Be a part of this exciting event!

There is still time for you to be recognized on the inaugural version of the display by designating a gift to the **Regis Catholic Schools Foundation** in your estate plans through wills, trusts, retirement plans, life insurance policies, and other means.

If you are interested in discussing a planned gift to Regis, please contact the **Regis Catholic Schools Foundation**.

If you have already included the **Regis Catholic Schools Foundation** in your estate planning, but have not notified us, please contact us so we can make sure that your generosity is properly acknowledged and you are recognized as a member of the Regis Legacy Society.

You'll find a copy of the Regis Legacy Society Planned Giving Form online at **www.RegisCatholicSchoolsFoundation.com**, under the 'Giving Opportunities' tab. You can also request a form by calling (715) 830-2273, ext. 7.

Please fill it out and mail it to:

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c/o Bill Uelmen
2728 Mall Drive, Ste 200 Eau Claire, WI 54701

Thank you for your continued support of Regis Catholic Schools! **The 2014-2015 annual Regis Fund** will conclude on June 30, 2015. As of this spring, we have received donations of \$197,000 for this year's appeal.

Thank you to those who have already contributed to the annual Regis Fund. Your gifts help the **Regis Catholic Schools Foundation** support the annual budget to enhance curriculum, materials, and programs for our students.

It's humbling to know that we rely on the generosity of our loyal supporters. It is people like you who make a difference in the lives of our students. We are grateful for your past support and ask that you consider making a contribution this year, if you haven't already. What better way to say "thank you" than to give a gift to support the students of Regis Catholic Schools today? All gifts to the annual Regis Fund will be acknowledged in the Annual Report issue of The Rambler Report.

Your Regis Fund contribution is 100% tax deductible. Gifts are accepted throughout the school fiscal year, which runs through June 30, 2015.

You can still help us out and make a donation to the annual Regis Fund by returning the enclosed Regis Fund envelope or by going online to **www.RegisCatholicSchoolsFoundation.com**.



Alumni Report



Five Class of '57 beauties

enjoying themselves on a cruise through the Panama Canal! (Kathy Bonner Pope, Paula Bailey Roach, Mary Price Defnet, Linda Marx Madson and Joan Rust Stillman)

Sharon Connell (Decker) '59

and her husband, Bob, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on May 1, 2015.

Mary Beth Hanson '63 retired in July 2014 after 40 years as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and moved to Savage, Minnesota. In October 2014, she married John Wainwright.

Kathy Kovell '66 was honored with the In My Name Award at the 7th annual Evening in the Chippewa Valley: A Taste of Italy. The event, which is coordinated by Bishop William Callahan and Catholic Charities, benefits Sojourner House. Kathy was honored for the service she provided for those in need in the Chippewa Valley.



Anne Rud Miller '68

retired from 34 years teaching high school English (Ashland High School) and now teaches part-time at the Wisconsin

Indianhead Technical College and Lac Courte Oreilles Community College. She has published a novel, called 'Mashkiki Rapids', which won a 2013 WRITERS READ award and was awarded a Chequamegon Bay Arts Council Grant.



Pat Toutant '72

is the Race Director for the Eau Claire Marathon, which will be held Sunday, May 3, 2015.

To learn more, visit: www.eauclairerace.com.



Theresa Wallace Gutsch '74

is the campus administrator for MCW-Central Wisconsin. She oversees day-to-day operations, budgets, contracts and campus support infrastructure for students and faculty at the new medical school.



Joe Niese '95

was recently named Director of the Chippewa Falls Public Library in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. He's also written two books,

Burleigh Grimes: Baseball's Last Legal Spitballer (2013) and Handy Andy: The Andy Pafko Story (2015). He and his wife, Sara, have three children, Oliver, Evelyn and Henry.

Mallory Tomasovich '01

was promoted to the position of Casualty Insurance Manager for the Kimberly-Clark Corporation in Neenah, Wisconsin. Her background is in facilitating smart risk assessments, conducting educational presentations and placing insurance coverage.

Patrick Schaefer '02 was recently promoted to Chair of the History Department at Shattuck-St. Mary's School in Faribault, Minnesota. He has been teaching there since 2006.

Paul Mirr '05 and his wife, Genavieve, welcomed their first child (Ella) in early 2015.

Rebecca Liming '11 had her works published in the parent newsletter for St. Norbert's College on the Dos and Don'ts of Final Exam Season. Her list included DO stay positive and DON'T stress grades or give too much advice.



Bob Meyer '98 currently works in the State Capitol for Representative Dana Wachs (D-Eau Claire).

While he says he's always been interested in politics, he became seriously involved while he was attending UW-La Crosse. Bob graduated in 2002 and served as Field Director for Congressman Ron Kind's successful reelection campaign in that same year. Since then, he has worked on a number of campaigns and has had the privilege of meeting President Obama and Vice President Biden. He has also worked for State Representative Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) from 2007 to 2009 during which time he served as Committee Clerk for the Assembly Committee on Consumer Protection.

Bob lives in Madison with his fiancé Jen, who is originally from Superior, Wisconsin.

Joe Lorenz '11 was selected to the 2014 Midwest Conference North Division First Team All-Conference football team. Joe is a senior defensive back who played for St. Norbert's College. He led the Green Knights with 111 passes defensed, 59 tackles, one interception and one forced fumble.

Steven Hofacker '11 was selected captain of the St. Norbert's College basketball team. Steven has been a starter all year, averaging 9 points and 5 rebounds per game.

Calling all alumni!

Do you have exciting news? We want to know! Send your updates and any photos to rschultz-krogman@RegisCatholicSchools.com to be featured in future issues of **The Rambler Report!**

Reunions

Class of 1965 50th Reunion

All-Schools Reunion
(Regis, North & Memorial High Schools)
September 11
Wild Ridge Golf Course
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
\$20

Regis High School Reunion
September 12
Princeton Valley Golf Course
12 to 6 p.m.
(Lunch served at 2 p.m.)
Contact: Jeanne (Miller) Novacek
at (715) 835-5779

**Class of 1975
40th Reunion**
June 13
Pine Meadows Golf Course
Golf Road, Eau Claire
Contact: Shelly (Harper) Garnett
at shegarnett@gmail.com

Class of 1985 30th Reunion

August 22
Maple Manor Lounge
2507 S. Hastings Way
Eau Claire
6 to 11 p.m.
Contact: Suzy (Wahl) Sturz at
(715) 579-4942 or
sturz@charter.net

(Friend us on Facebook for all the details and updates! Look for "Regis 1985 Alumni".)

Calling all Class of 1981 alumni! Are you interested in planning the 35th reunion? If so, please contact Jim Gobler at jgobler@RegisCatholicSchools.com.

In Memorium

Alumni

Elizabeth "Betty" (McManus) Laizure '39
(St. Patrick's)

Ethel (Duchscher) Kielty '40
(St. Patrick's)

Denny Kelley '40
(St. Patrick's)

Dr. Karl Walter '41
(St. Patrick's)

William Kauffman '42
(St. Patrick's)

Mary Jane (Mason) Fisher '45
(St. Patrick's)

Geraldine (Schweitzer) Bischel '46
(St. Patrick's)

Lillian (Frandsen) Reiter '48
(St. Patrick's)

Leo Hinger '49
(St. Patrick's)

Jeanne (Schoettle) Loesch '49
(St. Patrick's)

Sister Mary Gebhard '50
(St. Patrick's)

Thomas Meyer '55

Donald Samuelson '55

Jerome Patrow '62

Marilyn (Haug) Sullivan '62

Michael Tomashek '63

Marianne (Zukowski) Bue '65

Susan Ann (Conley) Hendricks '65

Chris Bartosh '76

Christopher Geigle '79

Joseph Janz '83

Friends

Catherine Helminiak was a parent of Regis alumni. The family established a scholarship for a Regis student who plans to enter a college nursing program the following year.

Helen Crowe was the wife of Marty Crowe, who was a coach and teacher at St. Patrick's in the late 1940s.

Sharon Negrini was the wife of current Regis Girls Basketball Coach, 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.

Upcoming Events



Walk for Virtues

May 15, Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center



2015 Graduation

June 3, Regis High School



Catholic Schools Night at the Eau Claire Express

June 7, Carson Park



ScRambler Golf Outing

June 20, Lake Hallie Golf Course

The Regis Auction - November 7, Florian Gardens

Would you like to donate an item for The Regis Auction? Requested items include:

- Tickets to sporting events, the theatre, concerts, plane tickets or transferable airline miles
- Use of vacation homes, cottages, motor homes, time-shares or trips
- Services of tax preparation, will preparation, cleaning, handyman, automotive repair, etc.
- Guided fishing and hunting trips, boat trips, golfing packages
- Boats, cars or ATVs
- Electronics
- Theme baskets (Wine, food, movie, entertainment, books, sports, spa, etc.)

Donations can be dropped-off at the school offices or at the Regis Catholic Schools Central Office at 2728 Mall Drive in Eau Claire.



St. Patrick Parish 150 Year Celebration!

The beginnings of St. Patrick Parish, the mother Church of Eau Claire and home to the first Catholic school in the city, can be traced to the 1850s. Formed from St. Peter's Mission, it became St. Patrick in 1865. Now, 150 years later, the congregation is celebrating...and you are invited to some special events!

Guided Tours

April 18, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

April 19, 1 to 4 p.m.

April 21, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Corpus Christi Procession

June 7

Mass/Dinner/Irish Entertainment

June 21

10:30 a.m.

Holiday Bazaar

November 1

Mass (Celebrated by Bishop William Callahan, Diocese of La Crosse)

November 22

10 a.m.

St. Patrick is also raising funds for a church renovation project, which would include refurbishing the stained glass windows.

Learn more online at

www.sacredheartsaintpatrick.org

or by calling (715) 832-0925.

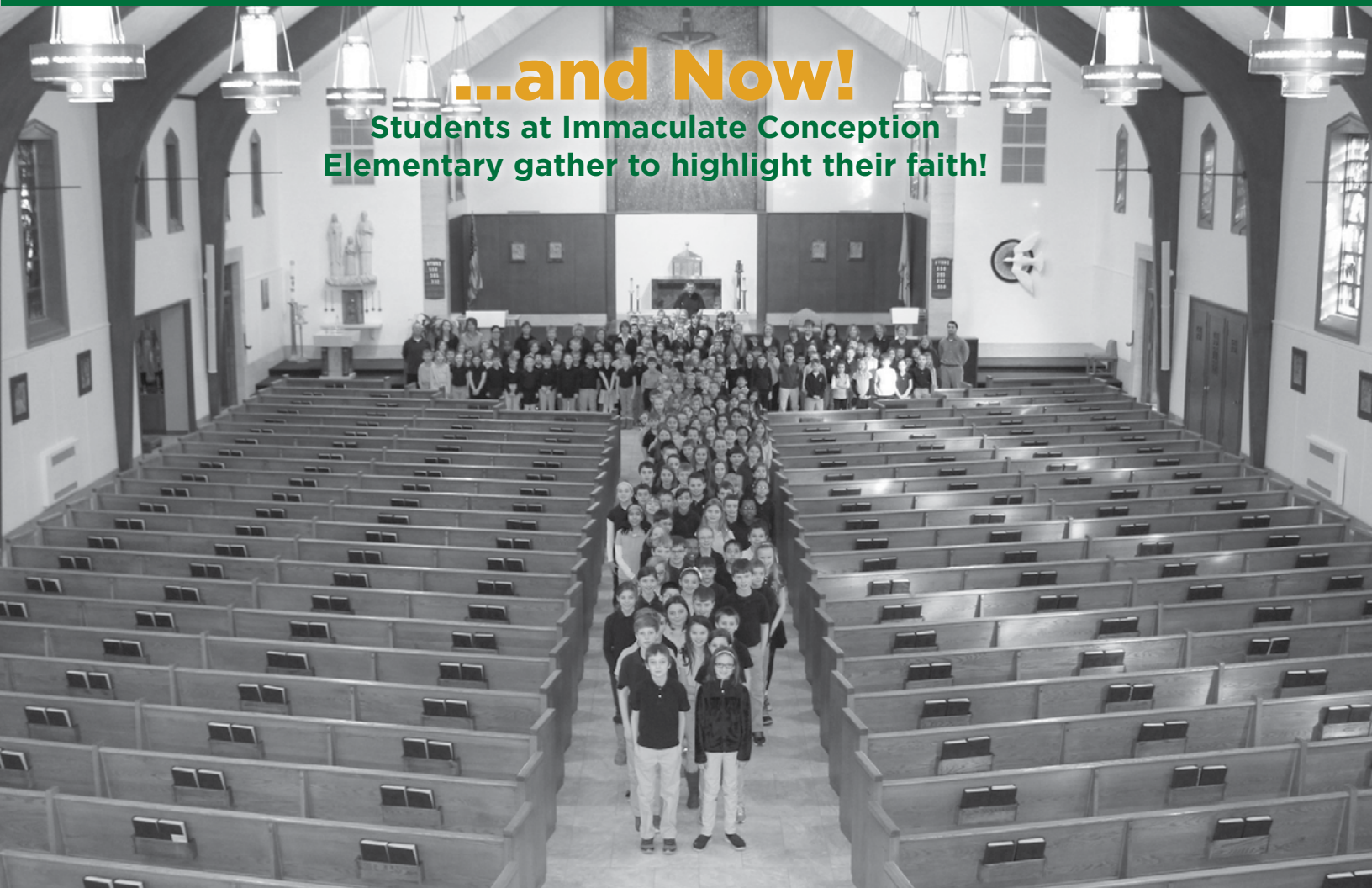
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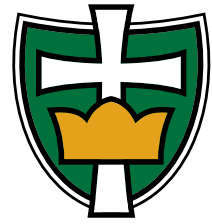
Students at Regis High School enter the new building in 1953.



...and Now!

Students at Immaculate Conception Elementary gather to highlight their faith!





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Gold Mass 2014



On December 17, students at Regis Middle and High School collected non-perishable food items and more than \$750 cash to help support area food pantries. This annual tradition dates back to the beginning of Regis!