

For Alumni of St. Patrick, St. Patrick Central and Bishop McNamara High School

Irish Update



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HOMECOMING 2016 CELEBRATION



Left to right: Dylan Post '17 (parents, Todd and Julianne Stauffenberg Post '84), Mary Gilmore '17 (parents, Pat and Laurie Hoover Gilmore '86), Alex Allegro '17 (parents, Mike '73 and Keli Allegro), Alyssa Dunn '18 (parents, Pat '87 and Marissa Dunn)

Friday, October 14th

Watch the Bishop McNamara Fightin' Irish take on the St. Ignatius Wolfpack.

The varsity game begins at 7:30 p.m. with the 2016 homecoming queen and her court introduction at halftime.

Visit the "VIP ALUMNI TENT" at the south end of the football field at 6:30 p.m.

Join us at the "Alumni & Friends Post-Game Gathering" at Brookmont Bowl from 9:00 p.m. until midnight with DJ Michael Berger '05 entertaining us with music from all decades.

Saturday, October 15th

"Coffee in the Courtyard & School Tours" from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 23 Grade School Night	FEBRUARY 19ABC Trivia Night
OCTOBER 14 & 15Homecoming Weekend	MARCH 4Grade School Las Vegas Night
OCTOBER 14 - 15, 21 - 22, 28 - 29 ... Grade School Haunted House	MARCH 24 - 26 Spring Musical School House Rock!
OCTOBER 22 - 23 Fall Play "Hocus Pocus" in the new Black Box Theater	APRIL 12 - 23Easter Break
OCTOBER 29ABC Drawdown	DATE TBD Grade School Spring Fever 5K
OCTOBER 30 Prospective Student Open House Grades 9 - 12	MAY 533rd Annual Dinner Auction and \$75,000 Raffle Drawing
NOVEMBER 4Grade School Dinner Auction	MAY 21High School Graduation
DECEMBER 21 - JANUARY 2 Christmas Break	MAY 258th Grade Graduation
JANUARY 14 Class of 2021 Placement Test	
JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 4 Catholic Schools Week	
FEBRUARY 3 Auction Kick-Off Party	

Check our new website
bishopmac.com

for a complete listing of scheduled Masses and school happenings!



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PRESIDENT

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Director of Alumni Relations

Interested in being a member of the Irish Alumni Association Board? Contact Sandy at (815) 933-7620 or at smalpasuto@bmcss.org.



FROM OUR PRESIDENT **Terry Granger**

Bishop McNamara Alumni & Friends:

As many of you are aware, Bishop McNamara as you knew it has changed. As we embarked on a new academic year on August 18th, Bishop McNamara took on a new identity. Bishop McNamara Catholic School is now THE Catholic school in the greater Kankakee community. We have regionalized the Catholic schools of Kankakee county and Bishop McNamara is now educating students in grades Pre-K thru grade 12.

Because we are THE Catholic school in our community, our efforts will be consistently, generously, and wholeheartedly directed toward a quality Catholic education and to the success of all of our students. Our goal for each and every Bishop McNamara student is to, first and foremost, assist them on their faith journey through our faith-filled learning environment. Secondly, we will assist them to acquire the necessary skills to succeed and to make an impact in our ever-changing world in which we live.

As I enter my fifth year as President/Principal of Bishop McNamara I am proud to share with you some of our accomplishments and enhancements we have made to provide a quality Catholic education that maximizes the spiritual, moral, and intellectual potential of our students.

We are proud of the fact that:

- Over the last two years, our high school enrollment has gone up 10%. For two consecutive years, our incoming freshmen class is over 90 students. In fact, the opening

high school enrollment for the 2016-17 academic year stands at 341 students which is the largest in the last five years.

- Our retention rate is at 97% which is up from 87% five years ago. Our students are staying because we connect with each one of them and provide them with an environment that is not only conducive to learning, but we are also meeting their academic needs while continually challenging their God-given abilities.

- Colleges and universities from 24 states offered the Class of 2016 admission to their respective institutions. This includes Ivy League schools, 21 Catholic colleges and universities, as well as various small liberal arts colleges.

- 68% of the Class of 2016 graduated with college credits either through AP classes or dual credit courses in which we have partnered with Kankakee Community College.

- 20% of the graduates from the Class of 2016 graduated with at least 10 college credits.

- Enrollment in fine arts classes is up 90%. We have made a three-year commitment to improve upon not only the programs, but the facilities which they will be using as well. We are extremely excited about our Black Box Theater we are establishing for this academic year!

I encourage you to get to know us online on our brand new website, bishopmac.com, and in person. Walk through our doors and you will feel the energy, the spirit, and the Catholic tradition of Bishop McNamara Catholic School. We are ONE in God, ONE in mission, ONE in school, and ONE in family!

May God continue to bless all of you and your families!

Terry Granger '76

President

Bishop McNamara Catholic School

FROM OUR ALUMNI PRESIDENT **Terry Memenga**

Dear Irish Families:

I am a graduate of the class of 1981 which seems like such a long time ago. I have the privilege to serve as your Irish Alumni Association Board President this year. I am the proud parent of two boys who are Bishop McNamara graduates: Dennis '01 and Adam '04. I am also a grandparent of two students at the BMCS Bourbonnais site: Kate '28 and Jack '30. Wow - did I really just write down those numbers?



I want to say "thank you" to Sarah Piggush Mickler '99 for her service these past two years as Alumni Board President. We are proud of our board and grateful for the hard work and dedication that is put forth in hosting our various alumni events throughout the year.

A lot has changed in our school building since the days my generation walked the halls. With the regionalization of area Catholic schools, it is going to be an amazing year ahead that is full of excitement and challenges. I want to encourage all alumni to do something to support the upcoming year. If you can help financially, we will be eternally grateful. If not financially, then I ask

for your continued prayers. We will need plenty of both as we move through these changes. We have so many great people in place to make it all happen. My "hats off" to Mr. Granger and his entire staff for navigating this exciting time. I know some people are reluctant to change. I believe if we just give these folks an opportunity to succeed, with our support, good things will happen.

Homecoming is upon us and many reunions are happening, even my own 35th reunion. I look forward to seeing a few faces I have missed over the years. Don't let connecting via Facebook take the place of your reunions as there is great value in reconnecting in person. Keep our advancement office posted on your reunion activities and we will help you spread the word.

I look forward to the upcoming year and working with everyone. If you have any input for the alumni board, feel free to contact me directly at tmemenga@yahoo.com.

Once again, thank you for being a member of the Bishop McNamara family.

Terry Memenga '81

Irish Alumni Association Board President

New Dynamics In The Advancement Office

We have recently changed the dynamics of our Advancement office in order to strengthen our team by identifying roles in which they will have continued success.

• **Areca Van Mill** is our new Director of Advancement. Areca brings with her vast fundraising experience. She most recently worked for the American Cancer Society leading the effort of coordinating and executing the #1 Relay For Life fundraising event in the State of Illinois and in the top 25 in the world. Areca will guide us in advancing the mission of our school by enhancing our presence within the community, raising funds to sustain our viability, and elevating our annual fund campaigns to the next level.

• **Sandy LaMotte Malpasuto '82** will redirect into the part-time role of Director of Alumni Relations where she will work with the Irish Alumni Association Board. Sandy's efforts will focus on coordinating: The Irish Golf Classic; The Ken Klipp Classic 5K Run/2 Mile Walk; homecoming weekend events; fall and spring editions of the Irish Update; and, The Dorothy and Romy Hammes Hall of Honor induction ceremony and reception.

• **Emily Summers Skelly '90** will continue as Director of Admissions. Emily has several years of experience in enrollment management and is currently seeing results of a 10% increase in enrollment in the high school grades 9 through 12 for 2016-17 school year. Emily will continue her efforts in working toward



Left to Right: Emily Summers Skelly '92, Sandy LaMotte Malpasuto '82, Meghan Billadeau Elliott '06, Areca VanMill, Lisa Azzarelli Gerth '80, Laura Breault Andersen '97

increasing the school enrollment through various means of marketing, events, and outreaches.

• **Meghan Billadeau Elliott '06** will move into the position of Director of Fundraising and Special Events. This past year, Meghan has strengthened the team with her proficiency in our Blackbaud Raiser's Edge database software system which she will continue to manage. She will lead fundraising efforts for the Ceile Calendar, the Annual Dinner Auction and the \$75,000 Raffle. She will act as the liaison to the MAC PAC (Parent Action Community). Meghan is also an active member of the Irish Alumni Association Board.

• **Laura Breault Andersen '97** is the newest team member and is taking on

the role of Director of Marketing & Communications for the newly formed Bishop McNamara Catholic School system. She will coordinate all marketing strategies and communications. Her efforts will work toward telling the complete Bishop McNamara Catholic School story. Laura has 16 years of experience in marketing.

• **Lisa Azzarelli Gerth '80** continues as the Advancement Office Administrative Assistant and provides daily support to the team. In addition to general office tasks, Lisa manages large mailings and coordinates office volunteers. She is also an active Irish Alumni Association Board member.

The Advancement team enthusiastically looks forward to working with all of you.

UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS

THE CLASS OF 1956 WILL HOLD THEIR 60 YEAR REUNION September 23, 24, and 25. On Friday, the 23rd, a gathering will be held at the home of Tom and Maureen O'Connor at 6:00 p.m. On Saturday, the 24th, a boat ride on the Kankakee river or a round of golf is being offered. They will then gather for 4:00 Mass at St. Patrick's in Kankakee with a dinner following at the Kankakee Country Club. On Sunday, the 25th, reunion guests will gather at Tucci's for breakfast at 10:00 a.m.

THE CLASS OF 1966 WILL HOLD THEIR 50 YEAR REUNION the weekend of September 23rd and 24th. On Friday, September 23rd, they will meet for an "Ice Breaker" at Out on a Limb, Kankakee, from 8:00 p.m. until midnight. On Saturday, September 24th, golf is scheduled at Aspen Ridge, Bourbonnais, with a 9:00 a.m. tee time. The day will continue with happy hour from 6-7:00 p.m., dinner from 7-8:00 p.m., and a live band from 8 p.m. - midnight, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Kankakee. Contact Barb Richards Clutter at ismkeu@att.net or, Pat Sweeney Payton at pspaytonstudio@gmail.com.

THE CLASS OF 1976 40 YEAR REUNION will take place over homecoming weekend, October 14th, 15th, and 16th. Their weekend will begin with happy hour at Sammy's in Kankakee, on Friday, October 14th from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. They will head to Memorial Field for the homecoming

festivities at the football game and continue to the "Alumni & Friends Post-Game Gathering" at Brookmont Bowl. On Saturday, October 15th they will come to school in the morning for "Coffee in the Courtyard & School Tours." They will attend 4:30 p.m. Mass at Maternity BVM Church, Bourbonnais, then head to Rigo's Place in Kankakee for dinner. On Sunday, October 16th, they will join for brunch at 11:00 a.m. at Rigo's Place, Kankakee. Follow them on Facebook: Bishop McNamara Class of 1976.

THE CLASS OF 1981 WILL JOIN TOGETHER FOR THEIR 35TH REUNION on Friday, October 14th at homecoming. They will gather at the "Alumni & Friends Post-Game Gathering" at Brookmont Bowl. Please contact Terry Memenga at tmemenga@yahoo.com with questions or, for more information.

THE CLASS OF 1986 WILL HOLD THEIR 30 YEAR REUNION over homecoming weekend on October 14th and 15th. They will gather at the homecoming game on Friday the 14th and attend the "Alumni & Friends Post-Game Gathering" at Brookmont Bowl. They will come to the school on Saturday the 15th for Coffee in the Courtyard & School Tours." On Saturday evening, reunion guests will head to Sammy's Pizza in Kankakee at 6:30 p.m. Contact Desiree Denoyer at desireedenoyer@yahoo.com or at (773) 398-6393 for additional information or, if you have any questions.



Bishop McNamara's 32nd Annual Dinner Auction

Excitement was in the air at the 32nd Annual Dinner Auction which was held on Friday, May 13th. Many alumni and friends attended this event. Our 2016 chairmen were Todd '86 and Tricia Arseneau and honorary chairperson was Sharon Soucie Jackson '56.

(Auction photos provided by Wayba Productions, LLC and YES Magazine)



Mike '85 and Danielle Arseneau, 2016 Auction Chairmen - Tricia and Todd Arseneau '86, Debby and Jeff Arseneau '83



Jennifer and Bryan Jackson '91, Honorary Chairperson - Sharon Soucie Jackson '56, Michael '90, Eddie '87 and Danny Jackson '95



Ed and Jan Powers Glazer '78



Amy and Chris Tholen '96



Meredith and Andy Purcell '92



Kelly and Michelle Kirchman Frank '79



2017 Auction Chairmen, Tonya and Ryan O'Connor '86



Mary and Dallas Wheeler '81



Pat '78 and Sheila Martin



Wally and Kim Stauffenberg Shirley '81



**Pat and Sarah Piggush
Mickler '99**



**Ed '71 and Amy Martel '70
DeMarah**



**Rosanne Gianotti '75, Dr. Joseph Meisenbach,
Sue Gianotti Hodak '76**



Jerry and June Hoekstra



**Casey Granger '08 and
Nikita Brown**



Madi '13, Jeff '83 and Cindy Mullinax



Drawing by Nora Bufford '16

THANK YOU MR. SKIBBENS

for your 30 years of teaching
religion at Bishop McNamara.
You were an influential part of
so many of our lives.
You taught us well!
Best wishes in your
retirement years.



**English Teacher, Pat Memenga
and Chris Skibbens**

SEVERAL ALUMNI CAME TO PAY MR. SKIBBENS A VISIT AT HIS "SURPRISE GOING AWAY PARTY"



**Left to Right: Alex Schwengler '11, Taylor Divit '11, Melissa
LaReau '11, Justin Marrier '11, Jamie Anderson '10**



**Brooke Major '14,
Taylor Prude '16**

Send cards of
well wishes to:
*Mr. Chris Skibbens
c/o BMCS
Advancement Office
550 W Brookmont Blvd.
Kankakee, IL 60901*
and we will
get them
to him for you.

**IRISH
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Golf Classic

The 30th Annual Irish Golf Classic was held in July at Oak Springs Golf Course, St. Anne. GREAT weather, GREAT friendship, GREAT food, GREAT drinks, and a GREAT DAY OF GOLF was had by all. We had 116 alumni and friends come from near and far to play in this outing. A huge thank you to all golfers, sponsors, and volunteers "fore" making this day so special!



Joe Ciaccio '66



**Mike Brosseau '96, Dan Brosseau '82,
Dennis Brosseau '60, Debbie Brosseau Yeazel '81**



**Matt Williams '07 getting
an arms' length of 50/50
raffle tickets from
Bradie Vaubel '13**



**Taylor Bennett '06,
Brittany Hasselbring '08**



**Lee Guimond '58,
Dave Ayers '58**



**Ed Monahan '65, Mike Golowski '79,
Karl Keller '79, Steve Siemsen '65**



**Dick Stack '58,
Paul Konrath '58**



**Matt Thyfault '85, Mike Krause '91,
Jim Hardy, Jack Renchen '91**



Brian '65, Corky '62, Kenny '65 and Luke Johnson '98

SAVE THE DATE • JULY 7th • IRISH GOLF CLASSIC 2017

Father – Daughter Brunch

The annual Father-Daughter Brunch was celebrated in the spring. The cafeteria was decorated with a lively “circus” theme. The dads enjoyed playing circus games with their daughters prior to the luncheon. Our keynote speaker was Kelly Smith Haley '95. After graduating from Bishop McNamara, Kelly attended Notre Dame University earning an English degree in 1999. She continued her professional studies earning a law degree from Loyola University of Chicago in 2004. She is currently a partner in Fox, Swibel, Levin & Carroll’s Employment Law and Litigation Groups. Kelly serves as an active member of the Dennis J. Smith Legacy Foundation to raise awareness of ALS. She is also the secretary and member of the Board of Directors for the Chicago Foundation for Women. She and her husband Andrew live in Chicago with their two children. Kelly is a wonderful role model for our young ladies. She left them all feeling truly inspired and enthusiastic.



**Back Row: Jean Smith, Andrew Haley, Kelly Smith Haley '95, and Francis Smith '60.
Front Row: Caroline and Christopher Haley**

MANY ALUMNI DADS ENJOYED THE FATHER – DAUGHTER BRUNCH WITH THEIR DAUGHTERS



Terry '76 and Ali Granger '16



Jenna '19, Ryan '86, and McKenna O'Connor '21



Mike '85, and Jenna Arseneau '16



Scott '80, and Annie Kyrouac '16



Tara '24, Todd '86, and Taylor Arseneau '16



Sophia '18, and Todd Keigher '91



Otto '74, and Madison Stuckmaier '19



Lauren '16, and Darren Zinanni '86

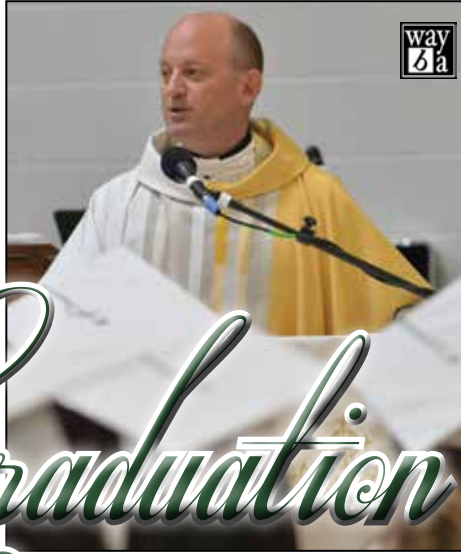


Rich Surprenant '56 with granddaughter, Kaylee Surprenant '18

Hannah Lambert '16



Rev. John Belmonte, S.J., Ph.D.
Superintendent of Catholic Schools,
Diocese of Joliet



**Bagpiper who led the graduates out
after the commencement ceremony**



Graduation

Our newest alumni, the Class of 2016 graduated on May 22, 2016. They are ready and eager to go out and make a difference in our world!

MANY OF OUR 2016 GRADUATES ARE CHILDREN OF ALUMNI



The Bertrand Family: Amy (Rehmer) '90, Maddie '16 (Vanguard University of Southern California, Costa Mesa, CA), and Brady



Brittany (Spriggs) Manau '92, Nick Baker '16 (Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara, CA), Lisa (Ward) Holt '92



The Shutter Family: Shannon '87, Kobe '16 (Knox College, Galesburg, IL), Kate, and Kennedy Shutter '12



The Grant Family: Haley '12, Peter '83, Sadie '16 (University of Louisville, Louisville, KY), Lesley (Parkhurst) '85, and Dillon '11



The Worby Family: Danielle '15, Andrew '16 (University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY), and Jim '85

The Zinanni Family: Zach, Gina, Lauren '16 (St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN), Darren '86, and Alex





The Bufford Family: Beau '31, Nick '99, Norah Bufford '16 (Lindenwood University, St. Charles, MO), and Jayme (Carter) '00



The Arseneau Family: Todd '86, Tara '24, Taylor '16 (Milwaukee School of Ballet, Milwaukee, WI), Tricia, and Tyler '11



The LaCost Family: Tara, Kaitlin '16 (Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL), and Mike '88



Adam '06, Terry '76, Ali '16 (Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI), Jackie (Devine) '79 and Casey Granger '08



The Kyrouac Family: Mary, Aaron '11, Annie '16 (Illinois State University, Normal, IL), Scott '80, Adam '13, and Andrew '19



The Hoekstra Family: David '84, Michael '13, Daniel '16 (Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL), and Cathy Hoekstra



The West Family: Cy '13, Jay '82, Melissa, and Jared '16 (Columbia University, New York, NY)



The Robbins: Mary (DeCarlo) '92, and Madyson '16 (G Skin Institute, Chicago, IL)



The Lambert Family: Laura (VanVoorhis) '83, Ed '79, Hannah '16 (Southeast Missouri State, Cape Girardeau, MO), and Taylor DeVos '06



The Peddinghaus Family: Molly (Kennedy) '85, Annika '16 (Loyola Marymount, Los Angeles, CA), and Henry '14



The Netherton Family: Wilson '19, Bill, Natalie (Nugent) '88, and Abbie '16 (Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL)



The Reilly Family: Colin '10, Erin '16 (St. Mary of the Woods, Terre Haute, IN), Nolan '12, Anne (Stark) '85, and Craig



The Arseneau Family: Lucas '14, Matthew '21, Danielle, Jenna '16 (Kankakee Community College), Mike '85, and Andrew '21



AWARD *Recipients*

RICH ZINANNI '65, 2016 RECIPIENT OF THE DENNIS J. SMITH LEGACY FOUNDATION CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY AWARD



At the 10th Annual Denny Golf Outing on July 18th, Rich Zinanni '65 was presented with the Dennis J. Smith Legacy Foundation Caring for the Community Award. It was noted that Rich has been a teacher, administrator,

fund raiser and coach during his 41 years at Bishop McNamara High School. Last year he led Bishop McNamara to the 2015 Illinois Class 3A state championship, his fifth state championship. Most importantly, Rich was recognized for his mentoring over a thousand young men during his years at Bishop McNamara.

"The Dennis J. Smith Legacy Foundation helps open the doors to Bishop McNamara High School in Kankakee, Illinois to students who may not otherwise be able to attend due to financial reasons. Since 2007, the Foundation has awarded over \$400,000 in scholarships to students at Bishop McNamara. These scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated their commitment to community service and leadership. The Foundation has also awarded over \$50,000 in scholarships to Kankakee Community College students. The Legacy Foundation has also worked closely with and regularly financially supports the Les Turner Foundation, which is committed to ALS research and helping the families of ALS patients."

TERRY GRANGER '76 EARNS PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

On April 28th, the Lewis University Institute for the Advancement of Catholic and Lasallian Education honored Terry Granger with the Seventh Annual Bishop Roger Kaffer Outstanding Principal Award in the Diocese of Joliet. The ceremony was held at Lewis University. More than 100 principals, educators, supporters, staff and friends from around the Diocese of Joliet attended this event. Terry, a 1993 alumnus of Lewis, was recognized for the works he has done as principal in the Joliet Diocese for the past 14 years. His appointment to president of Bishop McNamara Catholic School, the newly formed Pre-K – 12 school system in Kankakee county, beginning this 2016-17 school year was also acknowledged. The Bishop Roger Kaffer Award is in honor of the auxiliary bishop that served in many roles as an education leader during his more than 50 years of priesthood in the Joliet Diocese.



**Larry Wiers, Assistant Professor/
Director of School Partnerships,
Lewis University, Terry Granger '76**

MIKE KIMBERLIN '01 IS INDUCTED INTO THE CHICAGO CATHOLIC LEAGUE'S HALL OF FAME

Michael Kimberlin '01 was inducted into the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame on May 5th. This marked the 55th year of this annual celebration. While at McNamara, Mike was outstanding in the sports of football and wrestling. He excelled both on offense and defense during his football career. He rushed for 325 yards on 60 carries and had 4 touchdowns his senior year during a 4A playoff game against Normal Community High School. The rushing yards and attempts are an IHSA 4A playoff record. The 60 attempts is 6th all-time in the National High School record book. He is also the all-time leading tackler in Bishop McNamara history. Mike was a three-time All Catholic League performer, a three-time

Kankakee Daily Journal All-Area selection and was the Kankakee Daily Journal Outstanding Football Player recipient. He was selected to the IHSA State Team his senior year.

Mike was a three-time Chicago Catholic League Wrestling Champion. He was the recipient of the Tony Lawless Award his senior year, a four-time Kankakee Daily Journal All-Area selection, and a four-time IWCOA All-State Team selection. His senior year, he was recognized as the Cliff Keen Wrestling USA High School All-American member and was the Kankakee Daily Journal Outstanding Wrestler. In the IHSA State Tournament, he placed 3rd as a freshman, 2nd as a sophomore, and 1st his junior and senior years. During his senior season, he did not allow a take down in 71 matches.

Mike attended Northwestern University where he was a four-year letterman and a National qualifier at 157 lbs. in 2004. He coached wrestling at McNamara for 8 years with his father Dale and brother, Jake '07. Mike has helped contribute to the success of 15 state qualifiers, 13 state-placers, and 6 IHSA state champions. He currently teaches and coaches wrestling at Minooka High School.

(Chicago Catholic League 55th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Banquet Program Booklet, May 5, 2016)



**Ryan Kimberlin '03, Mike
Kimberlin '01, Jake Kimberlin '07**

MAUREEN O'CONNOR HONORED AS PRESENCE ST MARY'S SERVANT OF THE YEAR

The O'Connor family gathered on August 11th as Mrs. Maureen O'Connor was named the Presence St. Mary's 29th Servant Leader of the Year. The award is given to an individual who the hospital believes cultivates a spirit of philanthropy throughout the Kankakee area. Mrs. Maureen O'Connor has been a wonderful part of the Bishop McNamara family over the years.

Seated: Sissy O'Connor '84, Maureen O'Connor, Tom O'Connor '56; Standing: Broghan O'Connor '19, Dr. Maureen O'Connor, Corinne O'Connor '15, Dr. Tom O'Connor '82, Callaghan (3rd Grade at BMCS, Bourbonnais) Jake Goldberg, Kelly O'Connor Goldberg '81, Will Goldberg, Michael Goldberg



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Contributors

Thank you to everyone who contributes to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the Irish Update.

Jeanne Provancal Regnier.....	1945
Leon Blanchette	1948
Robert Dionne	1948
William Golding	1948
Dennis Savoie.....	1950
Justin Cyrier	1951
Zeph and Joan Lambert Benoit.....	1952
Sharon Draude	1953
Richard Gagnon	1953
Robert Sterr	1954
Monica Benoit Ruder.....	1955
Sharon Kohl Tomaszewski	1955
Dianna Anderson Wilson	1960
Wayne Granger.....	1962
Michael LaGesse.....	1962
Burma Mathews	1962
Susan Michel.....	1965
Michael Ohrt.....	1965
Judith Lower Bourland	1971
Claudia L'Ecuyer Wandless.....	1975
Pat Martin.....	1978
Christine Kilbride McGovern	1987
Madelyn O'Brien.....	Friend

Future Irish Alumni



Teagan Ashleigh Kidd was born June 24th. Proud parents are Nicholas & Kelly Sullivan Kidd '05.

Is there a new baby in your family?

Email Lisa at lgerth@bmcss.org to request a bib.

We will send you one in the mail! Take a photograph of your baby with the bib on and email it back to us. We will publish it in the next Irish Update.

Rest In Peace

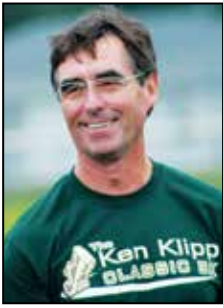
Anne Farman Chandler	1940
Robert Ortman.....	1941
Marilyn Memenga Walters	1942
Joyce Brault Cosgrove.....	1943
Kathleen Mallaney Danca	1944
Fr. Kenneth Yarno, CSV.....	1950
Sondra Baron Roy	1957
Jeanne Regnier Levin.....	1966
Mike Brookshaw	1970
Bruce Buck.....	1970
Jacqueline Lergner.....	1977
Mary Beth Reising Riechers	1979
Fr. Mark Fracaro	Friend
Richard Kozuch	Friend
Floyd Bates	Friend
Deland Burns	Friend

Father Kenneth Yarno



Fr. Kenneth Yarno '50 died on June 8, 2016 in Arlington Heights at the age of 84. He was born on March 4, 1932 in Watseka. Fr. Yarno entered the Clerics of St. Viator in 1950 after graduating from St. Patrick High School where the Viatorians were his teachers. He was ordained a priest on May 17, 1959. He earned a B.A. from St Ambrose

College, Davenport, IA, in philosophy and an M.S. in industrial arts from Bradley University, Peoria. He received a certificate in educational administration from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, which led him to his career as an administrator. Fr. Yarno was principal at Bishop McNamara High School from 1973 – 1981. Within our community, he served as pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Kankakee as well as St. George Parish. He will be remembered and missed by many.



The Ken Klipp 5K CLASSIC

The 3rd Annual Ken Klipp Classic 5K Run/2 Mile Walk was held on Saturday, August 20th at Memorial Field. Over 100 alumni, friends, and family joined in on this special day... despite the rainy forecast. The race was completed just in time. A torrential rainfall immediately followed!

Two outstanding runners were honored at this year's race, Marty Klipp '94, son of Ken Klipp, and Taylor Bennett '06. Marty ran for Bishop McNamara from '90 - '94. He had an impressive running history during that time: three-time state qualifier in cross country; all state (13th) in cross country '93; three-time sectional champion in track; three-time state qualifier in track; and, holds the school record in the 3200 meter run. Taylor ran for Bishop McNamara from '01 - '05. She also had a fabulous running career during those years: three-time state qualifier; two-time all state (15th - '02 and 7th - '03) in cross country; three-time medalist in track in three different events (800, 1600, and 3200 meter); and, holds the school record in the 3200 meter run. Both of these runners came in 1st for their age divisions at this year's Ken Klipp Classic.



Marty Klipp '94, Ken Klipp, Taylor Bennett '06



Stacie and Bill Powers '86



Rita (Walsh) '67 and John Mroz '65



Kenna Brosseau (4th grade at BMCS), Ronn Brosseau '96



Chuck and Drew Parsons '01



John Vallone, Ken Klipp, Carol Vallone (Race Sponsors)



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David Marsalli '80



Jacob Quigley '16



Patrick O'Brien '07

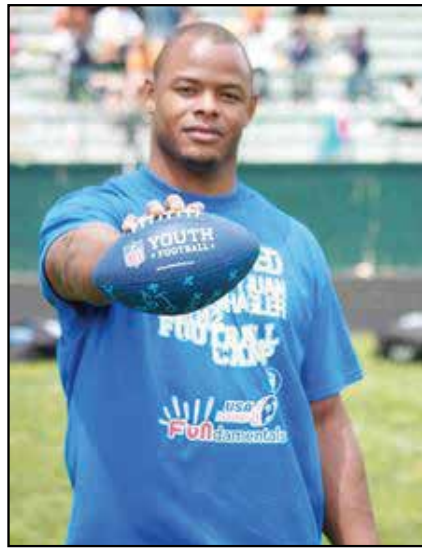


The Breault Family: Rachel '12, Bruce '71, Chris (Memenga) '72, and Laura (Breault) Andersen '97



Laura (Breault) Andersen '97

The Tyjuan Hagler '00 10th Annual Free Kidz-Kan-Do Summer Football Camp



THE TYJUAN HAGLER 10TH ANNUAL FREE KIDZ-KAN-DO SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP was held on June 18th at Bishop McNamara High School. This camp brings hundreds of youth (ages 6-15) together annually for football instruction, including preparation for the Pass, Punt, and Kick competition. This year, a cheerleading camp was also offered. Parents, coaches, and community members enjoy this annual day just as much as the youth participants.

The 10th anniversary of this event was very special. Tyjuan was born and raised in Kankakee and was a standout student and athlete while attending McNamara. He received a full scholarship to play football at the University of Cincinnati, helped his team win several bowl games, and was awarded best linebacker in his class. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and was drafted to play for the Indianapolis Colts.

From 2005- 2011 Tyjuan played for the NFL (Indianapolis Colts and Seattle Seahawks). He played linebacker for the Colts when they won the Super Bowl Championship in 2007.

In 2006 the Tyjuan Hagler Foundation was founded. Tyjuan says "I was inspired by my hometown community, I wanted to create an environment where young kids could find hope and strength to follow their dreams regardless of the adversities they may face. I needed this as a kid and wanted to make sure to give back to my hometown."

In 2012, Tyjuan recalls, "I didn't know if I would play again, wasn't sure if I was ready to hang it up and, what was I going to do? Football had been such a huge part of how I defined my life. So, I set a goal of 1

year to make my decision of when to finally "walk away". I started personal training to stay busy and stay in shape, in the event my number was called again. Needless to say, the phone didn't ring, so on to what to do with the rest of my life."

In 2013 Tyjuan decided to go back to school and start working on a master's degree while still personal training.

In 2014, Tyjuan graduated from Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH, with a Master's Degree in Sports Administration.

In 2015, Tyjuan says, "I was on a mission. I was determined to break back into the NFL, but this time into the front office. I started taking advantage of as many job shadow and internship opportunities with the NFL, while working as a personal trainer. All of the opportunities were unpaid but the knowledge I gained proved priceless. I appreciated the opportunity I got to work backstage in the NFL Draft. I got a chance to speak to the young players and pick the brains of legends like Charles Haley and Jim Kelly. I spent some time in Jacksonville soaking up the operations aspect of the business. I then had the pleasure of spending 2 ½ weeks with NFL London, shadowing and focusing on international operations. In this time, I was able to network and meet countless hardworking and passionate people that allowed me to see their world through their eyes."

In January 2016, one week after he returned from London, Tyjuan shares, "I received a job offer working with the NFL Player Engagement Department. This is a relatively new program and was exactly what I wanted to do. My role was to prepare players for the transition out of the game. I am proof that there is life after

football. I feel as if I found my calling. I love helping people figure out what they want to do and exactly what makes them happy."

In closing, Tyjuan reveals, "Right now I feel that the sky is the limit. Today, I am completely surrounded by such amazing and hardworking people that continue to invite me into their perspective. I look forward to the day I get to repay their efforts. As for the camp, I would love to continue seeing kids in the camp go on to college and graduate leading successful lives. They changed my life in more ways than they even know. I just love getting random emails from kids expressing how the connections from the camp and staff has made an impact on their lives. I am extremely thankful for the role Bishop McNamara has played in this entire journey and all the while supporting my camp from day one.... instilling the intangibles on the football field that ultimately transcended into my life. I love how my career parallels my entire vision. From the Camp that focuses on the youth, helping them find positivity by building lasting connections, to the elite players entering life after football. After leaving football I had no idea what to do. The transition was all too abrupt. I knew I wasn't the only one going through this situation. I never wavered. I followed my heart and God's calling. Currently I serve God and the NFL players, that's pretty much my job and I look forward to it every day."

Thank you to Joseph Shepherd of RedRoot Group, Inc. and Cynthia Willis (Tyjuan's mother) for providing us with photographs and for the historical interview with Tyjuan specifically for this edition of the Irish Update.

ALUMNI *in the news*



Dennis O'Brien '94

Dennis O'Brien '94 is Director of Operations for the Boeing Company's Government Operations office in Washington, D.C. In this role, he is responsible for implementing and overseeing all financial, administrative and compliance functions of the office. Dennis has over 15 years' worth of diverse experience managing finance, operations and government relations for political and government organizations, public affairs firms and non-profit entities.

Prior to joining Boeing, he served as the Deputy CEO for Finance and Administration at the Democratic National Convention Committee in Philadelphia, PA, where he managed finance, compliance, human resources, administration and general business services for the 2016 national party convention. Before working at the DNCC, Dennis served as Director of Government Relations for RTI International and was responsible for developing and managing advocacy strategies in support of RTI's legislative and policy agenda with Congress, the Administration and federal agencies. Prior to that role, he served as Chief Financial Officer for the Climate Reality Project, a non-profit organization involved in education and advocacy related to environmental issues.

Dennis also has significant experience working in Democratic politics, holding senior positions with the 2013 Presidential Inauguration; the 2004, 2008, and 2016 Democratic Conventions; the Democratic National Committee as an aide to then-Chairman Terry McAuliffe; and numerous national and state wide campaigns. He is also the founder and former CEO of Clover Consulting, LLC, a boutique strategic consulting and government relations firm specializing in the technology, health care, energy and environment, transportation and education sectors.

Dennis has a Masters of Business Administration from the American University and a Bachelors Degree in Political Science from Marquette University.



Will Winans '97

Will Winans '97 came to Bishop McNamara later in his high school years. He says that he has such gratitude for strong educators like Jim Laurenti, who went out of his way to usher him into the school community. Will shares, "My memories of Bishop McNamara are overwhelmingly positive, from running up and down the soccer field, to the friends I made and the first time my ears perked up at reading Shakespeare. My time there truly had great impact on the years that followed."

After graduation, Will went on to study English literature at Illinois Wesleyan University and later at the University of Montana. While school kept him occupied through his early twenties, there was another interest that stayed constant and would eventually become his career. He grew up just outside Kankakee along the Kankakee River on the edge of the State Park.

Some of his earliest and best memories come from mornings at first light, paddling out on the water with his dad and brothers. As a kid, he developed a strong connection with the river, and as he became obsessed with the sport of fly fishing, that interest grew. Will shares that fly fishing, to him, is about taking a deeper look at his surroundings and it's a way to discover some incredible places.

Ironically, it wasn't until Will moved to New York City in 1999 that he began to work in the fly fishing industry.

Through his job at Orvis, he taught fly casting lessons in Central Park and discovered the legendary waters of the Catskill Mountains, along with the saltwater fisheries of the Atlantic coastline.

In 2001, he moved to western Montana, where he explored endless miles of free-stone rivers and streams. In 2006, he began working with the guys at Chicago Fly Fishing Outfitters, teaching countless fly fishing schools, casting lessons and fly tying classes, all built on Midwest fly angling. In 2013, Will founded Big River Fly Fishing, a guide service specializing in drift boat trips on the Kankakee River.

Will says, "Returning to the Midwest was the best thing I ever did; my roots are here, and my family is here. I married a Chicago girl and we're beyond thrilled to have a baby girl this year. The river that I grew up on is an hour from my front door in Chicago, and with all that has happened and changed over the years, the river hasn't. It's still there and the fishing is better than ever. I've taken my passion and made it my life and if meshing career and pastime is bold or reckless, the result is the same. I love the sport of fly fishing for the rich opportunities to learn, teach and share experiences with others. Big River Fly Fishing is a culmination of these years. It's exciting to help connect people with my home water and change the misconception that travel outside the Midwest or Illinois is required to find quality fishing. Join me on the river." Visit Will at bigriverfly.com.





Dave Baron '02

Dave Baron '02, is constitutional litigator in the City of Chicago Law Department, where he focuses on defending legal challenges to the City's ordinances and regulations brought under the U.S. and Illinois constitutions. His cases have pertained to issues that include the City's affordable housing ordinance, separate licensing of taxis and ridesharing companies like Uber and Lyft, food truck rules, and renovations of Wrigley Field. Outside of work, Dave serves as the chair of the Board of Advisors of Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago, and he is a board member of the DC-based organization,

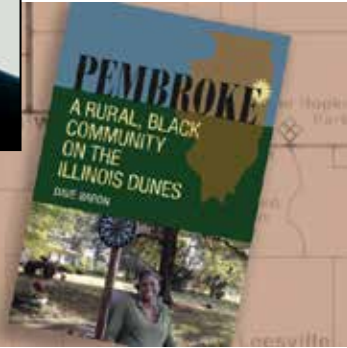
Faith in Public Life, which seeks to mobilize people of faith around issues of the common good. Dave currently lives in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood, and he and his fiancée Anya Hurtado are planning their wedding in February 2017.

Dave previously worked as an associate at the Chicago-based law firm of Sidley Austin LLP. He is a 2009 graduate of Harvard Law School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, where he served as student body president and a young alumni representative of the University's Board of Trustees.

Most recently, Dave authored the book, *Pembroke: A Rural, Black Community on the Illinois Dunes*, published by Southern Illinois University Press, which chronicles the history of this inimitable township and shows the author's personal transformation through his experiences with Pembroke and its people.

A native of Kankakee, author Dave Baron first traveled to Pembroke on a church service trip at age fifteen and saw real poverty firsthand, but he also discovered a community possessing grace and purpose. Based on research, interviews with residents, and the author's own experiences during many return trips to Pembroke, this book—part social, cultural, legal, environmental, and political history and part memoir—profiles a number of the colorful, longtime residents and considers what has enabled Pembroke to survive despite a lack of economic opportunities. Although Pembroke has a reputation for violence and vice, Baron reveals a township with a rich and varied history and a vibrant culture.

Dave's book release was held at City Lit Books, in Chicago, on August 16th. In addition, Kankakee events were held to include: The Pembroke Public Library where 10 copies of his book were donated by SIU Press; Pembroke Days Parade; a panel discussion at Feed Arts Cultural Center which featured a Pembroke Township photography exhibit; and a radio discussion on WKAN. Dave will be making many future appearances for readings, discussions, and signings. Appearances include the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore on September 22nd and The Field Museum of Natural History on October 5th.



Bre Chiero '06

Breann Chiero '06 currently resides in East Village, NYC. She is 2010 graduate of Purdue University where she majored in Retail Management and English. During her junior year, she studied at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. Bre and her fiancé, Christian Medice (a talented songwriter and producer), started their food blog, Hungry Hipsters, about a year ago as a hobby. One of their favorite things to do is try new restaurants in the city, so the blog served as a photo journal for them to document their adventures! Plus, Bre loves photography! Until recently (just 2 weeks ago), Bre decided to leave her corporate job at Macy's Inc., where she has been for 6.5 years, to pursue blogging full-time. Bre says, "It's terrifyingly exhilarating, but I'm so excited. My day-to-day is shooting product and food with my iPhone, partaking in styling gigs, having meetings at coffee shops, and partnering to develop brand collaborations." Visit Bre at instagram.com/hungryhipsters. Bre says that she and fiancé, Christian, also have an adorable Morkie puppy, "that we love too much," named Jeremiah.



Mitchell Rose '11

Mitchell Rose '11 is a 2015 graduate of Belmont University, Nashville. While at Belmont, he was a Commercial Music-Vocal Major. Since graduation, Mitchell has been involved in music full time. He currently writes and produces music for other artists and writers in Nashville and Los Angeles. Mitchell shares that he has fond memories from McNamara and found a lot of encouragement from his peers during his high school career. Mitchell's first single, Candy, was released in February and can be found via Spotify, Apple music, or Youtube. Stay tuned as he is releasing a new single soon. Follow him on Snapchat at [mitchrose](https://www.snapchat.com/add/mitchrose) or, on Instagram at [mitchllrose](https://www.instagram.com/mitchllrose).

Recent Graduates Study Abroad - Summer 2016

Hailey Corcoran '15, Boston College

Hailey is a sophomore majoring in Finance and Marketing, with a minor in Chinese, in Boston College's Carroll School of Management. This summer, she studied at Venice International University in Italy for 4 weeks. While there, she took an Intro to Law class. Her study abroad was with a BC professor and other BC students. Hailey was able to study a subject that was new to her, in a country where she was a stranger. While abroad, she traveled to Rome, Vatican City, Florence, Milan, Pisa, and Cinque Terre. One of her favorite days was touring Vatican City with her family prior to the start of class. Hailey says, "It was surreal to be at the home of the Catholic Church, which has been a huge part of my education since kindergarten." She also shares, "The experience was incredible and I'm so thankful for the opportunity to study abroad. In the future, I hope to spend time studying and traveling in China to put my newfound language to use." Hailey is the daughter of Dr. Mike and Linda Corcoran.



Nicole Haas '13, University of Iowa



Nicole is a senior at the University of Iowa where she will earn a major in Communications Studies, a certificate in

Entrepreneurial Management, and a minor in International Studies. She spent 8 weeks over the summer in Barcelona, Spain, where she received class credit while working an internship. Nicole was a marketing and public relations intern for Ptchwrks, an app development company located in Barcelona. Her main responsibilities were proofreading and writing press releases in English, reaching out to potential investors, and developing a social media marketing plan. She was able to visit Paris, Tarragona, Costa Brava, Rome, Positano, and Amsterdam during her summer abroad. Nicole says, "The experience overall was phenomenal. Living in an apartment and working with a Spanish company truly allowed me to not just visit Barcelona, but completely integrate into the lifestyle, culture, and patterns of the area. My favorite part was getting to explore every part of Barcelona and see all the cultural landmarks I had only read about and seen in pictures, up until now." After graduation next spring, Nicole hopes to find a marketing position with an international company located in the Chicagoland area. Nicole is the daughter of Bill and Jackie LaMotte Haas '84.

Teddy Kohan '15, Loyola University

Teddy is a sophomore at Loyola University Chicago, majoring in International Business with a minor in Asian Languages and Literature. This summer, Teddy studied abroad in China. He took an environmental science class that focused on pollution in China. The main campus where he studied was located in Beijing, but he also traveled to Shanghai, Chengdu, Zhangjiajie and Hong Kong. Teddy says that his overall experience was a very positive one. "This trip enabled me to see the world from a new perspective. I was culturally immersed into a place that is very different from home in many ways. My favorite experiences were getting to hug a giant panda in Chengdu, and seeing the stone forest mountains of Zhangjiajie!" Teddy plans to study in several other countries including Japan, South Korea, and Italy, before graduating in a couple of years. After graduation, he hopes to start his own business or, work for a company that has international branches in East Asia. Teddy is the son of Cory and Tricia Verchio Kohan '82.





Bishop McNamara Exchange Student Returns To Sweden

By Joyce Blanchette Milambiling '74

"I graduated from Bishop McNamara High School in 1974, some 42 years ago. Unlike most students at McNamara, I spent my senior year of high school in northern Sweden as an exchange student through the Rotary Foundation. I had completed my academic requirements by the end of my junior year in high school, which meant that I had the option of experiencing another culture and educational environment far from home for an entire year. I had never traveled outside the U.S. but was eager to take this step. In retrospect, it was a giant one.

My destination was Lulea, Sweden, a mid-sized town in the far north of Sweden. I lived with a family who had one daughter living at home and whose elder daughter was spending the year as an exchange student in Massachusetts. I was accepted warmly by Per and Elisabeth Backteman, the parents, their daughter Susanne, and even their dog, Sophie.

Over the years I returned to Lulea several times. In June 2016, I turned 60 and celebrated by going back to Sweden and then to Iceland. This latest visit to Sweden was by far the most memorable. I am an entirely different person than I was at 17 and have lived a full life, including getting a Ph.D. and working as a professor as well as raising a son, Adam, with my husband Joseph. I have also, over the years, traveled even more widely and have lived in six

different states in the U.S. as well as in the Philippines, France, and Indonesia.

When I was a teenager I had no idea how much the year in Sweden would mean to what my life would be like after that — full of travel and experiences that have amounted to a very full life. I am grateful to my teachers at Bishop McNamara for preparing me to live out in the wide world, to my parents for enabling me to spend my last year in high school abroad, and to the people in Sweden who have become my friends and part of my family. I recommend travel to those of you who are in high school now, even if it's not for a year. Being in a different environment takes you out of your comfort zone, for sure, but also brings with it a wealth of experiences and friendships and will likely, as it has for me, enrich your life in ways you cannot imagine."



It's Time To Get Your Ceile Calendar With Daily Cash Raffles



Ceile Calendars will go on sale October 18th!

You may order one online at bishopmac.com, contact a student who attends Bishop McNamara, or call the Advancement Office at (815) 933-7620.

This school fundraiser is 32 years in the making and still going strong!

MISSION STATEMENT

The Irish Alumni Association unites more than 9000 alumni of St. Patrick, St. Patrick Central and Bishop McNamara High School. Our mission is to preserve the heritage that shaped our school, to foster the spirit of camaraderie among alumni and to support the mission and development of Bishop McNamara High School.

Introducing Our Black Box Theater

In the spring of 2016, Bishop McNamara embarked upon an initiative to enhance the school's offerings in Fine and Performing Arts with the creation of a Black Box Theater. Mr. Granger noted the school's commitment to the initiative. *"Bishop McNamara is undergoing exciting changes. As we advance our mission, we remain committed and enthusiastic about offering students opportunities to express themselves through fine and performing arts."*

What is a Black Box Theater?

A black box theater is just that... a simple performance space with four black walls forming a box. Within this creative space student designers, writers, actors and directors can imagine limitless scenic and staging possibilities.

The Black Box Theater will:

- widen the creative possibilities for the fall play, winter theater showcase, theater classes and even possibly our spring musicals
- offer student actors and actresses an opportunity to showcase their talents in an intimate setting
- provide our students with opportunities to serve as sound technicians, stage crew and even directors or assistant directors for performances
- provide a space for special events such as honor ceremonies, guest lectures, entertainment space for student performers, and group meetings

Our Plan:

We are embarking upon a three-year, three-phase plan to redesign the existing choral room to create Bishop McNamara's first-ever Black Box Theater. Our goal is to raise \$160,000

- Phase 1: lighting, flooring, acoustical ceiling in theater and band rooms, curtains, stage, sound (\$60,000) – 70% complete
- Phase 2: HVAC – Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (\$70,000) *Target 2017*
- Phase 3: Vertical Chair Lift (\$30,000) *Target 2018*



Black Box Theater drawing by Richard Murray '90, Emmy Award winning set designer for The Nate Berkus Show, and current assistant decorator for Madam Secretary.

We have secured initial funds and have begun the renovation process of "Phase 1." Generous donations have come in from those who have expressed an interest in this project as well as from funds raised at our 32nd Annual Dinner Auction in May, where the concept was introduced as our "paddle raise" item.

THE 1ST PERFORMANCE IN THE BLACK BOX THEATER WILL BE OUR UPCOMING FALL PLAY "HOCUS POCUS," which will be held on October 22nd and 23rd.

We are very grateful for the following alumni who helped with the project concept and communication: Judy Ketcik '81, Mary Kennedy McCullagh '81, Richard Murray '90, and Michelle Dennison Hitsch '90

A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Sharla Ronchetto, high school theater program director, her children Kyle '13, Kayla '15 who are alumni of Bishop McNamara theater productions and, her husband, Greg, who spent time this summer working on the renovation.

How you can help?

If you, or others you know, wish to join us as we help underwrite the cost of this very worthwhile cause, please contact
Areca VanMill, Director of Advancement, at 815.933.7620
or at avanmill@bmcss.org



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Wedding bells are ringing...

Billadeau-Elliott Wedding

Meghan Billadeau '06 and Nick Elliott '06 wed on October 3, 2015 at Maternity BVM Church, Bourbonnais, with officiant Father Richard Pighini. A reception was held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Kankakee. Meghan is the daughter of David '72 and Cindy Kerlin Billadeau '72. Nick is the son of the late Roger Elliott and Judge Kathy Bradshaw Elliott.

Many Bishop McNamara graduates were in their wedding party to include: Maid of Honor - Claire Schmidt '06; Bridesmaids - Lyndsay Billadeau Tincer '95, Stephanie Billadeau '99, and Sam Elliott '09; Best Man - Adam DeGroot '06; Groomsmen - Pat Lavelle '06, Justin Shirley '06, Micah Dorn '06, and Nick Billadeau '03; Ushers were Matt Chandler '06 and Tim Brown '06. Meghan



Left to Right: All graduates of the Class of 2006 - Matt Chandler, Micah Dorn, Justin Shirley, Meghan Billadeau Elliott, Nick Elliott, Claire Schmidt, Adam DeGroot, Pat Lavelle, and Tim Brown

and Nick have known each other since the 5th grade where they both attended St. Patrick and St. Teresa Grade School. They are both 2006 graduates of Bishop McNamara and are both 2010 graduates of Loyola University, Chicago. They began dating their junior year of college.

Nick is also a graduate of DePaul Law School. He is currently a partner at Godin, Denton & Elliott PC. Meghan is employed here at Bishop McNamara Catholic School as the Director of Fundraising and Special Events.



Andy '03 and Mallory Memenga Marquie '07

Memenga - Marquie Wedding

Mallory Memenga '07 and Andy Marquie '03 were married on May 28, 2016 at Maternity BVM Church in Bourbonnais. Officiating the wedding was Father Jason Nesbit. Their reception was held at the Knights of Columbus, Kankakee. Parents of the bride are Mike '78 and Julie Rivard Memenga '81. Parents of the groom are Merle Marquie '90 and the late Janice Marquie, step mother is Tena Marquie. Several Bishop McNamara graduates participated in the wedding to include Bridesmaids - Lauren Piggush '07, Andrea Provost '07, Nina Kick '08, Nicole Marquie Long '87 and Groomsmen - Edward Marquie '90, Anthony Nutall '04, Ryan Maher '03, Luke Veronda '03, Adam James '03, Adam Ahramovich '03, and Sam Memenga '11. Ushers were Drew Harpin '03 and Ben Murray '03. Reading at the wedding was Brad Powell '07. Mallory received her bachelors' degree and doctorate from Bradley University, Peoria and Andy earned his bachelor's degree from Iowa Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Mallory and Andy currently reside in Michigan. She works as a physical therapist at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo and Andy works as a sales professional for BSN Sports.

Frazier - Schafer Wedding

Jenna Frazier '07 married Scott Schafer, of Chebanse, on July 16, 2016. The wedding ceremony took place at Maternity BVM Church, Bourbonnais, with officiant Father Jason Nesbit. The couple celebrated with family and friends at the Hilton Garden Inn, Kankakee.

McNamara graduates Ashlee Girard '07, Erica Lehnus Petersen '07, Molly Tutt '07 and cousin, Tiffany Ciaccio Wilkins '04 were all "best ladies" and Jenna's brother, Matt Frazier '11, was a best man. Kyle Miller '07 was an usher on their special day-who made the trip all the way from South America where is he currently serving in the Peace Corps. Many other McNamara friends, family members, and co-workers were able to help Scott and Jenna celebrate their marriage! Jenna is a 2011 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington. This school year, Jenna



Left to Right: Bret Frazier (father of the bride), Barbara Leone Ciaccio (grandmother of the bride) '45, Jenna Frazier Schafer '07, Scott Schafer, JoAnne Ciaccio Frazier '77 (mother of the bride), Matt Frazier (brother of the bride) '11

will begin her fifth year teaching in the area Catholic schools. She will be the 5th/6th grade math and science teacher at Bishop McNamara Catholic School, Bradley location. Scott graduated in 2007 from Bradley University, Peoria

and works as a contractor and farmer. Jenna and her husband Scott currently reside in Kankakee and look forward to being part of the BMCS family for years to come!



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A I U M N I News & Notes

1955

Sharon Kohl Tomaszewski '55 writes from her home in Florida where she has resided since 1967. Sharon currently is self employed, working as an antique appraiser. She has one daughter, one son, 8 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.



In April, **Vern Denault '55** (right) along with son, Vern (middle), and grandson Neil (left), performed for a lunch at Crazy Joe's in Kankakee. Twenty guests enjoyed music performed by this 3-piece band!

1958

Thomas Schlenz graduated from St. Pat's Central in 1958. After graduation, he entered the United States Air Force and was stationed in Japan where he worked as a crypto operator (Morse code). His post military career includes working as a police officer in Kankakee county. He is also a former police chief of Aroma Park. Tom says, "Too old to retire? I don't think so!" as he is currently employed at Global Security Force based out of Bloomington, Illinois. He has 5 children and 25 grandchildren with some of them residing in Utah and Iowa. He currently lives in Bonfield with his wife of 26 years.



1970

Sue Frink Bennett '70 resides in Kankakee. She received her bachelor of arts degree from Governors State University, majoring in English/Secondary Education. She is currently a library aide at Mark Twain School in the Kankakee 111 District where she has been since 2013. Prior to that, she taught high school English for 16 years.

1971

Julie Lower Bourland '71 currently lives in Minnesota. She received her R.N. from Mennonite School of Nursing and is currently retired. She says she is enjoying retirement! She loves to garden, travel, and spend time with her 2 children, Kristin and David, her 4 grandchildren, and family at their cabin.