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HONORING OUR HOME GROWN EDUCATORS

STP Alumni currently serving in our Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools

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'THE COURAGE TO TEACH' - AN EDUCATOR'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, we want to thank you for giving us the "Courage to Teach."

Lord, please let us always keep in our hearts Your will and help us remember why we chose to be teachers.

As a teacher, help us keep patience with others as we continue our career inside and outside the classroom.

As a teacher, help us to see Your face in every child and no matter what provide him/her with a qual-

ity education and opportunities.

As a teacher, help us to keep an open mind toward cultures different than our own, that we may take it as a learning experience.

As a teacher, help us to keep our patience even through stressful nights of studying, creating lesson plans and through the day, for our smile can brighten a child's day.

As a teacher, help us to understand and respect other education majors, early childhood, middle childhood, AYA and interventions

specialist. For all together we can make a difference in your world.

As a teacher, help us find meaning each day and a reminder to why we chose to teach.

As a teacher, always give us the "Courage to Teach" even when times get tough and we feel that we are not getting through to a student.

As a teacher, let us know that You are always right beside us. Amen.

THIS PRAYER WAS WRITTEN (WITH REFERENCES TO OTHER PRAYERS) BY ERIN YACOVONI, CLASS OF 2010. ERIN IS CURRENTLY A JUNIOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON, PURSUING A DEGREE IN MIDDLE CHILDHOOD MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE EDUCATION.

Alumni's Guide to Who, What, Where, When & Why

TAKE A LOOK WITH YOUR CALENDAR BOOK

17th Annual Alumni Homecoming Reunion

All alumni and friends are invited October 12, 2013 to the 17th Annual Alumni Homecoming Reunion. Invitations for this day of nostalgia, food and fun will be mailed in late July.

The day begins with a 10:00 a.m. Alumni Meeting and Continental Breakfast in the Alumni Room 101. The Tiger Tailgate starts at 12:00 noon and Big RED Football kicks off at 1:30 p.m. During the game, we will honor the 2013 Athletic Hall of Fame.

The festivities continue at the 4:30 Mass at St. Philip Church where we will honor all

the STP alumni and remember those who have gone before us. The **Class of 1963** will be recognized as they mark their 50th Class Reunion.

A cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the St. Philip Parish Center, followed by dinner.

The 2013 Distinguished Alumni will be honored and the school will be open for all alumni to explore. Reconnect and reminisce while wandering the hallways and classrooms of your alma mater. Don't miss a moment of fun. Mark your calendars today!

CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLASSES OF



**1928, 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948,
1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973,
1978, 1983, 1988, 1998 & 2008**



WHEN DO YOU WANT TO "REUNION"?

Remember:

**You are welcome to visit
your alma mater whenever
life brings you to
Battle Creek!**

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Saint Philip Alumni
Association

**ST. PHILIP CHURCH
SESQUICENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION IS
SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2013
BEGINNING WITH THE
11:30 AM MASS**

All Proceeds Support BCACS Scholarships

**Sheila Guerra
Memorial Golf Outing**
Sunday, September 15, 2013
Allwyn Downs

Contact Vicky Groat
vgroat@bcacs.org or 269.963.4503

22nd Annual **Michael J. Hume
BIG RED OPEN**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2013
BINDER PARK GOLF COURSE**

Contact Mary Rabbitt to register
mrabbitt@bcacs.org ~ 269.963.4503

Class of 1964 is planning its 50th Reunion

Contact: Randy Barr at
randallbar2000@yahoo.com

Class of 1993 is planning its 20th Reunion

Contact: Jake Vogel at jakevogel75@
gmail.com or 248.219.5779

Class of 2003 is planning its 10th Reunion

Contact: Ashleigh Calderone at
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**PLANNING A REUNION?
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

269.963.4771
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ALL SAINTS SUPERFEST
on the grounds of St. Joseph Parish
SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2013
Contact Ed Bauman
edbauman@hotmail.com

SUMMER IN THE CITY
5K Run & 1-mile Fun Run/Walk
AUGUST 10, 2013
BAILEY PARK
WWW.SUMMERINTHECITY5K.COM

**Caribbean Cruisin'
Summer Block Party**
AUGUST 10, 2013

Contact Saint Philip Alumni Association on
Facebook or www.bcacs.org for more details



Amyah and Makai are the children of Quincy and Amanda (Oliver) Bozell, Class of 2003

** Class Reunions * Engagements * Weddings * Anniversaries * Babies * Special Moments * Holiday Parties **

STP ALUMNI SMILES AND MILESTONES



Alivia is the daughter of Nathan and Meghan (Downey) Darlington, Class of 2000



Donovan is the son of James and Abby (Mohan) Melad, Class of 1999



Andrea and Greg Bauman, Class of 2003, were united in marriage in October, 2012



You never know where you will find STP Alumni gathering! Pictured are some of the members of the Classes of 1952, 1953, and 1954



Ellery and Leah are the daughters of Pat Downey, Class of 1996 and Amiee (Greene) Downey, Class of 1999



Sophie is the daughter of Joel and Brooke (Rainier) Schmitz, Class of 2000



Holland is the daughter of Kyle and Elizabeth (Criswell) VanDussen, Class 2003



Abigail, daughter of Tricia and Steven Sheets, Class of 2000 is in awe of Tiger Phil at the Holiday Parade

from the desk of STP Principal Don Shafer



PRINCIPAL OBSERVATIONS

The Year of Faith is off to a great start! We experienced a 9% enrollment increase! We gratefully acknowledge the alumni who generously contributed to our call for funding for more desks and chairs! You and your unwavering support, ensure that STP continues to remain vibrant, competitive and innovative!

Our former Theology teacher, Trevor Scoles, accepted a Theology position at Hackett Catholic Central High School. I wish to formally express our appreciation for Trevor's dedication to our students and staff. He did a great job advancing our Theology program. We wish him and his family the very best in his new endeavor.

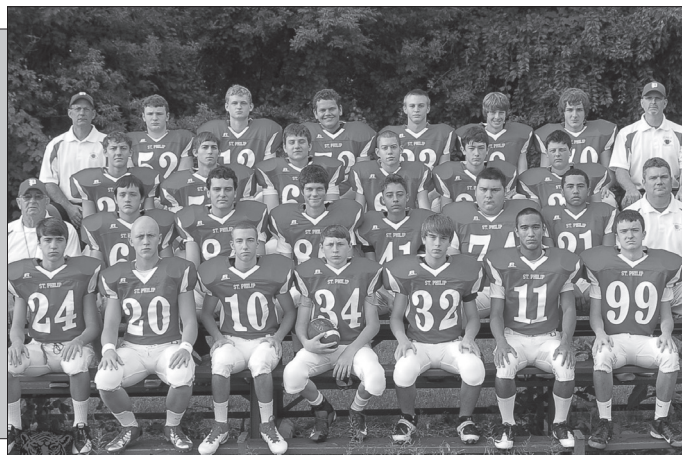
I am pleased to introduce and welcome two new staff members, Tim Smith and Kristin Biggs. Tim is teaching Theology. He joins us after teaching at the collegiate level for the past 25 years. He taught religious studies and biblical languages during his career and brings a wealth of knowledge about our Catholic faith and world religions. Kristin is our Biology instructor and will also be responsible to provide student academic support.

I am also pleased to announce that Kyra Rabbitt has been appointed as Student Services Director. Kyra will also continue as the freshmen history instructor. She did an outstanding job in the classroom last year and we are happy that she is willing to serve our students and schools on a full-time basis.

Several advanced placement, honors and new courses were added this year including AP English, ACT /SAT Prep, French I, Band and Digital Media. We are evaluating the ability to implement several new classes for next year including Biblical Languages and AP U.S. History. We graciously acknowledge our alumni: James Garay - '12, Abby Buckley - '05, Katie Reed - '99 and Dani Hedding - '09, who spoke with students about preparing for the college experience this fall.

In this newsletter, you will learn more about our athletic programs, grade level retreats, faith and service. Be sure to visit our website bcacs.org or check out the St. Philip Alumni Facebook page to be up-to-date on all things Big RED! You are always welcome to visit your alma mater to witness firsthand its progress.

GRIDIRON HEROES RESTORE THE ROAR



Kevin Greenmen, Class of 2015

Big RED Football is raging back: From a 1-8 record in 2011 to a 7-4 record in 2012, watch out for the "roar" in 2013!

Why are there only eight guys out there? That's not football, right? The 2012 St. Philip High School football team would beg to differ.

The story began at the end of the 2011 season. St. Philip had gone 1-8 and was with little hope for the 2012 season because many seniors were being lost. We needed an alternative. An alternative presented itself in the form of 8-man football. St. Philip decided to join twenty-six other teams in the state of Michigan in playing 8-on-8 football rather than 11-on-11. In doing so, we faced better competition by playing schools closer to our enrollment.

The difference was noticeable from the first week of practice onward. Rather than having to scrimmage "half-line" (with only half of the linemen on either side of the ball), we were able to practice with the number of people that would be playing in the game, something that was not always possible when playing 11-man. This enabled us to better prepare for our games.

The first game of the season was not the beginning we hoped for, as we fell 20-54 to Portland St. Patrick at home. However, the next game brought back hope as we defeated Waldron 34-28 in a thrilling game that came down to the last second. By the end of the regular

season, we had achieved a record of 6-3, with two of the losses coming to the #1 ranked 8-man team in the state, Portland St. Patrick, and the other coming to Waldron at homecoming. This record sent us to the second ever MHSAA 8-man playoffs.

Paired up against Waldron for the first game, we were playing to avenge our 14-50 homecoming loss. After a hard fought game, we pulled away at the end to win 42-20. This sent us to the regional finals to face Portland for the third time

in the season. In the second match-up, Portland took the lead with four seconds left to win, so this was expected to be another exciting

game. Despite a slow start, we rallied in the fourth quarter to bring the score to 28-34. The clock ran down too quickly, however, and we were not able to come out with a win.

We finished the 2012 season at 7-4, by no means a perfect season, but still a dramatic improvement over 2011. Since only three players are graduating, we look forward to another strong season next year. Eventually, the hope is that this experience with winning in football will build the program to the point where the switch back to 11-man can be made. Until that point, though, we look forward to success in the upcoming 8-man seasons.

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MUSIC, ART & HEART



(left) It was a great day for the First Annual St. Philip Homecoming Parade! Students and families marched from St. Philip to C.W. Post Field.

(below) The St. Philip Marching Band marches in the 2012 St. Philip Homecoming Parade.



(above) Mark Albert, Class of 2002, meets with students to share experiences about serving in the United States Marine Corps.



The St. Philip experience continues to be enriched and enhanced through the Arts, Service and Extracurricular Opportunities.

Much of the progress is possible because of the vision and commitment of our talented staff.

We are thankful for our alumni who ensure the continued growth of their alma mater through their charitable support of the Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools Foundation. You are making our students' success possible!

(left) Evidence of the robust art club abounds at St. Philip. During Homecoming Week, everything was a canvas for students' talents to shine.



(below) St. Philip students take pride in planning, practicing and celebrating in song at all student liturgies.



(right) St. Philip students joined hundreds of members of the Battle Creek community, in support of Battle Creek Central students, during their silent march for peace in October.



(above) To bring their British Literature curriculum to life, the Class of 2014 enjoyed the performance of Shakespeare's Richard III at Grand Valley State University.

Lady Tigers Reach 7th Heaven

**AMANDA MCKINZIE NAMED
MICHIGAN'S MISS VOLLEYBALL**



As the Lady Tigers 2012 Class D Volleyball State Champions celebrated their "Seven-Peat", Coach Vicky Groat was quick to express her gratitude for the rich history of volleyball at St. Philip.

"From the first state championship in 1979, to today, when we celebrate 18 state championships including seven consecutive championships, our students proudly represent all of the St. Philip Alumni. The players believe in themselves, their teammates and the entire Catholic community. They hold all of the former St. Philip volleyball players in such high regard. They strive to excel... just as their predecessors."

Special Congratulations to Amanda McKinzie for being named Michigan's Miss Volleyball for 2012!

Amanda joins Megan Reetz, 1993 Miss Volleyball, along with Allyson Doyle – 2007, Lena Oliver – 2009 and Ryann Hubbard – 2010 who were in the top ten in the State of Michigan in their respective years

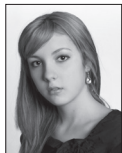


Tiger Basketball is off to a great start

Despite many injuries, the varsity boys' basketball team is coming on strong this season. They are gearing up for the District Games hosted by St. Philip. The Tigers play on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 pm. The District Final will be played on March 8 at 6:00 pm. The girls' district play begins on February 25 at 6:00 pm as they take on Martin at Martin. Come out in support of the Tigers and show your Big RED Spirit!



The Tigers celebrate after a basket at the buzzer to beat Camden-Frontier!



**THE STP
DIFFERENCE**
HEATHER BERNARD
CLASS OF 2013

"You never really know what you have 'til it's gone." It is these words that have a profound resonance with my experience here as a BCACS student.

I tried to think of a way to describe the BCACS experience, and no other description did it justice other than the one above. We hear these ten words time and time again, mostly by adults or advice givers for consolation or a bit of wisdom to an unexpected ending. But, I can say these words are inspiration to every student that passes through the doors of St. Joseph Elementary, Middle School, and St. Philip High School. They are inspiration to remember how lucky we are to go to a Catholic school.

I am a senior. I have been in the schools since sixth grade. I know that my class-

mates and I have taken our education for granted, but being a senior has changed things for me. It has made me realize how lucky I am to foster my education in a place that accepts Christ as its foundation. I can say confidently that there is no other school system out there like the BCACS.

"With maturity comes wisdom," I think that's how the saying goes and I have matured through the schools. I have matured and gained wisdom that would not be allowed at other institutions. My questions and comments are taken seriously in the classroom. I am free to ask whatever I want, to inquire about even the most controversial topics, and am treated with respect by the teachers. I am encouraged to explore beyond the classroom and to bring my unique talents, abilities, and experiences to school, to share them with my peers and teachers in order to create a diverse, tolerant, and cultured student body.

In the school's rules I am free. This may be contradictory, but one thing St. Phil

has taught me is that there can not be freedom without rules. So as much as we dislike rules, my peers and I know that they uphold our ability to truly be free in the classroom. They allow us to freely explore anything and everything our minds inquire - it is in these guidelines the schools have crafted that knowledge knows no limits.

This is what separates BCACS from the rest of the country. It is the little bits of wisdom and ideals that the BCACS have given to us which help us understand our individual lives a little bit better. The BCACS have helped carve who I am today- who we all are today. We are athletes, musicians, geniuses, artists, dancers, volunteers, neighbors, and family. The school has helped inspire all of us to push beyond our comfort zone to become well-rounded individuals focused on community and truly making positive change in the world. This change inspires others to follow Christ, our foundation, and spread His glory. As I look around, I think they did a pretty good job.

The family that prays together, stays together



The Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto remains the center for prayer, today, as in past generations



Commemorating the anniversary of 9/11, the high school joined together to pray the Living Rosary

Bridging Generations: St. Philip Alumni and Students United in Prayer

The spirit guided members of the Class of 1962 to propose a very special remembrance as they celebrated their 50th Class Reunion this past fall. Cathy (Rae) Kunitzer, '62, shared, "We have walked the same halls in laughter, tears and intensity as today's students. We want to reach across the generations to share and encourage the gift of our Faith. This Faith has been with us and remains with us since our high school days on Cherry Street."

Members of the Class of 1962 expressed their desire to set aside time each month to pray for current and future generations. "We will, for them, the kids of our hearts, that they know God's love and their lives reflect that love for others. And, maybe,

just maybe, during their time looking to God they will whisper a little prayer for all of the St. Philip Alumni. We ask this in Jesus's name as we journey to be reunited with Him."

When the concept of a designated day of prayer was shared with Don Shafer, Principal, and Father Frances Marotti, Associate Pastor, it was fully embraced. St. Philip students celebrate mass on a weekly basis. On the First Friday of each month, students now gather following mass to pray the Rosary with special intentions for all of our St. Philip Alumni. We humbly ask that our St. Philip Alumni take time out of their First Fridays to say a prayer, spend time in reflection, or say the Rosary that God continues to bless His St. Philip family.



Cathy (Rae) Kunitzer, Class of 1962 reminisces at Homecoming



Seniors travel to the University of Notre Dame for their annual retreat

Annual Grade Level Retreat: the Cornerstone of St. Philip

The opportunity for yearly retreats at each grade level is a cornerstone of Catholic education at St. Philip School. Retreats allow students to be off campus for a day of reflection, prayer and to focus on the life and mission of the Catholic Church. They give students the opportunity to build community, reflect on their individual purpose and direction, and participate in a growthful and prayerful experience.

Don Shafer, Principal, shared, "We are committed to promoting the growth and development of the student body of the high school by providing a setting and atmosphere of service conducive

to spiritual growth of the faithful. We encourage each student's growth in relationship to God and one another."

Since 1975, the senior class at St. Philip has had the privilege of an overnight retreat at the University of Notre Dame each November. The freshman class was on retreat at the start of the school year at St. Jerome Church. The juniors will go on retreat in March at St. Charles Church in Coldwater. In April, the sophomore class will go on retreat to St. Mary's Church in Marshall. Please keep each class in your prayers as they experience their time on retreat.

THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI STORY

The Distinguished Alumni Award at St. Philip Catholic Central High School honors alumni who have transformed their high school experience into distinguished careers, service and excellence in the arts, academics, ministry within the Church or service for their community or to the St. Philip School community. Recipients must also possess the highest standards of integrity and character which enhance the prestige of St. Philip Catholic Central High School. Distinguished Alumni Honoree's citizenship and accomplishments serve as a model to inspire and challenge today's students. Visit www.bcacs.org to learn more about our Distinguished Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees.



Pictured left to right are: Michael McVeigh, Mary (Callahan) Murray, Frank Zanetti and John Zanetti

MARY (CALLAHAN) MURRAY CLASS OF 1956

Mary (Callahan) Murray graduated from St. Philip in 1956. Mary was nominated by classmate, Marie (Grevers) Bagwell who expressed, "Mary is truly deserving of this distinction as she has devoted her entire life to educating the youth of our community."

MICHAEL McVEIGH CLASS OF 1962

Michael McVeigh, Class of 1962, was nominated by fellow classmate, Mike Morrison who shared, "Yes, Mike is one the fourteen McVeighs who patrolled the halls of St. Philip for decades." Mike expressed, "My time at St. Philip prepared me academically for higher education and a career. It helped to develop character which taught me how to be a good parent and citizen in our community. From the athletic programs, I received the opportunity for leadership, team-work, discipline, determination and self-confidence."

FRANK ZANETTI CLASS OF 1972

Frank Zanetti graduated with the Class of 1972. He was nominated by Dennis Duval, Class of 1968. Dennis nominated Frank because, "Frankie is a huge supporter of the Battle Creek Catholic parishes and St. Philip School. He sets the standard for sharing his time, talent and treasure for all graduates of St. Philip."

JOHN ZANETTI CLASS OF 1975

John Zanetti is from the St. Philip Class of 1975. John was nominated by Mary (Hunt) Rabbitt, Class of 1974, "Because John is always thinking of his alma mater and how he can help to sustain and improve St. Phil. He goes above and beyond in his support. I have never heard the word "no" from John when it comes to what's good for STP."

PAT AND DOUG RIGGS A SPECIAL STP HALL OF FAME DEDICATION

The St. Philip Catholic Central High School 2012 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was dedicated to Pat and Doug Riggs. During their twenty-plus years involved with the Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools, Pat tirelessly volunteered in many capacities, including the BCACS Moms' Club, where she served

as secretary. Also during this time, Doug served as trustee and president to the BCACS Foundation. Their combined efforts and philanthropy ensured the vibrancy and sustainability of our pre-school through grade 12 Catholic school system. Doug recently expressed, "As President of the Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools

Foundation, I was inspired daily by the outpouring of support for our schools. We must all be proud of our accomplishments, as we are energized and remain dedicated to providing progressive academic programs within the spiritual and moral environment that is unique to our Catholic schools."

BOB STUART CLASS OF 1976

During high school, Bob competed on the Big RED Varsity Football Team for three years. He started as middle line backer and offensive tackle. During his sophomore year, he started at linebacker as the only sophomore on the Varsity Team. He was Varsity co-captain in 1975. He was named All-City Defensive Team, All-Conference Offensive Team and was nominated for All-State Offensive Team. Coach Hume regarded Bob as a "defensive mainstay" of the 1975 team. Bob also was on the Varsity Track and Baseball Teams.

MIKE HUTSON CLASS OF 1986

Mike lettered in Big RED Football in 1983, 1984 and 1985. He also lettered in Varsity Basketball in 1984, 1985 and 1986 and Baseball (1984, 1985 and 1986). He was named to the Detroit News All-State Dream Team and First Team All-State for Football in 1985. He was named All-State Linebacker on the St. Philip 1985 State Championship Football Team. He received recognition for All-City and All-Conference in all three sports both his junior and senior year.

MARTY HAAN CLASS OF 1980

Marty lettered in Big RED Varsity Football for two years. He was named Battle Creek Enquirer All-City and All-Conference Kalamazoo Valley Association in 1978 and 1979. He led the city in receiving in 1979. Marty had two touchdown receptions in the 1978 playoff against Mendon. This was the first playoff victory in school history. Marty lettered in Varsity Basketball for three years. He received the Battle Creek Enquirer All-City selection all three years. He was the first sophomore in Battle Creek to be named as All-City. He was also named All-Conference KVA for two years.

BROCK MAICHELE CLASS OF 1992

Brock played Big RED Football for two years on Junior Varsity and two years on Varsity. He was a three-year Varsity Basketball Player and a four-year member of the Track Team. He received All-City, All-Conference Honors in Football, Basketball and Track. He took fourth place in high jump and placed seventh in hurdles at the State Track Meet in 1992.



Pictured left to right are: Bob Stuart, Pat and Doug Riggs, Cindy (Haan) Hutson accepting for Marty Haan, Mike Hutson and Brock Maichele. Also pictured are Fr. Francis Marotti, Vicky Groat and Don Shafer.



Ruth (Heffron) Creager, Class of 1931, congratulated by fellow alumni for her 100th birthday

BIRTHDAY HONORS FOR A SPECIAL ALUM

How life has changed since March 22, 1913. Ruth (Heffron) Creager, Class of 1931, shared her memories as we celebrated her upcoming 100 Year Birthday at Homecoming 2012. There was a hush when Ruth told the crowd that tuition was \$2 when she went to St. Philip!

Joe Zuk All-Stars win 3rd Alumni Tournament

NICK BUCKLEY, CLASS OF 2003

In the St. Philip Alumni Basketball Tournament, there are no winners – only survivors.

And at Sheila Guerra Gynmasium on Nov. 23, none of the alumni in the four-team field needed immediate medical attention. Thus, the third annual tournament was a success.

For the second straight year, the Class of 1975 led the fundraising efforts, as proceeds from the event went to the St. Philip Alumni Association. However, the 75ers - whose jerseys proclaim 'Greatest Class Alive' - were eliminated after two defeats.

The 75ers again made basketball history with their never-before seen system featuring 10 players on the court at the same time (offense/defense). This resulted in fresh legs and some hard fouls by the veteran club, but didn't make much impact on the scoreboard.

According to 75ers captain Steve Smith, "The rims were very small, as if we were at the county fair. We had open shots but the ball would not go in. At one half we were down 0-14 or two touchdowns. Went to our two minute offense and set up a press on made shots, but without the ball going in, the press was worthless."

The 'Joe Zuk All-Stars', a team made up of some of Mr. Zuk's finest students in Mike Leifeld ('03), Justin Greene ('01), Brian Williams ('02) and myself

('03), won the tournament trophy along with ringer Jay Luoma ('12).

The Class of 2012 added some fresh blood to the tournament field, winning the opening game of the tournament before their inexperience caught up to them.

The 2004 squad of Tom Prebish, Elliott Ure, Andrew 'Paris' Ward, Jim Grohalski, along with Bauman brothers Michael ('06) and Thomas ('10), advanced to the championship with victories over '75 and '12. But after losing Game 1 of the finals, the '04 club couldn't hold on to its early lead in the deciding game.

The tournament would not have been made possible without the efforts of Kathy Gallagher of the BCACS Foundation and St. Philip Athletic Director, Vicky Groat. An additional thank you goes out to St. Philip students Jon Niland ('13), Hunter Haley ('15) and Brent Finnilla, ('14) who volunteered their time to swallow their whistles, despite the 75ers bruising style of play.



Joe Zuk's All-Stars: Jay Luoma, Justin Greene, Nick Buckley, Mike Leifeld and Brian Williams



Thanks to our varsity basketball "referees:" Jon Niland, Hunter Haley and Brent Finnilla

'SENSE OF COMMUNITY' BEGINS WITH THE STP EXPERIENCE



On December 23rd, I returned from a semester abroad studying in the Middle East, specifically in Amman, Jordan. During this time, I visited four different countries, assimilated into a new environment that is in stark contrast to our own, and experienced a multitude of cultural and political differences.

It wasn't until I was on a plane back to America that I was able to reflect on my time abroad, and what

my personal motivations were to study and travel to this region of the world. I was able to trace back the origins of my inspiration and motivation to my time at St. Philip.

I specifically recall the community service trips which encouraged us to invest ourselves into improving the city in which we reside. I remember the Senior Internship Program, which gave me a taste of what working with an international organization would be like, and reaffirmed my motivation to work across borders. I remember traveling to Rome, which planted a deep rooted desire to continue traveling to countries unlike our own, and to experience

and assimilate into diverse cultures. These, combined with St. Philip's emphasis on preparation for secondary education, set me up for success in my undergraduate career, and to learn and prepared me to learn and study locally and internationally.

What makes St. Philip unique is the small learning community, which instills awareness and responsibility for the community. It has been this sense of community that has encouraged me to work across borders. Every time I look back on my time at St. Philip, I can't help but realize the paradox of how this small learning community has sufficiently prepared me to succeed in a large globalized world.

This upcoming semester I have accepted an internship opportunity in Washington D.C. I look back on the academic path that has led me to this position, and can confidently say that my education and experiences at St. Philip helped establish a solid foundation which I have continued to build on, to be in the position that I am in today.

Salaam,
Sean Martinez
Class of 2009



Sean is a senior at Central Michigan University, majoring in International Relations: Comparative Politics. He is also studying Arabic. Sean plans to pursue a dual Master's Degree in International Relations.

REFLECTIONS FROM AN ALUMNA AND TEACHER

Elizabeth (Hannon) Casterline, Class of 1990

The decision to teach at St. Joseph School was obvious. After subbing in numerous schools, I was drawn to the sense of community I felt at St. Joseph. It felt like coming home. The teachers want to be here and want to go above and beyond. It is more of a vocation than a teaching position. I can assure you the education being provided at the Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools is beyond the ordinary!

Upon graduation from St. Philip in 1990, I received a full scholarship to attend Kellogg Community College. I continued on at Western Michigan University, where I also received multiple scholarships. I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Special Education, Visually Impaired, with the elementary certification and English minor. My education at St. Philip made me understand the importance of studying and I qualified for many Advanced Placement Courses at Kellogg Community College and the Honors College at Western Michigan University.

Some of the best moments in teaching are when students tell me about something I did that maybe they didn't appreciate at the time, but now they do. One example was



a high school boy who came into the computer lab when I was teaching there and told the students, "Listen to her about the keyboarding. I know it is a pain, and not any fun, but it will help you so much when you have to do papers later on." Another parent told me his son said I was his "toughest, but most fair teacher." I think that's a pretty good recommendation.

I believe it is important to give back to our alma mater. I am amazed and honored at how many alumni are teaching here again. That says a lot about how connected we feel to St. Philip and St. Joseph Schools and how thankful each one of us is for our own Catholic education.

Share how your STP experience influenced your life. Email your remarks to stpalumni@bcacs.org. Put "Alumni Column" in the message line and attach a recent photo.

~HOMECOMING 2012 REVIEW~



The 2012 St. Philip Tiger Football Team lines up before kickoff



Congratulations to the 2012 Homecoming Court: Jon Niland, Cody Boggio, Rich Yacovoni (King), Cole Ughetti, Amanda McKinzie, Ann Marie Sweeney (Queen) Carrie Greenman and Natalie Gallagher



Mary (Callahan) Murray shares memories and appreciation for her education at St. Philip



The Homecoming Bonfire continues as an honored tradition



Virginia (McCauley) Hendrickson, Class of 1949, shares a laugh with Father Frances Marotti and Norma Reed



Monsignor William Fitzgerald extends birthday congratulations to Ruth (Heffron) Creager, Class of 1931



Carrie (Cole) Haley – Class of 1981 and Sarah (Kalinovsky) Parker – Class of 1985



Mike McVeigh reminisces about what his years at St. Philip mean to him

~FRIENDS & REMEMBRANCE~

Members of the Class of 1944
celebrate their 68 year reunion



Members of the Class of 1952
celebrate their 60 year reunion

Members of the Class of 1962
celebrate their 50 year reunion



Members of the Class of 1957:
Anne (Smith) Greenman, Janet
(Steinbacher) Poznick, Norma
(Cull) Landstra



We welcomed Jon Lyons and Mark
Albert, Class of 2002, back to St. Philip
with a standing ovation

Monsignor William Fitzgerald
and Don Shafer, Principal



Members of the Class of 1955: Pat
(Blaskie) Dunn, Walt Matyasic and Jan
Matyasic



Beverly (Kerr) Gapske, Class
of 1952, sporting an original
1950's marching band jacket

We thank our alumni-volunteers
for making Homecoming, 2012
so memorable, including Nancy
Brown, Class of 1954, and Patsy
(Bogosoff) Perry, Class of 1960



CLASSMATES AND CLASS ACTS



PHILIP BONIFER, JR. AND ELIZABETH BONIFER SCHOLARSHIP

The Bonifer family, Phillip III, Tom, Mary, Laura, and Jim, graduated from St. Philip Catholic Central High School between 1979 and 1985. The Bonifer Family has also appreciated a lifelong connection with St. Philip Catholic Church. This scholarship fund was established in memory of the late Dr. Philip, Elizabeth, and Mary Bonifer to offer hope for parents and students that, regardless of economic hardship, they may attend the Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools. We are deeply appreciative of the Bonifer family's generosity and support for Catholic education. Generations of students will benefit because of their commitment to their alma mater!

ZANETTI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Zanetti Family Scholarship Fund honors the members of the Santo and Maria Zanetti Family and their commitment to St. Philip Catholic Central High School. It is in special memory of grandson, Andrew Zanetti and Santo Zanetti,



Class of 1942. While meeting with Frankie, as he established the scholarship, I was reminded of the following quote from Pope Benedict

XVI: "Our hearts are full of sadness, yet at the same time (full) of joyful hope and profound gratitude."

SANTO ZANETTI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The establishment of the Santo Zanetti Memorial Scholarship Fund honors Maria and Santo Zanetti and their commitment to Catholic education at St. Philip Catholic Central High School. Santo was a 1942 graduate of St. Philip High School. Throughout his lifetime, Santo, along with his widow, Maria, was a loyal advocate and devoted supporter of Catholic education. We sadly said goodbye to Santo in August, 2008, yet, through this scholarship fund, he will be remembered forever. We thank his wife, Maria, and sons, Frank - '72 and John - '75 for their leadership, faith and commitment to future students at St. Philip.

A GOLDEN GIFT FOR A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY ~ THE CLASS OF 1962 ENDOWMENT FUND ~

Ensuring that future generations receive the gift of a Catholic education, members of the Class joined together to raise nearly \$10,000, the amount needed to endow a named fund within the BCACS Foundation. Kathy Gallagher, Development Director, expressed, "Thank you! The Class of 1962 is providing a gift that will last a lifetime...in two ways. The St. Philip Class of 1962 Endowed Fund ensures that worthy students benefit from a Catholic education at St. Philip. Their Catholic education lasts a lifetime. By virtue of being an "endowed" fund, the fund is permanent. It will honor the St. Philip Class of 1962, forever. We are truly blessed by your leadership, support and prayers. There is a special spirit, alive, among the STP alumni."

OUR LADY OF FATIMA RETURNED TO HER RIGHTFUL PLACE



After many years being absent, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima was returned to the halls of St. Philip. Thanks to the reverence of Janet (Austin) Damon, Class of 1972, the statue was offered protection at her home for nearly three years. Janet learned from her sister, Sally (Austin) Black, Class of 1961, that St. Philip School was unaware of what had happened to Her. We are deeply appreciative that Janet and her husband returned Her to the school. The statue, originally housed on the third floor, now adorns the foyer of the St. Philip Parish Center.

REMEMBRANCE & GRATITUDE

IN THANKSGIVING

St. Philip Catholic Central High School and the BCACS Foundation extend their deep appreciation for recent gifts received in memory or in honor of these STP Alumni.

GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ALUMNI:

Emelia (Martinovich) Blazekovic, Class of 1932
Santo Zanetti, Class of 1942
W. Fred Mangan, Class of 1944
Norman Schmitzer, Class of 1944
Rudy Bartholomew, Class of 1946
Norman "Bud" Lawrence, Class of 1951
Tim Howard, Class of 1971
Carrie Adams, Class of 1991

GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ALUMNI FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Cathie Di Maria
Rose and Sam Di Maria
Sister Electa Herringer
Veronica Howard

GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR OF ALUMNI:

John Hogan, Class of 1939
Margaret (Skaggs) Hogan, Class of 1942
Anne (Hogan) Jakubowski, Class of 1969
Mary (Hogan) Randall, Class of 1970
Susie Hogan, Class of 1971
Colleen (Hogan) Schmidt, Class of 1975
JP Bauman, Class of 1999
Greg Bauman, Class of 2003
Ben Tanoff, Class of 2010

GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR OF ALUMNI FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Sister Therese M. Rudell
Veronica Howard

FOR OUR ALUMNI

Your generous support continues to make a difference for our school, our students and our community.

Our future STP Alumni salute you!

IN MEMORIAM

The following members of the STP Family have passed from this life to the next. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers. We extend our sincere condolences to their loved ones.

Emelia (Martinovich) Blazekovic, Class of 1932
Ruth (Weickgenant) White, Class of 1939
Ed Green, Class of 1945
Marie (Conroy) Standish, Class of 1945
Dorothy (Mrozovich) Head, Class of 1950
Joseph Becker, Class of 1952
Catherine (Vandenbogart) Reed, Class of 1929

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

FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Members of the Class of 2013 continue to benefit from the Senior Internship Program offered as a part of the curriculum. The following are areas of interest and organizations that are hosting a student. We are deeply grateful to our community for its support of this program which helps to inform students about college and career paths.

Accounting/Finance: Family Health Center
Advertising: Battle Creek Visitors Center
Engineering: JPG Resources, RDS Engineering
Engineering/Aviation, Western Michigan School of Aviation
Hair Stylist: Arbor Village
Interior Design: Leslie Pearl
Law Enforcement and Public Service: City of Battle Creek
Marketing and Public Relations: BCACS Foundation and BCACS
Music: Community Music School
Nonprofit and Volunteer Management: HandsOn Battle Creek
Nonprofit Administration: Kingman Museum
Nursing: LifeCare Ambulance, The Oaks
Physical Therapy: Physio Therapy, The Oaks
Sports Medicine: Agility Health, Bronson Battle Creek
Teaching: Dudley Elementary School, St. Joseph Elementary and Middle Schools

THE BCACS FOUNDATION EXTENDS ITS PROFOUND APPRECIATION FOR THE BENEVOLENCE OF THE ST. PHILIP ALUMNI

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