

# Alumni News

Saint Philip Catholic Central High School

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## PHOTOS AND STORIES BY THE BCACS COMMUNITY CARRYING ON THE MR. MAY WAY

Our schools, parishes and Battle Creek community mourn Tim May's sudden passing November 10, 2014. As principal of St. Philip Catholic Central High School, we were blessed by his leadership, energy, humor and knowledge. We were inspired by his faith. Whether you knew Tim throughout your lifetime or a few short years, his influence was remarkable. In the year and a half that Tim was principal, his impact on our students, families, staff and schools was tremendous.

Tim's educational knowledge and experience brought the highest level of standards and expectations to our school. In his words to his staff, prior to his passing, Tim shared, "As you look over our impressive list of initiatives we have implemented since last fall, we can say to our accreditation team that we are truly blessed and proud of how we have improved instruction, promoted our Catholic identity, and modeled service to others. We have lived our Mission Statement. All of these positive changes would not be possible without a committed faculty and staff, great priests who are involved with our students and school, and great

families who make the commitment to send their children to us.

Let's keep raising the bar of expectations and challenge each other to get better at what we do".

Father John Fleckenstein shared at Tim's funeral Mass, "This is a time, in this church, for faith and hope. It's a time to look into the eyes of Jesus Christ risen from the dead and say that I believe in him. Tim did, and now we pray that he has received his reward. We can choose to 'move on' or we can 'carry on'. There is a difference! In our school, we freely choose to 'carry on' what Tim has planted here. We will not 'move on' from it. Neither should any of us 'move on' from the impact Tim had on us. Instead, we must all carry it on."

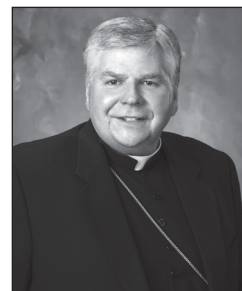
We are blessed to have our faith to carry on. With each passing day, we will continue to support one another through prayer. We especially remember Tim's wife, Randi, their sons Tom and Travis, their daughters-in-laws Gabrielle and Amanda, their grandson Charlie and the their two additional grandchildren to be born this spring. May our prayers provide them with consolation, support and hope.



**"WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT"**

~ EXCERPT FROM BISHOP BRADLEY'S COMMENTS AT TIM MAY'S FUNERAL ~

WITHIN HOURS OF HEARING THE NEWS OF THEIR PRINCIPAL'S PASSING, ST. PHILIP HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ORGANIZED A PRAYER VIGIL AFTER SCHOOL AT THE GROTTO. THIS WAS ONLY ONE OF MANY STUDENT MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTES.



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

TAKE A LOOK WITH YOUR CALENDAR BOOK

## 19th Annual Alumni Homecoming Reunion

All alumni and friends are invited October 10, 2015 to the 19th 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 2015 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 1965 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 2015 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!

*Celebrating a Century of Education*

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1917 - 2017

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1925, 1930, 1935, 1940 1945,  
1950, 1960, 1980, 1985, 1990,  
1995, 2000, & 2010



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SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2015

Fun for the whole family  
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Join the party on Cherry Street

The STP Summer  
Block Party

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015

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SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015

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mrabbitt@bcacs.org ~ 269.963.4503

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## REUNION ROLLCALL

**Class of 1955's 60th Reunion**  
**October 9-10, 2015**

Contact Jim Baum  
269-274-4325

**Class of 1965's 50th Reunion**  
**October 9-10, 2015**

Contact Therese (Wildern) Miller  
269-965-6735  
luckyladyt94@yahoo.com  
Contact Nita (Borsch) Cretsinger  
269-721-3792  
nitacretbc@gmail.com

**Class of 1970's 45th Reunion**  
**June 19-20, 2015**

Contact Ed Bauman  
269-274-4325

**Class of 1975's 30th Reunion**  
**August 21-22, 2015**

Contact Julie Pessetti Brown  
269-963-2713  
julie7215@att.net]

**Class of 2005's 10th Reunion**  
**November 27, 2015**

Dark Horse Brewery  
starting at 11:00 a.m.





Harper Terese Reed is the daughter of Aryn and Dan Reed, Class of 2004. Harper was born on September 19th.



Slater Cruz Mohan Melad is the son of James and Abby (Mohan) Melad, Class of 1999. He was born on August 29th. He is pictured with his mom and brother, Donovan.



Paisley (left) is the daughter of Kyle and Elizabeth (Criswell) Van Dussen, Class of 2003. Paisley was born on May 22nd, 2013. She is pictured with her sister, Holland.



Sadie Rae Brennan is the daughter of Dan and Abbie (Newton) Brennan, Class of 2003. Sadie was born on August 30th.

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# STP ALUMNI SMILES AND MILESTONES



Bobby (3 ½ years old) and Charlie (born on October 3rd) are the sons of Robert and Holly (Rombaugh) Kaufmann, Class of 2005.



Brinnley Elisabeth Talbott is the daughter of Breea Formsma, Class of 1995. Brinnley was born on February 12th.

## ~ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES~



Congratulations to **Fred Meyer, Class of 1964**, and his wife, Patty on their retirement! Meyer's Toy World, a well-known icon in Battle Creek since 1947, closed shortly before Christmas. Started by his parents, Fred and Ione (Daines) Meyer, Class of 1933, Fred and Patty took over the helm in 1981. What's next for Fred and Patty? In addition to participating in more outdoor activities and spending time with their children and grandchildren, they were this year's Annual Christmas Parade grand marshals!



This past summer, **Tom Crane, Class of 1984**, and his family (pictured left) relocated back to Battle Creek after 25 years! He joined the company where his father worked, Summit Bay Private Wealth Advisors as a financial advisor. Tom shared, "I am looking forward to making new friends and renewing old friendships in the years to come!" Tom is pictured with his wife, Kim, and daughters, Sally, Morgan, Lauren and Abbie. Welcome home Tom!

**Will Lemanski, Class of 1997**, (pictured right) along with his wife, Lisa, became owners of Meiers Lombardini & Lemanski Insurance, an independent insurance agency in East Lansing, Michigan. Prior to purchasing the agency, Will was employed with Auto-Owners Insurance. Their agency was recently featured in a national insurance publication "Independent Agent" magazine's July 2014 edition. The article discusses how important technology and social business is in the insurance business and the advances they have implemented at their agency.



**Hugh Ingalls, Class of 2010**, (pictured right) graduated in May with a degree in Sustainable Business from Aquinas College. During his time there, Hugh was responsible for starting the Hockey Program which reached the regionals in its second year. **Ned Ingalls, Class of 2012**, (pictured left) is in his junior year at Grand Valley State University's film school. The Ingalls brothers recently formed the Apollo Media Group, a full-service video production company specializing in videos for music, sports, and business. Ned is the head videographer, and Hugh is the head of business development. We thank Hugh and Ned for creating the powerful video, "We are the Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools...Where students will know the Faith, share the Faith and live the Faith." To view the video, please visit [www.bcacs.org](http://www.bcacs.org). You can contact them at [www.apollomgroup.com](http://www.apollomgroup.com) or email [contact@apollomgroup.com](mailto:contact@apollomgroup.com).



**Dan Salerno, Class of 1970**, recently had a book published. It's called "20 Short Ones" and is a collection of short stories focusing on how relationships happen. Although he has worked as a freelance writer, this is his first attempt at writing a book. "It's fiction based on life experiences," he says. Mrs. O'Malley, an English teacher at what was then St. Philip High School, was one of the influences in his life who encouraged him to continue writing outside of the classroom. "I wrote 20 Short Ones because it was fun! And I enjoyed looking back on life as a series of stories," he said. Salerno noted that **Roger Heldt, Class of 1970**, designed the cover art for the book. **Mary (McVeigh) Nowlin, Class of 1976**, was instrumental with a book signing that took place at the Battle Creek Barnes & Noble. Salerno recently retired from the Food Bank of South Central Michigan after 27 years, where he was the Director of Fund Development. "It was a great place to put into practice all of the powerful social justice teachings we learned at St. Philip," he said. "20 Short Ones" can be ordered on-line through: Barnes & Noble, Amazon, Christian Family Stores and Westbow Press.



## ~HONORS & HOOPS~

### 5th Annual Alumni Hoops Tournament Trophy Goes to Newest Graduates

NICK BUCKLEY, CLASS OF 2003

The fifth annual St. Philip Alumni Basketball Tournament saw five teams battle it out at Sheila Guerra Gymnasium on November 28, with the Class of 2014 'Halbert's Hoopers' coming out on top.

Halbert's Hoopers outlasted Team Luoma in the championship of the double-elimination tournament by a score of 43-33. Halbert's Hoopers advanced with wins over the 1975 'Greatest Class Alive' (37-18) and the 2010s 'Jive Turkeys' (40-21). Team Luoma sent them to the loser's bracket in a narrow 28-25 defeat, but Halbert's Hoopers bounced back with a 32-27 victory over defending champion 'Joe Zuk All-Stars' in the consolation finals, 32-27. Halbert's Hoopers then handed Team Luoma its first loss (22-17) before winning the deciding game and etching their name on the tournament trophy.

Halbert's Hoopers, made up of the 2014 Class that helped break the school record for victories in a season, was led by Alex Doyle, Brent DeBree, Tyler Hubbard-Neil, Jonathon Niland, Isaac Cloward and Brent Finnila.

For the third consecutive year, the 1975 'Greatest Class Alive' took home the tournament's Spirit Trophy, despite missing several veteran players. However, their innovative "five on defense, five on offense" strategy remained.

All proceeds from the event were donated to the St. Philip Athletic Fund. Perhaps the greatest success of the tournament was that it marked the fifth straight year without injury. Come join us for some entertaining basketball next year, either as a player, coach or fan.



### ALUMNI HONORS COACH TOM MILLER



Team members and classmates gathered on February 13 to honor Coach Tom Miller. Coach Miller coached boys basketball from 1965 to 1973. Coach Miller's record was 106-69. In 1973, he coached the boys varsity basketball team to the state semi-finals.

### ALUMNI ABOUND IN STP's 2014 VOLLEYBALL CROWN



**F**red Smith, Class of 1973, Vice President of the Representative Council for MH-SAA, presents **Vicky (Guerra) Groat, Class of 1985** with the state championship trophy. Fred expressed, "It brings goose bumps every time I present the trophy to Vicky. I am so proud of the team, the students and the great fan support. My history with St. Philip volleyball goes back to the 1977 State Final when my sister, **Mary Jo ('77)** and Vicky's sister, **Patty ('77)** were on the runner-up team. I was also the bus driver for the 1st State Champion team in 1979."

## St. Philip Catholic Central Welcomes Visiting Students from China



St. Philip staff and students were excited to spend two weeks with 30 students and several school staff members who have traveled here from China. The students were from northeast China, with the majority attending Jiamusu High School,

which is populated with 5,000 students and 400 staff members. The students were seeking different cultural experiences and wish to become more independent. When they return to China they will share their experiences about our food, culture and

especially the educational opportunities. We hope to welcome some of these students back next fall, to experience a full year attending St. Philip Catholic Central High School.



VICKY GROAT AND  
CONNIE DUNCAN  
“CARRY ON”

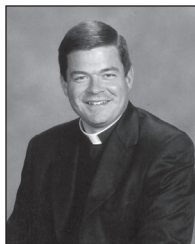
Reverend John D. Fleckenstein, Pastor Administrator, announced in December that Connie Duncan and Vicky Groat will serve as interim administrators at St. Philip Catholic Central.

Father Fleckenstein said, “It has been our goal since Mr. May’s sudden death that we would find an administrator who worked closely with him so that we may carry on the good work that Mr. May began,” he said. “Mrs. Groat clearly fits that description, as she worked with Mr. May daily and knew his direction and dreams for the school. Additionally, I am grateful for the role Mrs. Duncan will serve as Interim Education Director. She is highly respected in the Battle Creek community, and her primary

focus will be on carrying forth and enhancing the academic offerings of the school, while also evaluating teachers and ensuring that our already-excellent academics will carry forward.”

While Vicky is responsible for issues related to student well-being and parent communication, Connie’s focus is on academics and staff. She will oversee curriculum, instruction, professional development, as well as, the budget process. Connie shared, “Coming in to St. Philip for the first time in many years, it is overwhelming to see the students actively living their faith. To begin each class, each meeting, each day in prayer is very refreshing. This is unique to St. Philip.”





## Alumni are the key to students' ongoing development

REVEREND JOHN D. FLECKENSTEIN, PASTOR ADMINISTRATOR

Since his election to the papacy, Pope Francis continues to inspire the world with his simple but firm ways in which we can become better people... more fully alive human beings. One of the things Pope Francis has made clear is his commitment to the importance of Catholic education. He said, "We need to provide an education which teaches critical thinking and encourages the development of mature moral values." He goes on to say, "And how much good has been done by Catholic schools and universities around the world! This is a good thing. Yet, we find it difficult to make people see that. When we raise other questions less palatable to public opinion, we are doing so out of fidelity to precisely the same convictions about human dignity and the common good."

Often times, it is our alumni who value the Catholic school education more than our current families. That's because our graduates see later in life how our schools developed the mind, body and spirit. Many schools will say they develop the "spirit," but they cannot truly do so because of being forced to conform to "public opinion" and their inability to allow God to be part of the formula for a

sound education.

Our alumni are key to the ongoing development of children. The alumni can be visionaries for those who are part of our schools... both in the present and the future. At the same time, our schools cannot rest on fancy words and colorful brochures. Our outstanding test scores, extra-curricular opportunities, athletic offerings, and expressed faith tell the story much better than any other words. And, it is the spirit of the students that is so obvious on a daily basis.

For example, this school year the high school experienced the sudden death of our principal, Mr. Tim May. He was much beloved by our students. But it was faith that the students first turned towards. They spontaneously went to prayer and turned to their faith for guidance. It was the idea of the students to gather around the Grotto in prayer less than 24 hours after Mr. May's death. One could nearly taste their faith, and it reminded us all of the times all of our alumni have similarly gathered around the



Grotto for prayer and encouragement.

Many people say "change is good." I'm confident that ongoing enhancements to our curriculum, a commitment to strengthen our understanding of what it truly means to be a Catholic school, and much more makes our future bright. As Pope Francis said, it is "difficult to make people see" how valuable our schools are. Our alumni, staff, faculty, students, and families must find ways to "make people see" what we are all about. "By informing the sciences and other disciplines with Catholic theology," Pope Francis says, "(we become) an instrument for enlightening and renewing the world." And so it is. And so may it be.



## Students Learn About Death and Resurrection

FATHER FRANCIS MAROTTI

As a Catholic school system, we value spiritual formation as well as intellectual formation. Because of this, the students at St. Philip go on annual class retreats to reflect on the most important realities. This year, the theme of the retreats was "The Last Things."

The "last things" (traditionally death, judgment, Heaven and Hell), are a very important area of the Catholic Faith, because it focuses on our eternal well being and points our minds and hearts heavenward, where we hope for eternal life. This year, the significance of this theme was brought into stark reality with the untimely passing of our

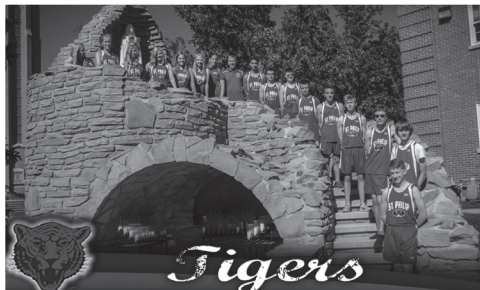
beloved principal, Mr. Tim May. Perhaps it was providential that Theology Instructor, Mr. McNally and I chose this theme at the beginning of the year, in order to remind students the reality of the Resurrection and heavenly glory.

Mr. McNally reflected on what "eternity" really means, and how we ought to always live for eternal joy in Heaven, not to be confined to living for the pleasures of this world. Eternity is much more than "a really long time" – it is unending existence. It is a necessary consideration – not just a scare tactic – to think about how I wish to spend eternity. Do I live through the struggles and sacrifices of this passing life with love in order to obtain eternal, ineffable bliss in

Heaven? Or do I take, take, take all I can in this life only to fall into eternal loneliness and despair in Hell?

I reflected on the vivid, concrete realities in Heaven. Far from being a merely spiritual, cloudy and ephemeral place, Heaven is the full reality that we all desire, much more real than our supposed "real world." Heaven is filled with true sensible joys and beauty, in addition to the primary cause of our happiness: the direct vision of God Himself, Who is Truth, Goodness and Beauty. There will be unimaginable happiness, indescribable beauty, and unspeakably profound love. Why do we not all think about this on a daily basis? I propose that we should. That is what our Catholic schools allow us to do.

# TRACKING TODAY'S TIGERS



## CROSS COUNTRY

The St. Philip Boys Cross Country team finished 3rd in the SCAA Conference and the St. Philip Girls Cross Country team finished 2nd in the SCAA Conference. The teams had three All-City and All-County Performers, Jack Greenman, Riley Rutherford and Ava Streng. These three runners also qualified for the MHSAA State Finals held at Michigan International Speedway. Ava Streng won the MHSAA Division 4 State Championship and Riley Rutherford earned All State Honors. Ava Streng also broke the St. Philip school record in the 5k both at the Regional Meet and at the State Finals.



## FOOTBALL

The 2014 St. Philip Football team had another successful season, finishing at nine wins and two losses. The team overcame some injuries to key players to win the Southern Michigan 8-Man League for the second year in a row. We placed several players on the Southern Michigan 8-Man League 1st team defense: Tyrus Sonneborn, Mike Sweeney, Kevin Greenman, Nick Hurst, and David Downey. Making the 1st team offensive were Tyrus Sonneborn, Jordan Scovie, Nick Hurst, Brayden Darr, Hunter Haley, and David Downey. The All-City team members from St. Philip were Tyrus Sonneborn, Nick Hurst, Hunter Haley, Brayden Darr, Mike Sweeney, and Kevin Greenman. The #4 ranked Tiger's season ended at the regional game against #2 ranked Lawrence. Editors Note: In the last alumni newsletter, we neglected to include Trevor Searls, then a sophomore varsity football player who made All-State 8-man, and All-City (honorable mention).



## SOCCER

A co-op sport with Calhoun Christian, the team posted a winning season with six wins and three losses. Mac Flook, senior, was named to the 2014 All Enquirer Soccer Team with Christian Perry, senior, receiving honorable mention. The team also voted Most Valuable Player – Mac Flook, Most Improved Player – Tyler Fuller, Showed Team Leadership – Christian Perry, Most Improved Passing – Ben Swagler, Most Improved Goalie – Trevor Fuller, Best Corner Kicker – Wade McIntyre.



## VOLLEYBALL



This fall, a new record was set in Class D Volleyball in Michigan...nine straight state championship titles. It is ten state championships for Coach Vicky (Guerra) Groat, Class of 1985 and 20 state championship titles for St. Philip Volleyball. Coach Groat told the Battle Creek Enquirer, "...this one is extra special. These kids worked so hard all season long. Sometimes it wasn't pretty, but in the end they were committed and they never faltered. It's the program and it's the kids that are in the stands--those little kids want to play St. Philip volleyball and want to be in this arena some day and have that experience." Abby McKinzie and Emily Schaub were first team All-State; Megan Parker was second team All-State and Kameron Haley was honorable mention All-State.



# HOMECOMING 2014

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Jumping for joy are the members of the 2014 St. Philip High School Homecoming Court: Hunter Haley (King), Jordan Scovie, Megan Parker, Annie Newton, Mac Flook, Kevin Greenman, Donbosco Hein, Haley Swagler, Kaylan Hayman, and Olivia Ritsema (Queen).



Members of the Class of 1974 gathered for their 40th class reunion during Homecoming weekend.



Mary (Hunt) Rabbitt, Class of 1974, was honored by Father John Fleckenstein and Kathy Gallagher for her years of service at St. Philip Catholic Central High School. The roses were also in memory of Mary's predecessor, Loretta Gemrose.



Thanks to the leadership talent and spirit of Molly O'Rourke, Class of 2007, the Tiny Tiger Cheerleaders cheered at the Homecoming football game.



Members of the Class of 1969 gathered for their 45th class reunion during Homecoming weekend.



Kathy Gallagher pins flowers on Mary Lou (Doud Atha) Marriott, Class of 1944.



Members of the Class of 1954 gathered for their 60th class reunion during Homecoming weekend.





## 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](http://www.bcacs.org) to learn more about our Distinguished Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees.

### **MATT HOWARD** **Class of 1974**



Matt Howard graduated from St. Philip in 1974. Matt was nominated by fellow classmate, Mary (Hunt) Rabbitt and Kathy Gallagher who expressed, "Matt's commitment to Catholic education is unparalleled. His service in support of Catholic schools is a great example for future generations."

Matt shared, "St. Philip prepared me academically for college, taught me the importance of religion and volunteerism in my life and provided me the opportunity to participate in team sports and fitness activities. My parents set a good example by sacrificing to send my siblings and me to the Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools."

Matt earned his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Western Michigan University where he was a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, professional business fraternity. He is a Certified Public Accountant, Partner with Seber Tans, PLC and Director of the Seber Tans Audit and Assurance Group.

Matt and his wife, Kathy, have four children: Erin, Megan, Patrick and Sara; all graduated from Saint Monica Catholic School and Hackett Catholic Central High School.

### **MARC PESSETTI** **Class of 1974**



Marc Pessetti, Class of 1974, was nominated by classmate, Mary (Hunt) Rabbitt. Mary shared, "Marc has been a coach, role model and mentor at St. Philip for the past 40 years. He has been involved at St. Philip even longer than me! He loves St. Philip and would give the shirt off his back if it would help a student."

His rapport with the students is remarkable. He is very deserving of being honored as a distinguished alumni."

Following high school, Marc earned his Bachelor's Degree in Education and his Master's in Athletic Administration from Western Michigan University. Marc has a long career as an educator at Springfield Middle School. Marc has volunteered with the City of Battle Creek at recreation and sporting events,

including the Special Olympics. He has been recognized as the Detroit News "State Coach of the Year" and the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Assistant State Coach of the Year. He is a 50-year member of St. Joseph Parish in Battle Creek.

Marc expressed, "I received a great education in an unmatched atmosphere. Still, today, there is no better place for a student to receive a well-rounded quality education."

Marc and his wife, Mary Kay, have two daughters, Taylor and Alexis, who attend St. Philip and St. Joseph Schools.

### **NICK BUCKLEY** **Class of 2003**



Nick Buckley, Class of 2003, was nominated by Vicky (Guerra) Groat. "Nick took initiative to develop and manage the annual alumni basketball tournament. Now in its fifth year, it is not often we see such commitment to their alma mater from such a young alumnus. Nick represents St. Philip extremely well within our community; we are proud to say he is from St Philip."

During high school, Nick served as Student Senate President, Pep Club President, Class Vice President, and the editor of the school news, The Grrrrzette. Nick earned nine varsity letters and was Homecoming King. Nick shared, "I owe everything to my time at STP. My career in journalism was started during my senior internship. My wife was my high school sweetheart and all the values that I hold as a person were instilled during these formative years. My daughter will hopefully be a 6th generation St. Philip graduate." Nick is a life-long member of St. Philip Parish.

Nick's career as a journalist for the Battle Creek Enquirer began in 2003 and continues today. In 2014, he received the Michigan Associated Press Award, First Place for sustained coverage of a single sports event, "Playing Together." In 2013, he was named National Amateur Baseball Federation "Writer of the Year." Nick also volunteers during All Saints Superfest and as a contributing writer for the St. Philip Alumni News.

Nick and his wife, Alexis (Rainier), Class of 2004, have one daughter, Charlie, who attends St. Joseph School.



## ROBERT J. O'BRIEN

### Class of 1945



Mr. O'Brien was honored post-humously and was represented by Mrs. Patricia O'Brien, Paul Downey, Class of 1975, and Kelly (O'Brien) Downey, Class of 1976.



During high school, Mr. O'Brien earned varsity letters in football (three years), basketball (two years) and baseball (three years). He was the team captain and the starting quarterback on the 1944 football team. He served in the US Army during World War II. He then attended the Walton School of Commerce at the University of Chicago. Upon his return to Battle Creek, he was employed with the C.W. Post company as an accountant for 32 years.

Bob was a member of St. Philip Church and was active in the Knights of Columbus. He was also in the Post 25 Year Club, Elks Lodge and VFW Post #298. Bob and his wife had ten children and twenty seven grandchildren.

Mr. O'Brien was nominated by Coaches David Downey and Marc Pessetti who said, "Mr. O'Brien remained very loyal to St. Philip. He and his wife sacrificed to be able to send their children to St. Philip. His legacy still lives on."

## THE 2015 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME RECIPIENTS



## RICK STAIB

### Class of 1988



During high school, Rick earned varsity letters in football (two years), was named to the All-City football team in 1987, received Honorable Mention All-Conference in 1986 and was a member of the 1985 state championship team. He earned varsity letters in basketball (two years) and in varsity baseball (one year)

where he was named All-Conference in 1987. Rick was nominated to the Hall of Fame by Coach Jack Brown.

Following high school, Rick served a four-year apprenticeship with Local 669 and is a State-certified welder since 1992. He worked as a Journeyman sprinkler fitter for 10 years and is currently employed at C.W. Post Foods as a Pneumatic Technician.

Rick expressed, "The coaches and teachers I had through grade school and high school all had a passion to make each student better. I saw the difference they made in everyone's lives, be it a student or parent. They taught me the value of hard work and overcoming adversity. This has carried me through life and given me the drive to never give up. I'm thankful for all the coaches I played for and worked with and all that they have taught me. I hope I can make the same impression on the players I coach. I grew up with St. Philip football. I started as a ball boy, and knew from then I wanted to be a football coach at St. Philip. Playing for Mike Hume, Jack Brown, Norm, David and Paul Downey and my dad, Dick Staib. I saw the drive and enjoyment they got out of coaching and being a part of the St. Philip family. I've been lucky enough to work with some great people like Pete Francisco, Ted Fitzgerald, Chris Rabbitt, Mary Rabbitt, Brett Formsma, Don Shafer, Vicky Groat and countless others whose timeless dedication has made St. Philip the great school it is. I'm most thankful for the players I've had the privilege to coach." Rick has coached junior high and middle school football at St. Philip and St. Joseph Schools for 16 seasons and rocket football for two seasons.

Paul Downey, Class of 1975,  
Mrs. O'Brien, Kelly (O'Brien)  
Downey, Class of 1976,  
Rick Staib, Class of 1988,  
and Athletic Director Vicky  
(Guerra) Groat, Class of 1985

# CLASSMATES AND CLASS ACTS

## Honoring the members of the Class of 1944



The 2014 St. Philip Catholic Central High School Homecoming was dedicated to the St. Philip Class of 1944 as classmates celebrated their 70th reunion. In reality it is probably closer to seventy times seven, as this class started gathering on a weekly basis (for those who could make it) in 1982. Among the original organizers were Lena (Maddalena) Wood, Paul Bauman and Norm Schmitzer. To this day, a core group from Battle Creek get together once or twice a month. Sometimes it has been couples, sometimes the “boys” get together and the “girls” get together separately. For setting a fine example of class camaraderie and school spirit, we proudly honored them at Homecoming 2014!

*Pictured are: Ruth Schriner, Betty Stimac, Cecelia Maurer, Mary Lois O'Connell, Tosca Albera, Helen Stringham, Lena Maddalena, Katherine Matyasic, Patricia Skaggs, Mary Ann Clay, Bernice Karas, Mary Lou Doud, Margaret McCloskey, Paul Bauman, Norman Schmitzer, Arnold Klukowski. Not pictured are: Dortehea Breher, Earl Brutsche, Gloria Buckley, Agnes Burgie, Joseph Burgie, Rita Cebelak, Florence Ferris, Sheila Flagg, Mary Foley, Jacqueline Gaffney, Richard Gibbs, Jeanette Goble, Lyle Goff, Jeanne Heine, Joe Hosh, Thomas Hurst, Katherine Keagle, Raymond Kelly, Marian Kovach, Charles Lemish, Ann Madden, W. Fred Mangan, Joseph Marriott, Maureen McCauley, David Meisterheim, Carlene Moore, Mary O'Connell, Mary Obraz, Martha Osborn, Ann Otis, Theresa Pavlekovich, Wendell Schoder, Helen Shippy, Patricia Skaggs, Lyle Squires, LeRoy Steinbacher, Helen Stringham, Wendell Wemple, Irene Westrick, Margaret Willitts, Betty Wilson, Sara Zande*



**We are thankful for our alumni who so generously contribute to their alma mater, through annual gifts, gifts for scholarships, memorial gifts or gifts to specific projects and initiatives. We congratulate the Class of 1946 for having the highest percentage of classmates supporting their alma mater! The Class of 1947 and the Class of 1962 come in second and third, respectively. The following is a list of the 2014 Alumni Donors**

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## REMEMBRANCE & GRATITUDE

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*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.*

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### 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.*

■—————■  
 Margaret (Cleary) Egan, Class of 1934  
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# BCACS FOUNDATION NEWS

## Invest Today for a Brighter Tomorrow

This past October, the Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools Foundation launched its 2015 Annual Fund Drive, a critical source of financial support for St. Philip Catholic Central High School. We are very grateful for the following alumni who spoke about the BCACS Foundation at the Annual Fund Drive Kick-Off masses at St. Jerome, St. Joseph and St. Philip Churches: Patti (Austin) Kuenzel, Class of 1987, Joseph Lin, Class of 2014, Ed Bauman, Class of 1970, Clarissa Corral, Class of 2015, Todd Greenman, Class of 1981, Liz (Hannon) Casterline, Class of 1990, Amy (Nelson) Schaub, Class of 1990, Jim Pearl, Class of 1978, Jeff Stevens, Class of 1989, and Frankie Zanetti, Class of 1972.

If you haven't had the opportunity to make your gift to the 2015 Annual Fund Drive, there is still time. Use the enclosed envelope or go to [www.bcacs.org](http://www.bcacs.org) and click on Donate Today. Put your class in the lead for highest percentage support for your alma mater in 2015!



### STP ALUMNI REWIND

Wandering the hallways of St. Joseph might seem a bit like deja vu as many of the local St. Philip alumni are choosing St. Joseph for their children. And these littlest Tigers are in great hands with our early elementary staff who are alumni: Kelly (Fitzgerald) Francisco, '99, Amiee (Greene) Downey, '99, Andrew Criswell, '05, and Brooke (Rainier) Schmitz, '00.



## THE BCACS LEGACY: the Downey Family



### MEET AMIEE (GREENE) DOWNEY, CLASS OF 1999

As a little girl at St. Joseph Elementary and Middle Schools, she had dreams of becoming a dancer, basketball player, or working in sports medicine. Throughout her time at St. Joseph Elementary and Middle School, and St. Philip High School, she remembers the teachers as great mentors, especially Mr. Zuk whom she attributes with her chosen profession as a teacher. "I think he knew I was going to be a teacher before I knew it, I was," said Amiee. After obtaining her teaching degree, Amiee started teaching at St. Joseph Elementary and has been for 11 years. "I wouldn't want it any other way! It's what I know and love," said Amiee.



### MEET PAT DOWNEY, CLASS OF 1996

As a little boy at St. Joseph Elementary and Middle Schools, he had dreams of becoming a police officer. Throughout his time at St. Joseph Elementary and Middle Schools and St. Philip High School, he remembers the dedication of the teachers to their students. He especially remembers Mrs. Grosso who was his favorite science teacher. "She had a way of making us excited about learning," he expressed. Pat earned his degree in economics. He is now a financial advisor and Vice-President at Morgan Stanley.



Both Amiee and her husband, Pat, felt the teachers at our Catholic schools were there because they wanted to be there and believe in investing in the students. They still see this today with the current staff, as their girls, Ellery and Leah, start their journey through Catholic school. "As a family, there was never a question if the girls would go to Catholic school," expressed Pat. "It creates the foundation that our family lives by to be part of this Catholic community – parish and school." This tradition of Catholic education goes back generations for the Greene/Downey families, as their parents and even grandmothers went to school together at our Catholic schools. The Downeys realize the importance of giving back and making sure our parishes and schools are here for future generations. What we invest in our students today will definitely impact their future and their ability to give back to the communities in which they live.

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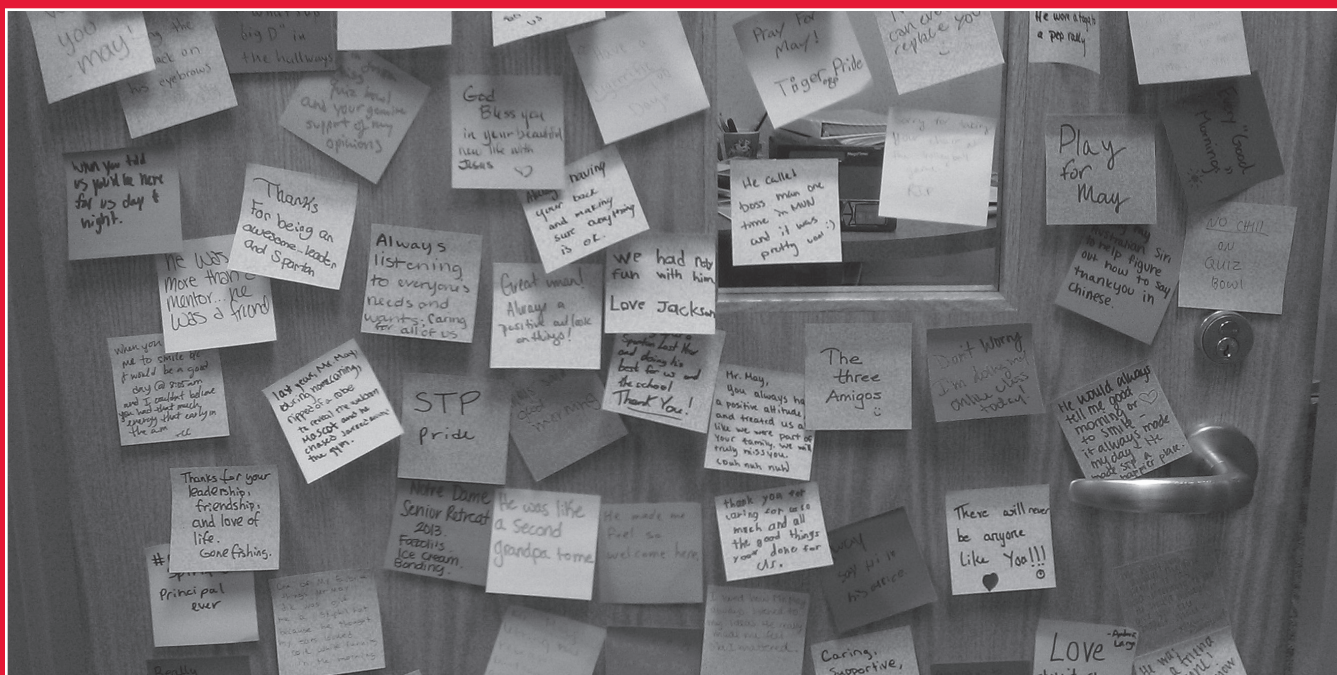
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# HIS DOOR WAS ALWAYS OPEN...



Mr. May left a big impression on the students of St. Philip. Within hours of learning of his death, a message board of sorts began on his office door. Students added them throughout the day until the entire door was covered - a personal tribute to a great man.