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Knight Notes from the President



As we end this academic year, the Bergan family says "Goodbye" to a person that has had a profound impact on our school. For

18 years, Mr. Ron Beacom has served Bergan, as a classroom teacher for 4 years, as the Assistant Principal/Activities Director for 5 years, and finally, as a Principal for 9 years. Mr. Beacom has accepted a position in the Neligh-Oakdale School District, and will begin his responsibilities there later this summer. He will serve as a math teacher, Activities Director, and Head Football and Girls'

Basketball Coach. We are very grateful for all that Mr. Beacom has sacrificed and has given to the families that are a part of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. Please pray for him and his family in this time of transition. Also at this time, I am happy to announce that the new principal of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School is Mr. Dan Koenig. Mr. Koenig is a graduate of Bergan (1998), and is currently serving as the Assistant Principal at Fremont Public High School. Dan and his wife Jess (also a Bergan graduate) have 2 sons, Ryker and Owen, and are members of Saint Patrick's Parish. The Search Committee and I feel that Mr.

Koenig brings the faith, skills, knowledge, energy, and attitude that are necessary for our school to grow into the future that God has waiting for us.

I am looking forward to working with Mr. Koenig, along with the faculty, staff, students, parents, and community, as we make our mission of instilling a "passion, as exemplified by Christ, for faith, knowledge, and service" a reality. We will be scheduling times through the summer where families and community members can meet Mr. Koenig.

Fr. David Belt

There is a Season



I often thought it was just something that grandparents and parents said as we were growing up, "Time just keeps going faster as we

going faster as we get older!" Now, I know and understand what they mean. It seems that we just started the school year and already, our Senior Class of 2013 has graduated and become alumni of Archbishop Bergan and the rest of the student body is on summer break. Where does the time go? We know that time is consistent, but as our lives get busier and busier, we all too often lose track of the time and hence everything seems to speed up and we don't take the time to enjoy the seasons.

The seasons of life are more than just the seasons of the calendar. The seasons I am referring to are the many experiences that we are given as a gift from God to enjoy and make the most of. On May 1st our Senior Class had their last retreat day together at Camp Rivercrest, just southwest of Fremont. We started the day

overcoming some obstacles; wind, drizzle, rain, thunder, lightning, hail, sleet and then snow. The only thing we missed was a Nebraska tornado! Anyway, all that didn't stop us from completing the challenge of a 30' rock climbing wall, and taking a zip line across a long ravine. The challenges made the class pull together even more and help each other accomplish some common goals as a class family.

All of that, set them up to really think and share the strengths during the afternoon and early evening in the "Strengths Bombardment" activity for each of their classmates. This activity allowed each member of the class to share the strengths they saw in every classmate to help them as they prepare to transition from high school to the next chapter of their lives. Many of them realized that their fears, anxiety and even sadness would give way to new opportunities and seasons in their lives.

Even, we as adults often experience those same fears,

anxieties and many other emotions as we live through the many seasons of our lives. Yet, I would argue that the mission of Archbishop Bergan will help every student, teacher, staff member, administrator, alum or anyone who has lived the Bergan Mission. At the heart of our mission as exemplified by Christ is Faith, Knowledge and Service. If we maintain that mantra throughout our lives, we will enjoy and not miss out on the many seasons of our lives.

Our Faith helps keep our lives in perspective; God, family, others. Knowledge or the desire to never stop learning helps us keep growing in our own lives and professions. Lastly, Service helps us to never forget that one does not live for oneself and no one dies for oneself. If we live, we live for the Lord and if we die, we die for the Lord.

As we begin the Summer season, enjoy life. Take time to experience what God puts before you!

Fr. James Keiter

Archbishop Bergan Catholic School Earns Continuing NCA CASI Accreditation

Rev. David Belt, President of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, recently announced that Archbishop Bergan earned continuing accreditation from the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), an accreditation division of AdvanceD. While this is the first time that Bergan Elementary School has earned its NCA CASI accreditation, Bergan High School has been accredited since 1987.

NCA CASI provides nationally recognized accreditation, the purpose of which is continuous school improvement focused on increasing student performance. To earn accreditation, schools must meet NCA CASI's high standards, be evaluated by a team of professionals from outside the school and implement a continuous process of school improvement. Accreditation is granted on a five-year term.

"Accreditation demonstrates to our students, parents and community that we are focused on raising student achievement, providing a safe and enriching learning environment, and maintaining an efficient and effective operation staffed by highly qualified educators," stated Rev. Belt.

NCA CASI accreditation is recognized across state lines, which not only eases the transfer process as students move from accredited school to accredited school but also assures parents that the school is meeting nationally accepted standards for quality and successful professional practice.

Dr. Mark Elgart, President/CEO of AdvancED, the parent organization of NCA CASI, stated, "NCA CASI Accreditation is a rigorous process that focuses the entire school on the primary goal of creating lifelong learners. Archbishop Bergan Catholic School is to be commended for engaging in this process and demonstrating a commitment to continuous improvement."

Parents and interested community members can learn more about accreditation at www.advanc-ed.org.

About AdvancED and NCA CASI

Dedicated to advancing excellence in education through accreditation, research and professional services, AdvancED is the world's largest education community, serving and engaging 30,000 public and private schools and school systems in more than 70 countries and serving over 16 million students. AdvancED is the parent organization of the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI).

NCA CASI is a non-governmental, voluntary association of nearly 10,000 public and private elementary and secondary schools throughout the world.



We Remember...

Philip Hearn ('64)—October 20, 2012.

Madalen Petrow—January 12, 2013. Mother of George Petrow ('71); and the late Julie Petrow ('74).

Marilyn Fergen Harms ('58)—February 1, 2013. Sister to DeElda Fergen Roumph ('60).

Charles "Dick" Alexander—February 8, 2013. Brother to Shirley Alexander Madden (53).

Robert Agress—March 2, 2013. Step-father to Pam Prinz Lehmann ('76).

John Belak—April 3, 2013. Grandfather of Katie Belak Nielsen ('05); and Emily Belak, currently a junior at Bergan.

Joan McWhirter—April 9, 2013. Mother of Steve McWhirter ('93); Sarah McWhirter Bogert ('95); and Scott McWhirter ('97).

Vernon Hanken—April 17, 2013. Father of Steven Hanken ('71); Randy Hanken ('72); Lee Hanken ('74); Kevin Hanken ('75); and Susan Hanken ('77).

Robert Reber ('51)—April 21, 2013. Brother of the late JoAnn Reber Foster ('53).



Memorial Funds

Memorial funds can be established to Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. For more information contact the St. Patrick's Parish Office, 422 E. 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025 or (402) 721-6611.

Donation Matching Program

Many companies provide matching gift programs that multiply their employees' charitable donations. To obtain a matching gift, contact your employer's human resources department for a form or information about online procedures. Complete the donor/employee portion of the form and send it to: Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, Development Office, 422 East 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025. The Development staff will complete their part of the form, and return it to the company to initiate its fulfillment of the match.

Estate Planning

Remember Archbishop Bergan Catholic School in your estate planning. For more information contact Gary Schmidt at gschmidt@stpatsfremont.org or (402) 721-1846, ext. 17

2013 Class Reunion

The 2013 Alumni Reunion Banquet will be on Friday, July 12, 2013. Our 2012 banquet was a blast! Everyone had a great time visiting with fellow alumni. Honor years for 2013 are listed with their class officers on page seven along with some of the honored class reunion plans. If you are interested in representing your class honor year, please contact either Gary Schmidt (402) 721-1846 or gschmidt@stpatsfremont.org, or Kathy Kaup (402)721-1846 or kkaup@stpatsfremont.org

Let your classmates know about you

We want to know about where and how you are, and so do your fellow classmates. Please submit news and photos to Kathy Kaup, editor, kkaup@stpatsfremont.org, berganalumni@yahoo.com or the Alumni Office, 422 East 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025.

Reunion News

Recruitment



It's already June and time to look forward to the annual Alumni Reunion. Note the change this year. The reunion day is moving from Saturday to Friday. The date is Friday, July 12. the Alumni Board voted to move the reunion from the traditional Saturday to a Friday. Last year the first annual Hall of Fame awards were presented and this proved to be very successful with a majority of

the recipients in attendance. They remained after the dinner and enjoyed sharing their life histories with one another.

Another change which proved to be popular was a band playing outside on the green space with a dancing area and an outside bar. Reunion time is my favorite time because I enjoy seeing all my former students. I hope you will make every effort to attend. Please see other information about the reunion weekend on page 4 and 7 of this newsletter.



Registration for Archbishop Bergan Catholic School for the 2013-2014 school year is nearly complete. We have 428 students registered for the fall in preschool through 12th grade. We have 35 signed up for kindergarten and are very excited about our enrollment figures.

If you desire faith, courage, respect, honor, wisdom, responsibility, and achievement in your child's school then you should consider Archbishop Bergan Catholic School because that's our mission.

We exist to instill a passion, as exemplified by Christ, for faith, knowledge and service. Register your child today! Call Lyndsay Osborn at (402) 721-1846 or email losborn@stpatsfremont.org.

Gary Schmidt Development Officer

Lyndsay Osborn, MS Dírector of Advancement

Bergan Annual Appeal Update

The Bergan Annual Appeal is off to a great start but we still need your help. The purpose of this Appeal is to raise funds for the operating budget of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. For a number of years, the Bergan Alumni Office held a Phon-A-Thon in the spring to contact St. Patrick/Bergan Alumni and ask for their financial support. Two years ago, due to the lack of volunteers and decline in landline phones, the decision was made to discontinue the Phon-A-Thon. In its place, there was an appeal last year that included Bergan alumni, current parents,

and benefactors. Beginning this year, this effort to raise funds for the operation of our school is called the Bergan Annual Appeal.

Tuition only covers a portion of the expenses that are incurred in the operation of our school. Over half of the additional funds that we need are given by St. Patrick's Parish, with the remaining funds coming from endowment income and other fund-raising efforts, such as the Knight Event and the Bergan Annual Appeal.

I ask you to prayerfully consider a gift. So far, there has been \$45,000 pledged from 227 donors. Our goal for this year's Bergan Annual Appeal is \$200,000. We are asking you to please consider a gift for this year's Bergan Annual Appeal. I hope that you will be a part of this important mission of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of a gift this year!

Lyndsay Osborn, MS Dírector of Advancement

I/we would like to invest: O Platinum - \$5,000 O Gold - \$1,000 O Silver - \$500 O White - \$250	O I/we would like to make monthly payments for a total pledge of \$ O Enclosed is my check payable to Archbishop Bergan Catholic School O Please charge my credit card. O Visa O MasterCard O American Express Card number Exp. Date: Cardholder signature:	Do you work for a Matching Gift Employer Yes: No: I am not certain, my employer is:
O Other - \$ For online giving: www.berganknights.org	O I prefer to make my donation online in the amount of \$	ARCHBISHOP
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Archbishop Bergan Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame selection committee has named the following to the Archbishop Bergan Catholic School Hall of Fame. Congratulations to those selected. It is truly a great honor.

♦ Teams: Football teams of 1959 and 1960
♦ Athlete: Scott Poehling (1976) posthumously
♦ Contributor: Gary Schmidt 1970 to present

Although the by-laws limit the number of teams selected each year to one, an exception was made this year by the committee because the football teams of 1959 and 1960 were both undefeated and they didn't want to indicate a preference of one over the other. Also, both teams consisted mostly of the same individuals. The awards will be presented at the Alumni Reunion dinner on Friday, July 12

held at St. Patrick's Auditorium. Reservations can be made by mailing in your payment and form on page 7 of this newsletter or online at www.berganknights.org (click on online donations), or in person at the Parish Office.

Every effort will be made to send a personal invitation to those selected. Please contact any members of the football teams you know and encourage them to attend the reunion banquet and formal presentation. If an induction individual is not able to attend the induction ceremony a family member or other representative may substitute.

We are looking forward to seeing all those being honored along with their family and friends.

BERGAN BOOSTER CLUB

10th Annual golf outing, four person scramble Saturday, August 24, 2013 Fremont Golf Club

- Registration: 1:00 p.m.
- Tee off: 2:00 p.m.
- Cost \$100/person—\$400/team



Registration fee includes:

18 holes of golf & cart
Buffet dinner
Pin & Flight prizes
Beverages

les for free golf *per 3 contests

36 team limit—sign up today!

Registration forms are available at:

- jr/sr high school building
- www.berganknights.org
- www.facebook.com/berganknights
- www.facebook.com/stpatsberganalumni

Please register by August 19, 2013 with Chris Rainforth: School: 402-721-9683 cell: 402-490-0910

berganad@yahoo.com

Archbishop Bergan Catholic High School, 545 East 4th St.

Class of 2011 Wins Alumni basketball tournament

On Saturday, April 20, 50 alumni participated in the 2013 Alumni Basketball Tournament. The tournament took place in the Bergan Jr/Sr High gymnasium. There were 7 teams competing for the championship. The winning team beat the coaches team in the final.



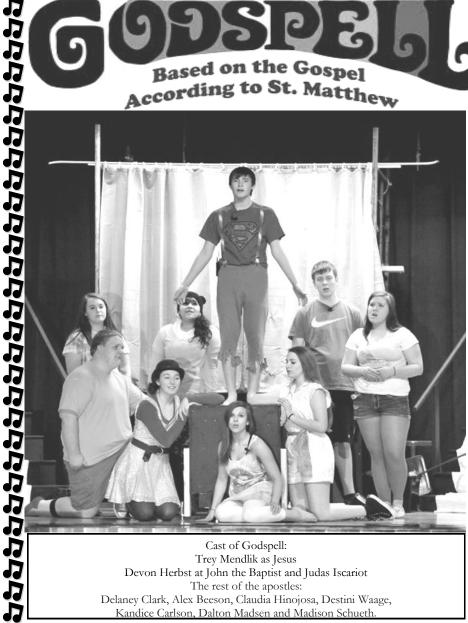
Class of 2011 Winning team of
2013 Basketball Tournament
front row L to R:

Tanner Anderson, Connor Hotovy, Josh Boggs
back row L to R:

Spencer Morrissey, Cody Brdicko, Jerry Dolejs







Cast of Godspell: Trey Mendlik as Jesus Devon Herbst at John the Baptist and Judas Iscariot The rest of the apostles: Delaney Clark, Alex Beeson, Claudia Hinojosa, Destini Waage, Kandice Carlson, Dalton Madsen and Madison Schueth.

The students of Archbishop Bergan Catholic jr/sr high school performed the Biblical musical "Godspell" in April. "Godspell" is based on some of the parables found in the New Testament with musical breaks in between. According to first year Bergan vocal music teacher Maggie Winterlin, "it has a lot of comedy in it, but also tells the story of the crucifixion, so there's a lot of drama as well."

Sophomore Trey Mendllik played the role of Jesus. "He's a very gifted actor as well as a talented singer," Winterlin said. "Sometimes those don't go hand in hand, but they do with him." Sophomore Devin Herbst played the dual roles of John the Baptist and Judas Iscariot.

Winterlin also commented, "There's a lot of talent at Bergan. They're just a really good group of kids, hard working and musically talented."

Co-Director Father Jim Keiter worked with five crew members building sets and finding the right props.

save the Date!

Please "save the date" for the 2013 Archbishop Bergan Catholic School dinner and auction to be held at the Bergan MS/HS gymnasium on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22TH. Solicitation for the Live and Silent auction items will begin soon. We need volunteers who would be willing to help the committees that are already in place. If you would like more information about the event, would like to volunteer in any way, or if your business would be willing to donate an item for the live or silent auction, please email losborn @stpatsfremont.org or call the parish office at 402-721-1846. Your support of this event is really appreciated!

Congratulations to the Class of 2013



Back row L to R: Aaron Wordekemper, Gavin Shallberg, Christian Mendlik, Logan Atkinson, Skylar King, Shane Kuntz, Ben Beaudette 3rd row L to R: Joel Wiedel, T.J. Fryklind, Ryan Batenhorst, Lauren Fischer, McKenna Shallberg, Carly Gross, Brandon Wordekemper 2nd row L to R: Sidnee Lemmers, Devin Engel, Emily Vandersnick, Alex Beeson, Claudia Hinojosa, Mary Alderson, Molly Heiman Front row L to R: Asia Waage, Savannah Atkinson, Hailey Kirby, Amanda Chamberlain, Taryn Chase, Delaney Clark

May 11, 2013 was the tenth and last time I had the honor of presiding over the graduating ceremonies for Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. The class of 2013, like so many of the classes before it, did a great job of continuing the tradition of excellence the school is known for. Twenty-seven members graduated with a heavy heart since their 28th member was not able to conclude the journey after passing in a car accident their sophomore year.

The members of this class accomplished great things. T.J. Fryklind, earned a National Merit Scholarship sponsored by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. T.J. is also one of only fourteen students in the state of Nebraska to earn a perfect score (36) on his ACT test this year (Less than 1/10 of 1% of all

students who take the test nationally accomplished this). He completed his senior speech season as the state silver medalist in Extemporaneous speaking.

Mary Alderson, the class valedictorian, earned a Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP) scholarship. She will attend Wayne State, where she will run track and study to be a doctor. McKenna Shallberg signed a letter of intent to become a Division I swimmer at South Dakota State University. Four men were on our state qualifying golf team and three women were the leaders of our dance squad that won a championship trophy in "Hip-Hop" at the State competition in February. They certainly are a diverse and accomplished group. Academics remain a high priority as each member of the class plans to

continue their education and over 80% of them graduated while earning college credits.

It was a terrific class to go out with. I have many outstanding memories of my 18 years at Bergan. There are so many students, parents and staff members that I will remember fondly. A lot has been accomplished. Seeing us begin again the PK-5 portion of our five day school setting is certainly a highlight. As I move on, I am excited about the future of the school and the people in place that will carry out its mission. May God bless all of you abundantly!

Ron Beacom Príncípal



This year at the reunion

There will be a beer garden on the green space outside the auditorium and a live local band called *Reverse Generation* featuring Jeremy Francis, local rock legend Eric Johnson and his son, Fremont's own Nick Johnson playing your favorite songs from the Beatles, Black Crowes, Led Zeppelin, Foo Fighters, SRV, Doors, Social Distortion, Steve Miller Band and many more

Expect to hear lots of rock and dance music!

Honor year Alumni Gatherings

Class of 1953

Shirley Madden Alexander phone (402) 334-7488

Class of 1958

Deanna Diedrichsen Schlenz phone (402) 721-9530 or email rpsdls@gmail.com

Class of 1963

The class of '63 will meet at the St. Patrick's auditorium for the 6:00 p.m social on Friday, July 12, 2013. Please call the Parish office or send in your meal registration for the sit-down dinner. Hope everyone is able to attend so we can do some catching up. Contact Gloria Kurowski Schmid ofarmers@gmail.com or (402) 721-3694.

Class of 1968

John Vering phone 817-291-1962, email jbvering@gmail.com

Class of 1973

Pam Mimick (402) 431-4353 or email pmimick@aol.com or contact Cindy Mahlberg Nielsen (402) 359-2760 or email cinielsen@yahoo.com

Class of 1983

The class of 1983 will celebrate its 30 year reunion on Saturday, July 13th at the home of Risa Kasper Daubert in Fremont. Poolside relaxation and swimming start at 2 pm, dinner around 5:30 pm. Contact Risa at r_daubert@hotmail.com or Ken Korth at kkorth99@gmail.com to RSVP and for more details.

Class of 1993

Julie Cook-Egen jleggen@yahoo.com, Kris Stodola Nelson, Danielle Paulson can be reached by phone (402)727-1021 or email Danielle.bergan@yahoo.com, Jeremy Gilfry, and Ryan Kassmeier rkassmeier2000@yahoo.com

1963 1978 Honor years and President – William Diedrichsen President – Judy Zimola-Waters President - Ryan Kassmeier **Class Officers** Vice President - Leona Nielsen Vice President – Patrick Steiner Vice President – Nate Cheshier Wivsel Secretary – Susan Pfeifer Secretary – Bryan Baum Secretary - Mary Haidley Kelly Krueger Treasurer – Danielle Schmitz Treasurer – Richard Realph Treasurer - Dale Mundy Paulson 1953 1998 (Student Council) President—Ronald Battiato President - John Vering President - Kenneth Korth President - Dan Koenig Vice PresidentHelen Fischler Vice President – Dan Beckel Vice President - Gina Johnson Vice President - Marc Boggy Secretary - Donna Miller Schuett Secretary - Brock Rogers Secretary/Treasurer- Mariam Treasurer - Beth Eckley Dunn Secretary - Linda Pfeifer Mulder Treasurer – Dan Carlson Fangman Moderhock Treasurer – Joan Eckerson President – Julie Schmit Eckert President—Kevin McGill President - Gerald Emanuel Vice President - Janice Johnson President - Tina Dix Silva Vice President – Paula Neiman Bedient Secretary - Saryn Arett Strate 2008 (Student Council) Adams Secretary - Mary Love Turner President—Halie Wewel Secretary - Mary McIlheran Vice President—Mary Miles Kosta Secretary—Carissa Hotovy Treasurer – Jerry O'Hare

This form can be found on our facebook page and you can reserve and pay online at www.berganknights.org click Alumni Reunion Reservations

Friday, July 12, 2013 Alumni Dinner; Social at 6:00 p.m./Dinner at 7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Auditorium, 431 North Union				
Dinner Tickets are \$20 per Person (Alumni/Guests)				
Name:Maiden name				
Class ofSpouse/Guest				
Address				
CityStateZip				
Email				
Number of tickets @ \$20 per person Hall of Fame Inductee (complimentary)				
Method of payment:CheckVisaMasterCardAmerican Express				
Card number:Exp. Date:Vcode:				
Online registration and payment: www.berganknights.org click Alumni Reunion Reservations				
RSVP deadline by Friday, June 28, 2013				
Please return this portion to: Bergan Alumni Association, 422 East 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025				

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Eleanor Krumel Kubin	1956
Norma Beck Hass	1962
Judy Dahlhauser Hanson	1964
Daniel Mueller	1964
Robert Brown	1970
Kris Stover Love	1980
Stacia Stover Anderson	1984
Thomas Meister	1984
Lisa Arett Vanek	1988
Kris Janke	1992
Danielle Schmitz Paulson	1993
Craig Kneifl	2002

Dates to Remember

Vacation Bible School	June 24-28, 2013
Alumni Reunion	July 12, 2013
Bergan Booster Club Golf	August 24, 2013
"Knights in New York"	November 22, 2013





