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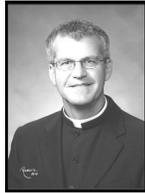
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Knight Notes *from the President*



The first time I addressed our Alumni through this publication, I spoke of three words as the key to success for our school. After 5 years as President of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, I firmly believe these three words are more crucial than ever.

Faith: Faith in God and in His Risen Son, Jesus Christ, is the cornerstone that holds our lives and our school together. Without Jesus Christ in our lives, we can do nothing! Without instilling and allowing Faith to be at the forefront for our students, accomplishments would be hollow and selfish.

Foundation: Through the celebration of Sacraments, through

praying and serving together, through the challenging curriculum we offer and are always striving to improve, and through the life skills we teach throughout our school; we are building a rock-solid foundation upon which the children and families of Bergan are served and can further build their lives of faith and service.

Future: Everything that has been done in the past and in the present contributes to the bright future for each of our students. Our primary task as a school is to prepare our students to be responsible, moral adults that have the skills to participate in, and contribute to society, Church, and family. We need the support of those from the past to create a faith filled future.

I am sure you have heard the phrase, "it takes a community". A

more basic approach is "it takes a family", and you are a part of the St. Patrick's/Archbishop Bergan Catholic School family. Your past examples of Faith, of building a Foundation, and your support of our Future all represent qualities we strive to be reflected in our Preschool through 12th graders.

We are grateful for your support and faith in our mission, and we pray you feel Bergan remains an integral piece of your Faith, Foundation, Future, and family. May God continue to bless Archbishop Bergan Catholic School and all of its past and present benefactors!

*Father David Belt,
President*

Principal's News



At Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, extra-curricular activities are the other half of the educational process. Whether it is fine arts, athletics or clubs and organizations, students learn extremely valuable lessons through extra-curricular participation. We encourage our students to participate in a number of activities that not only help each student reach their full potential, but also help our school achieve at the highest levels. Research has proven that students involved in extra-curricular activities have a higher grade point average and a greater connection to the school as well.

As a Bergan Knight, the expectation has always been to give everything that you have got in the classroom. This expectation also extends to extra-curricular activities. There exists such a sense of tradition, pride and respect for

these activities and the lessons that are taught through extra-curricular participation.

Archbishop Bergan Catholic School offers a number of fine arts opportunities for students to experience. Through participation in activities such as band, choir, speech team and drama, students have the ability to explore their talents and share them with the community. This past year we have had a number of triumphs in the arts. Our band and choir performances have achieved superior ratings at recent district music contests. Our speech team produced a district finalist this past year as well. Our One Act play production "Freak" was the district champion and qualified for the Nebraska State Championships. This past spring our students performed "High School Musical." If one was lucky enough to attend the sold out performances, they had the ability to see all of the talented students that attend Archbishop

Bergan Catholic School.

The Bergan Knights also had another solid campaign in athletics this past school year. The boys' and girls' cross country teams were young, but made a lot of progress throughout the season by improving their times each and every meet. The girls' volleyball team finished as the district runner up and was one game away from qualifying for the state tournament. The football team was also the district runner up and advanced all the way to the Nebraska State playoff quarterfinals. The girls' basketball team rounded out their season with a runner up finish in the sub-district, doubling their win total from last season to this season. The wrestling team was district runner up for the first time in thirty years this season producing four individual district champions. The cheer and dance teams competed at the Nebraska State High School cheer and

Alumni News



Chris & Julie (Cook '93) Eggen of Fremont had a daughter, Addyson Christine born Oct 13, 2014. She joins brothers Logan (8) & Carter (5).



We Remember...

Carolyn Kingston-December 25, 2014. Stepmother of Robert Kingston ('81).

Barbara Connelly Giard ('58)-January 12, 2015. Sister of Janet Connelly Holcomb ('55); Tom Givens ('70); Diane Givens Paul ('72); and the late Robert Givens ('77).

Elizabeth Jo Donohoe Bromert ('61)-January 15, 2015. Sister of Margaret Donahoe Shepard ('59).

Patrick Muhle ('69)-February 1, 2015. Brother of Dr. Michael Muhle ('65); Cindy Muhle Gray ('68); Richard Muhle ('73).

Roy Chamberlain-February 9, 2015. Father of Lee Ann Chamberlain Orr ('72); Theresa Chamberlain Dye ('77); Mary Chamberlain Swenson ('79); Kelly Chamberlain Brockmueller ('80); Toni Chamberlain Palmer ('82); and Jennifer Chamberlain Lesiak ('88). Grandfather of Zach Beeghley ('12); Amanda Chamberlain ('12); Micaela ('12) and Kelsey Chamberlain ('13).

Charles "Chuck" Baustian ('61) on March 6, 2015. Brother of the late Robert Baustian ('68).



BERGAN BOOSTER CLUB

11th Annual golf outing
4-Person Golf Scramble
 Saturday, August 22, 2015
 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

*Raffles for free golf *par 3 contests *the Slinger! *Mulligans

**36 team limit,
 sign up today!**

Registration forms are available at:

- Middle/Sr High building
- www.berganknights.org
- www.facebook.com/berganknights
- www.facebook.com/stpatsberganalumni

Please register by August 19, 2015 with Chris Rainforth:
 School: 402-721-9683 cell: 402-490-0910
chris.rainforth@berganknights.org
 Archbishop Bergan Catholic High School, 545 East 4th St.

Athletic Hall of Fame

The time is now to start thinking about nominations for the 2015 St. Patrick's - Archbishop Bergan Athletic Hall of Fame. This endeavor got off to a fantastic start in 2012, and we are looking to continue that positive momentum. The purpose of the Athletic Hall of Fame is to honor athletes for their outstanding high school careers, coaches for their success and/or length of service, contributors for their significant impact, and teams for their outstanding high school achievements. Three total inductees will be selected from those four categories. The selection committee is ready to start receiving nominations effective immediately. These nominations must be turned in to the Bergan High School Activities Office at 545 East 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025

by **May 1, 2015** Nomination forms containing the criteria may be found in this issue, at the high school activities office, the high school student services office, the church hospitality window. They are also available on-line at www.berganknights.org and Bergan Alumni Facebook pages. To receive a nomination form by e-mail, please send your request to Chris Rainforth at chris.rainforth@berganknights.org The inductees will be honored at the summer Alumni Reunion Banquet to be held on Saturday evening, June 13, 2015. Please consider nominating a worthy candidate today!

KNIGHT PRIDE!





Archbishop Bergan Catholic High School Athletic Hall of Fame



PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to Nominee (Relative, colleague, friend, etc.):

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete all requested information printed or typewritten form.
2. May include optional support materials such as:
 - a. letters of recommendation, limited to one typewritten page.
 - b. a current black and white or color photo of nominee
 - c. black and white or color photos of nominee during the period of time he/she was involved in the category.
 - d. newspaper clippings, magazine articles, statistics or other supporting materials may be attached.
3. The form, letters and photos will be retained by the Archbishop Bergan Catholic Athletic School Hall of Fame Committee.

GENERAL CRITERIA

1. The nominee must have been involved in an athletic activity at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School in the category for which he or she is nominated.
2. The nominee must have demonstrated outstanding abilities and contributions in the category for which nominated.
3. The nominee must have demonstrated high moral character, outstanding citizenship and ideals.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chris Rainforth, Activities Director – phone (402)721-9683, fax (402)721-5366

BECOME AN ARCHBISHOP BERGAN KNIGHT ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CONTRIBUTOR

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

___ \$25.00 ___ \$50.00 ___ \$100.00 ___ \$250.00 ___ OTHER

Please send contributions to: Archbishop Bergan High School Athletic Hall of Fame
Attn: Chris Rainforth, Activities Director
545 E. 4th Street
Fremont, NE 68025

Special thanks to the Archbishop Bergan Athletic Booster Club for providing funds to help establish and maintain the Archbishop Bergan Athletic Hall of Fame and to the Archbishop Bergan Athletic Hall of Fame Committee for their efforts in establishing the Archbishop Bergan Athletic Hall of Fame. Your contributions help administer and support the Archbishop Bergan Athletic Hall of Fame and are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!

Principal's News *continued:*

dance championships where the cheer team finished 5th in dance and 7th for sideline performances. The Dance team finished as State Champion in Pom and State Runner Up in Hip Hop competition. The boys' basketball team was district champion this season and competed at the state championships earning the 3rd place trophy. Currently our boys and girls track teams are competing well by battling for trophies at each invite that they attend.

The golf team is young but is working hard in practice to be competing for team honors by the end of the season. The baseball team is thriving with over forty participants in a program that is cooperative with Fremont High School.

Being a well-rounded student is a hallmark of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. Excellence in the classroom, participation in activities, and providing ser-

vice to others helps our students reach their full potential as Bergan Knights. We will continue to build disciples of Jesus by unlocking each student's talents and sharing them for the glory of God.

*Dan Koenig,
Principal*

How do you want to be Remembered?

Legacy: "something resulting from and left behind by an action, event or person" (Webster's Dictionary). What actions will you take to establish a legacy; how do you want to be remembered?

Archbishop Bergan Catholic School is blessed to currently have hundreds of people building a legacy of faith, volunteerism, commitment, community involvement, stewardship and discipleship. Over the 100 year history of St. Patrick's/ Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, these are the traits which have made a lifelong impact on our school, parish and community families. After all, isn't that what we do for "Family"?

Another way of taking care of family is ensuring you have a viable estate plan. A well drafted estate plan helps make a stressful time a little simpler for your family and friends. You will enhance your legacy by having provided a logical, thoughtful plan for your family to follow.

Beyond your immediate family, there are also convenient, tax advantaged ways to leave a legacy with your St. Patrick's/ Archbishop Bergan family. Similar to having created a legacy by the contributions of time and talents; many alumni or parishioners have chosen to leave a legacy of a tax advantaged gift through their estate. Archbishop Bergan has been fortunate to

have many loyal families establish a legacy to assist with tuition, scholarships, building maintenance or operating expenses.

We encourage you to take care of your family by using effective estate planning, and to consider including a tax advantaged gift for Archbishop Bergan in your planning documents. Feel free to contact us for further information.

*Ron Kortan, MA
Director Stewardship, Donor
& Alumni Relations*

Bergan Fund Update

To date the Bergan Fund has generated nearly \$60,000. There is still time to help us meet our goal of \$75,000. The Bergan Fund will conclude on June 30th with the end of the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Thanks to the generosity of our past donors, we have been able to cover the gap between tuition and the actual costs of educating a child at Archbishop Bergan Catholic

School. Current donors to the Bergan Fund include Alumni, parents of Alumni, current Parents, Faculty/Staff and School Board Members. If you have not made a gift to the Bergan Fund, please see the contribution form below.

Bergan enrollment continues to stay stable for the 2015-2016 school year. We expect to have a Kindergarten class of 30 stu-

dents. Work continues to be done by the Advancement Committee to develop a competitive analysis of the Bergan School system in order to create a comprehensive working marketing and recruiting plan.

*Bonnie Nebuda, MOL
Director of Advancement*

Name should appear as you would like it reported in the Archbishop Bergan Catholic School Annual Financial Report.

Name (Ms., Mr., Mrs.) _____ Spouse _____ Phone # (H) _____ (C) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Check here if email is preferred method of communication. Class Year _____

Please check the amount of your gift: Platinum (\$5000 and up), Gold (\$1000) Silver (\$500) White (\$250) Other \$ _____ Please make your check payable to Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, 545 East 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025

Total Pledge Amount: \$ _____ Pay Options: One Time 12 monthly 4 quarterly Perpetual

YES! I want to be in the Bergan Challenge Club! Please accept my financial gift of \$500 or more to be used to Challenge donors. (Must be paid by May 31, 2015)

The amount of my enclosed Challenge Gift is: \$ _____

Automatic Payment/Deduction Options:

1. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT): Checking Savings You may also set up your own EFT using Faith Direct. <https://www.faithdirect.net/index.cfm> ENROLL Today code is: NE470

* Choose monthly funds transfer date: 4th or 15th Bank Routing Number _____ Account Number _____

Name of Financial Institution _____ Your Signature _____

Name on Account _____

(FOR EFT, PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK)

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If you prefer, you can pay online at www.berganknights.org/advancement/berganfund.html Expiration Date ____/____/____ 3 digit security code _____

Name as it appears on the charge card _____ Your Signature _____

***If no date is chosen, we will process on the next billing cycle.** Note: Donations are tax deductible. Please check with your accountant

Do you work for a Matching Gift Employer? Yes No I am not certain, my employer is: _____

What McKenna Hotovy likes about being Knight:

“There are a lot of great things about being a Knight. One of them is that it is so easy to get involved at Bergan. The various activities have helped me build teamwork, leadership skills, and to be more involved in my community. Bergan offers its students many ways to volunteer in service activities. Among my favorites were Rebuilding Together, delivering valentines to the Pathfinder House and the elementary school carnival. Perhaps my favorite thing about being a Knight is being able to express my school spirit with my friends. Some of my favorite memories from high school will be wearing crazy outfits and wigs and painting my face and cheering the Knights on at football, volleyball and basketball games. The student sections were especially fun during this year’s State basketball games where everyone was having a lot of fun!”



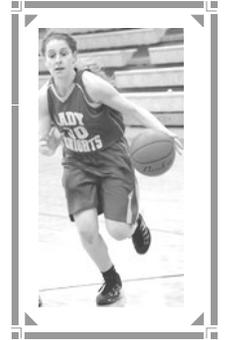
**McKenna Hotovy,
Senior**

Awards:

- “A” Honor Roll
- Academic Letter
- All Conference Academic Excellence
- Rick Schmidt Award
- Youth Leadership Academy
- Basketball Award-Hardest Worker
- Believers & Achievers School Winner
- Fremont Noon Optimist Outstanding Student Award
- Class President
- Class Vice-President
- National Honor Society
- One-Act Play Outstanding Actor,
- Pinnacle Bank Outstanding Leader Award,
- Key Club Representative
- Athletic Letters in Softball, Basketball & Track
- Lifting/Conditioning Award

Activities:

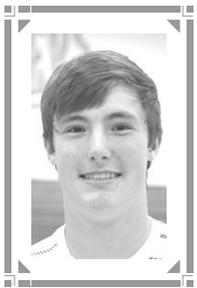
- Softball
- Basketball
- Track
- One Act
- Musical
- Student Council (class representative)
- National Honor Society (President)
- Key Club (secretary)
- Peer Ministry
- Chess Club
- Mathletes
- Youth Leadership Academy



Future plans: Summer working as a lifeguard for the City of Fremont, and playing in the Nebraska Allstar Softball game. Attend Augusta College studying Communication Disorders with an Art Minor. McKenna plans to continue on to graduate school to achieve a Masters Degree in Speech Pathology.

What Trey Mendlik likes about being a Knight:

“The part I love most about being a Knight is getting to know everyone within the school building. It’s a small school so I can walk down the hallways and know everyone. This makes me feel more comfortable and it’s like having a second family. I know that I can turn to anyone for help in any situation. I also love the fact that I can talk about my faith in school or show it throughout the community. Not everyone gets to have a relationship with God throughout the school day like I do. Being a Bergan Knight fills me with an unexplainable feeling of pride. It has provided me a great school, great friends, great teachers, and a great faith life and I could not be more grateful. I love being Bergan Knight.”



**Trey Mendlik,
Senior**

Awards:

- “A” Honor Roll
- Academic letter
- Honorable Mention at Conference One-Act
- Outstanding Performance at District One-Act
- National FCCLA Star competition Gold Medalist
- Honor Choir for All-State
- UNK Honor Choir
- UNO Honor Choir
- Conference Honor Choir
- Varsity letter/tennis
- Accepted into Boys State
- Nebraska Schools Activities Association (NSAA) Believers and Achievers Award
- NSAA Outstanding Male performer in Class C-2 at State One-Acts

Activities:

- School plays/musicals
- Choir
- One-Act plays
- Band
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Golf
- Basketball/Track Manager
- Peer Ministry
- Cantor
- Zoe!! Mentor
- National Honor Society
- Student Council,
- Family, Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
- Close-up
- Key Club
- Youth Leadership Academy

Future Plans: After graduation, Trey plans on attending the Young Americans College of Performing Arts in Corona, CA. and getting an Associates in Performing Arts. Trey plans to go on music outreach tours and help young people become more confident in who they are through music. After 2 years with the Young Americans, he plans to continue his education. Trey has not decided what field of study he will enter into at this time but is excited and optimistic about his future.

Alumni Reunion News

Class of 1960-Joan McIleran Cuda

The reunion is set up for the twelfth and thirteenth of June this year. On the twelfth, we will meet at Farmer Brown's in Waterloo, NE, 2620 River Road Dr., at 5:00 pm for Happy Hour and dinner at 6:00 pm. On the thirteenth, will be the gathering of all the St. Patrick's and Bergan Alumni. In this newsletter is all the information needed on the reservation form. There will not be a band, but there will be music, if anyone wants to dance, we will gladly arrange an area to dance. We hope you can make it to our all school reunion dinner.

Class of 1965-Tom Lamme

Tom has created a facebook page for class of 1965. You can find it by searching for *Bergan Class of 65 Reunion*. Class of 1965 is gathering on Friday, June 12th at a place to be determined. All class members and some former classmates will be getting information in snail mail very soon. PLEASE invite anyone you know who would like to see our group. This means, Parents, siblings, spouses, boyfriends, girlfriends, kids, people from classes that were at BHS when we were present (or even those who were either older or younger!) More details follow. Hope you are all excited about seeing the old group! Be

sure to make reservations for the all school reunion dinner and celebration to see even more of your friends!

Class of 1970-Bob Brown details to be announced, bowiebro@q.com

Class of 1975-Pam Boggy Savio, 402-721-4451 or psavio36@gmail.com

Class of 1980- Dave Mendlik 402-727-7652 or Jill.mendlik@schuylercommunity schools.org

Class of 1990-Kim Moore Dieckmann & Jill Kassmeier Gossett, kim.dieckmann@berganknights.org, jgossett@famc.org

Class of 1995-Chris Paulson, chris.paulson@berganknights.org

Class of 2000-Amanda Rounph Smutz 402-753-3158

Class of 2005-Seth Mruz & Zach Johns seth.mruz@berganknights.org & Zach phone 402-719-0731

"I so appreciated the special recognition shown to me during Catholic Schools Week for my 40 years of teaching at Archbishop Bergan. I am looking forward to continuing my teaching career here in the years to come."

Thank you,
Joe Wojtkewicz

Thank You Mr. Joe Wojtkewicz

On January 26, during Catholic Schools Week, we recognized Mr. Joe Wojtkewicz for his 40 years of teaching at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. He has spent his entire career teaching in one classroom, room 102. We named room 102 "The Joe Wojtkewicz Classroom" and placed a plaque outside the room identifying it. Over the years Joe has been a coach as well as a teacher. He says what keeps him inspired are his students, colleagues, community and his wife—a teacher of 30 years.

Mr. Wojtkewicz is teaching children of his past students. We really are a family and a newcomer feels it almost immediately. Our family has a variety of members including teachers who are alumni of Bergan and their children and in some cases their grandchildren. One of those teachers, Kim (Moore '90) Dieckman who has the opportunity to teach beside Mr. Wojtkewicz and her children are currently students of his. Kim helped plan the many different things going on during Catholic Schools week, one of them being honoring Mr. Wojtkewicz. She helped gather cards from students, alumni, and current and past employees. Every single card expressed gratitude for having known or been taught by Mr. Wojtkewicz and just how humble, passionate and caring he has been.



Saturday, June 13, 2015 Alumni Dinner /Mass at 5:00 p.m./Social at 6:00 p.m./Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

St. Patrick's Auditorium, 431 North Union Dinner Tickets are \$25 per Person (Alumni/Guests)

Name: _____ Maiden name: _____

Class of _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Number of tickets @ \$25 per person _____ Hall of Fame Inductee (complimentary) _____

Method of payment: _____ Check _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____ American Express _____

Card number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ 3-digit code: _____

Online registration and payment: www.berganknights.org At the top of the page click on **2015 Reunion**

Banquet Registration

RSVP deadline by Friday, June 1, 2015

Please return this portion to: Bergan Alumni Association, 422 East 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025
Questions-please contact Kathy Kaup at the Alumni office, (402) 721-1846 or email kathy.kaup@berganknights.org

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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, Finance Department, 422 East 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025. The Finance staff will complete their part of the form, and return it to the company to initiate it's fulfillment of the match.

Yearbooks and Graduation Pictures

Did you forget to pick up your yearbook? Or your graduation picture? You are in luck! We have your yearbook and/or graduation picture in the Advancement Office. We are located in the Jr/Sr High School building in Room 103. Give us a call at 402-721-1846 or email kathy.kaup@berganknights.org and we will set up arrangements for you to pick up your items.



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