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# From the Principal



In retrospect, as I look back at the past few years that I have had the opportunity to serve as Principal at Archbishop Ber-

gan, I am filled with gratitude. Thank you for the sacrifices of continuing to support our school system. Thank you for the vision of so many to reinstitute the elementary school. This ministry is providing us the wonderful opportunity to build disciples of Jesus Christ at such a young age.

Today my most important message of thanks comes to you not as the Principal of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, but as a parishioner, alumnus, and father of a Bergan student. I am overwhelmed daily in observing the rigorous education that my son is experiencing at Archbishop Bergan. Not only is he thriving academically, but he is learning about and developing a personal relationship with Jesus that I did not have the opportunity to experience because Archbishop Bergan Elementary did not exist prior to 2007. If you doubt the decision to build our elementary and continue to fund the mission of Catholic Education in our community, I welcome you to visit our schools anytime, any day. Just one visit observing our children and our brand of Catholic education will make a believer out of you.

Once again as a father, thank you for allowing my son to learn the gift of service to others. Bergan leads students to discipleship through organized service opportunities every semester, which becomes etched in their hearts and leads to a life of service to others. In an egocentric culture in which people are taught to take care of their own selfish need first, it is heartwarming to see students feed the hungry, visit the lonely, raise money for the homeless, as well as pray for those with us and departed.

My next remarks are a challenge to you as fellow Christians. Today as never before, there is an increased secularization of society. The cultural pressure to bury your faith in a politically correct world is evident. This is a profound problem for the future of the Catholic Church and the next generation of Catholics. At Archbishop Bergan we teach our students the traditions of the Catholic Faith, how to live their Faith out loud in everyday life, as well as 21st century skills so that our Parish, community, and country can continue to flourish well after we are gone.

We need your help in making sure that the Catholic Faith is prosperous here in Fremont, Nebraska for generations to come. You can assist us with this by supporting the Building our Community of Faith campaign for Saint Patrick's Parish and the Bergan Fund. funds raised will contribute to the continued mortgage payments for Archbishop Bergan Elementary which is experiencing an enrollment growth once again this school year. Your support of the campaign and the Bergan Fund will also provide funds to address the plus \$350,000 projected yearly

budgeted shortfall. If everyone does a little, no one will have to a lot. Please help support your Parish and school by participating in the campaign so that our Catholic faith has a future here in Fremont, Nebraska. Every pledge is significant.

Another way that you can help our future is to assist in our enrollment efforts. If you live in the Fremont area and have school aged children, please consider having a discussion with our Advancement Office or myself about the possibilities of your child enrolling in our school. We will be embarking on a policy of no youth denied based on finances as a determining factor for not choosing Bergan. If you feel like you could not afford to enroll your student at Bergan, please have a conversation with our Finance Office and you may be pleasantly surprised at how affordable we can make tuition for your family.

Please know that at Archbishop Bergan, you are always welcome.

We thank and honor you the supporters of St. Patrick's/Bergan for your continued prayers of support for Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. God Bless you for your sacrifices and gifts to that have made Catholic Education possible for our students. It is a great time to be a Bergan Knight.

Dan Koenig '98 Principal

# Alumni News

#### We Remember...

Robert Reinsch-January 19, 2015. Father of Ellen Reinsch Friese ('71), John Reinsch ('73) and Karen Reinsch Kugler ('76).

Miles "Bud" Costello-March 5, 2015. Father of Amy Gaston Costello ('71), Jim Costello ('72), Pat Costello ('74), Dennis Costello ('75), Mary Costello Bichsel ('76), Jennifer Costello Ingham ('79), Tim Costello ('83) and Susan Costello Sedlak ('86).

Marleen Kluthe-March 17, 2015. Mother of Gary Kluthe ('76) and Lori Kluthe Williamson ('80). Sister of Karen Evert Howley ('59) and Donna Evert Pollock ('66).

Therese Nacke Grimm ('62) on April 14, 2015.

Otto Brabec on April 21, 2015. Father of the late Bill Brabec ('66) and Marlin Brabec ('69).

Claryce "Toody" Mohr Behrens (51) on May 1, 2015. Husband of Robert Behrens (51).

Rosemary Tines on May 3, 2015. Mother of Dr. Stephen Tines ('71), Joan Tines Beccard ('73), Janelle Tines Gubbels ('75), Janet Tines Ciesielski ('77), Joyce Tines Colyer ('79) and Patrick Tines ('83).

Carol Leise on May 25, 2015. Mother of Mark Leise '(81) and Tami Leise Gabrielson ('80).

Leo Hennessey on May 26, 2015. Father of Carol Hennessey Carlson ('74) and Kevin Hennessey ('75).

Lorraine Novotny on June 20, 2015. Mother of Susan Novotny Johnson ('71), Nancy Novotny Detmer ('73), Denise Novoty Kary ('77) and Donna Novotny Chrisman ('77).

Thomas Micek on August 4, 2015. Father of Kaleen Micek Hodge (87) and T.J. Micek (95).

Phyllis Gebhardt on September 4, 2015. Mother of Justin Gebhardt ('99), Troy Gebhardt ('01) and Brett Gebhardt ('04).

Jim Hoshor on September 10, 2015. Husband of Nancy Hamilton Hoshor ('64).

Imelda Shanahan Hageman ('51) on September 10, 2015.

Ervin Niebur-September 12, 2015. Father of Susan Niebur Cox (91).

Dennis Papa ('72)-October 4, 2015. Brother of Dean Papa ('75).

Gary Schmidt on November 27, 2015. Father of Gregg Schmidt (80), Michelle Schmidt Peitzmeier (81), Debbie Schmidt Kerwin (82) and Theresa Schmidt Lopez (84).

Teresa Wiebold Hansen ('71) on February 6, 2016. Daughter of the late James Wiebold ('55). Sister of Brian Wiebold ('76), Christina Wiebold Moser ('79), Jamie Wiebold ('82), Mary Wiebold Larson ('87) and Martin Wiebold ('92).

# 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, kathy.kaup@berganknights.org, or call (402-721-1846) or write the Alumni Office, 545 East 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025.

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

#### Athletic Hall of Fame

The time is now to start thinking about nominations for the 2016 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, 2016**. Nomination forms containing the criteria may be found at the high school activities office, the high school student services office, or the church hospitality window. They are also available on-line at the Archbishop Bergan website at http:// www.berganknights.org/athletics/ booster\_club/halloffame.html and Bergan Alumni Facebook page. To receive a nomination form by e-mail, please send your request to Chris Rainforth at chris.rainforth@berganknights.org



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# St. Patrick's/Archbishop Bergan Alumni Reunion News

**Brigadier General John Burk ('85)** recently retired from the Arizona Army National Guard marking the end of a 30 year military career.

Burk had many positions of responsibility over his tenure including multiple commands; Chief of Staff of the Southwest Border Security Mission, Deputy Inspector General, Director of Operations of the Joint Staff and Director Joint Staff.

Sharing his final thoughts on leadership and mentorship in an emotional and bittersweet goodbye, Burk said, "I learned a lot about leadership in a 30 year career and about the leader I am. What I learned is that listening, building great teams and creating a positive command climate while leading with honor and integrity is essential. And that when your character is tested, responding with honor and integrity in word and deed for the good of the organization is hard, but

the right thing to do. Personal and professional resilience is required. Leadership is about doing the hard right over the easy wrong, and if it were easy, everyone would do it. I know our organization has great leaders and potential leaders. Take the time to mentor future leaders and when a Soldier or Airmen says to you 'Hey, Sir or Ma'am, do you have a minute?' Say 'Yes!' every single time, as a 5, 10 or 15 minute career development conversation makes a world of difference to our Service Members and I enoyed every conversation I had like that over the years; I will remember them well."

Roy Wright ('00) is an Industrial Technology Educator at Seward Public Schools in Seward, Nebraska.

Roy graduated with an Education Degree from University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2005 and completed his Masters in 7-12 Administration form Concordia University in 2012. He received an endorsement in PK-6 Administration from Concordia University in 2012.

Roy is involved in his school and community in many different ways. He is a team leader for SCIP (School and Community Intervention and Prevention), Action Team Leader, Professional Learning Community Leader, Crisis Team Member, Safety Team Member, Step Ahead Committee Member. He is an assistant softball coach as well as a Youth Group Leader in his church. He is in Technology Leadership Cadre (ESU 6), Career Academy Reading Enhancement (Pilot Program through ESU 6).

Nichole Cerny ('02) is currently working as an International Tax Project Manager for the Boeing company in London, England.

# CALLING ALL BERGAN ALUMNI

"We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere." Bring your class reunion back to the place where you may have played ball, cheered on your team, sang songs or maybe had your first dance.

You are invited to attend the Annual Bergan Alumni Reunion Friday, July 8, 2016 (during John C. Fremont Days) St. Patrick's Auditorium

Join us for a night of laughter, friendship, music and good food

All honored classes and other alumni are welcome. You can contact me at

jhanson@robertadv.com or by phone at 402-721-1680

Or you can contact Kathy Kaup in the Bergan Alumni Office for more information at kathy.kaup@berganknights.org or phone 402-721-1846.

Let's all reunite together!

Judy Dahlhauser Hanson class of 1964 \*Honor classes are: 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006 & 2011

These honor classes have contacted our office for information for their individual class reunions

Class of 1966: John Gilroy jgilroy0510@gmail.com

<u>Class of 1976</u>: Judy Foxhoven Papa, Mary Mahlberg Jacobs, Jill Vance Stober, and Julie Bodell Bradrick are the contacts for the class of 1976. Check with Judy for details at (402) 727-5819.

Class of 1986: Tom Wiesen twiesen@neb.rr.com

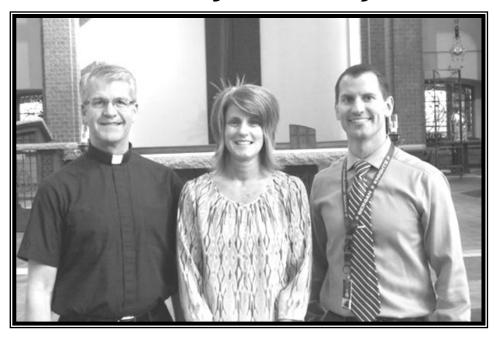
# Kím (Moore '90) Dieckmann

# named Omaha Archdiocese Secondary Educator of the Year

During Sunday Mass on April 1, Kim Dieckmann heard an unexpected announcement from Principal Dan Koenig. He walked up to the podium and announced that Kim was one of two recipients of the Archdiocese of Omaha Secondary Educators of the year. Mrs. Dieckmann teaches seventh and eighth grade English at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. "I was immediately filled with tears... are you joking with me?" she said. "This is my 21st year of teaching, and I joked with people that it must have taken me 20 years for figure this stuff out."

Kim is one of five children in her family, all of whom have attended Bergan and all went on to pursue a teaching career following college. As a matter of fact, Kim's brother, Doug '98 is the current Guidance Counselor at Archbishop Bergan. Kim's sister Kris '92 taught at Bergan for several years before moving on to teach at the collegiate level.

Kim started her career teaching in Blair for five years, then Fremont Middle School for eight years and is



Father David Belt, Kim Dieckmann, and Dan Koenig

now in her eighth here at Bergan. Mrs. Dieckmann strives to instill the same passion she has for learning and literature in her students. She sets high expectation for herself and tries to be a role model for her students. Enhancing students' experience in the classroom has played a direct role in

many of her former students' lives.

We at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School are so grateful for the sacrifices and commitment made by Kim's parents to send all five of their children to Bergan.



# Bergan Fund Update

We can never say THANK YOU enough to the supporters and benefactors of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. As you know, this past fiscal year (2014-2015) was the inaugural year as the Advancement Office consolidated our fundraising efforts into one program, the Bergan Fund. I am sure many of you recall receiving phone calls as part of the annual phone-a-thon, which is a very important part of an annual fund, but also a very small part. We continue to reach many Alumni through our direct mail appeal and last year added the Day of Giving Online in April.

A successful annual fund encompasses a multi-faceted approach to reach our donors. Through your terrific response, we were able to nearly reach our \$75,000 goal, coming short by only \$472. For the first time ever, 98% of Bergan Faculty and Staff contributed to the Bergan Fund. Their support re-affirms their belief that Archbishop Bergan Catholic School is

doing their best to live out the mission of Faith, Knowledge and Service.

An Annual Fund is made to be just that, a fund that is conducted every year. Gifts to the Bergan Fund help cover the "gap" between tuition (ranges between \$2,550-4,750) and the actual costs of educating a child (\$6,647) at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. In addition, there are families who require financial aid in order to pay even their minimum tuition. Gifts to the Bergan Fund will allow us to cover our operating costs and still make a Catholic education affordable for all.

Many times an annual fund can be confused with a capital campaign, which we happen to be going through a renewal of right now. The Building our Community of Faith capital campaign is designed to address specific projects and initiatives at St. Patrick's Catholic Parish and Archbishop Bergan Catholic School – such as paying down the debt on the new elementary building. Campaigns typically operate for a specific

period of time (3-5 years) with a specific goal that is identified. Your support of either the capital campaign or the annual fund is extremely important to the sustainability and future vitality of the Bergan Family.

As you guessed, there is a goal for the 2015-2016 Bergan Fund. We are aiming to raise \$80,000 in this fiscal year and with the generosity of Pinnacle Bank, providing a lead of \$10,000, we are well on our way to that goal and have recently reached the \$50,000 mark. Thank you to those who have already contributed to this year's fund and please prayerfully consider supporting Bergan Catholic School in any way that you can.

Bonnie Nebuda, MOL Director of Development

# Bergan Fund Form

Name should appear as you would like it reported in the Archbishop Bergan Catholic School Annual Financial Report.			
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## \*We apologize for anyone we may have missed. Please let us know so we may make corrections

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# Building our Community of Faith Campaign Update





Dear Alumni,

As you know, in January of 2010 we opened the doors to our new Pre-kindergarten through 6th grade Archbishop Bergan Elementary School building. Many of you participated in the celebration of

this opening, and made gifts toward paying down the debt on this wonderful, highly utilized, facility. Thank you.

Since we opened the doors on the new building, our elementary attendance has grown each year. This school year, we are experiencing record attendance in the elementary building which bodes well for our future attendance at the high school. Students from within the Parish, the community and the greater Omaha region are choosing to be part of the Bergan family, and having a Pre-kindergarten — 12th grade system is a major contributor for this growth.

Our mortgage has been reduced to \$2.68 Million dollars, while paying off all other debt. Our message of "instilling a passion, as exemplified by Christ, for faith, knowledge and service" is resonating. As alumni of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, you understand the value of a Catholic/Christian education. In addition

to providing a vibrant academic experience, it also helped form the foundation for your spiritual life.

We again approach you, the legacy of our Catholic School, with a request for your help in continuing to pay down our building debt. St. Patrick's Parish, in conjunction with Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, recently extended the Building Our Community of Faith campaign. The effort, designed to continue reducing school debt, and shore up operational deficits, has already raised more than \$1.25 million in pledges from generous parishioners, school families and local businesses.

Additionally, a fellow alumnus has issued a Challenge to all St. Patrick's/Archbishop Bergan Graduates. In order to preserve the Bergan experience for future families, this Alumnus donor asks; "are you willing to respond to a fellow Alumnus Challenge?" Every gift, or 3 year pledge of \$10,000 or more, by a Bergan alumni class; individual; or a Bergan family with multiple graduates; will be matched dollar for dollar up to a \$100,000 in total matches. What a marvelous offer, and a generous way to double the effects of our contributions. So what do you say Alumni? Can you, your alumni class, or family meet the challenge? Are you willing to return the favor of previous

generations who paved the way for your educational opportunities?

Contact your fellow classmates and alumni and dare them to meet this challenge. If you had a graduating class of 30 students, a pledge of less than \$10.00 a month by each classmate would earn the challenge match, and your class would be recognized among all of the 66 alumni classes as having responded to the challenge. You will find a copy of the pledge card included in this newsletter. Please fill out the pledge card and return it to the Parish Office: 422 E. 4th St., Fremont, NE. Feel free to call the Parish office if you have questions.

Your gift will help secure the financial future of our school and ensure that future generations of students continue to benefit from the blessings of a Bergan education. Thank you for your consideration and ongoing support of Bergan.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Ron Kortan Director of Stewardship, Donor & Alumni Relations

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# ATTENTION: VIETNAM ERA VETERANS

We want to honor you!

The local DAR chapter, in partnership with the Vietnam War Commemora-

tion Program, is scheduling a celebration during JCF Days on Saturday, July 9, 2016 at 6:30 pm honoring Vietnam Era Veterans who served their country from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975.

No distinction is being made between Veterans who served in-country, in-theartre or who were stationed elsewhere during the Vietnam War period. All were called to serve and the overwhelming majority served honorably and admirably. We will present these veterans with a certificate and lapel pin in recognition of their service. Please contact Carol Verbeek at 402-380-6859 by May 1, 2016 if you wish to participate in this event.

# Don't forget SCRIP

SCRIP may be purchased at the Parish Office and is available in various denominations for Hy-Vee, Wal-Mart, Food 4 Less, BP gas, Shell gas, Menards and Burger King, just to name a few.

Our SCRIP program is able to purchase the gift certificates at a discounted rate, and we sell them to you for full face value. The difference provides the revenue. The money raised by the SCRIP program pays for special projects for the school and provides tuition relief. The SCRIP program will allow the SCRIP purchaser to contribute tuition credit to the family of their choice when purchasing SCRIP.

SCRIP can be purchased at the Parish Office, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or before and after Saturday and Sunday Masses. In addition, you can have your child drop off your completed order form and payment in the school office in the morning and he/she can pick up the SCRIP order from the office after school at Bergan Junior/Senior High Building.