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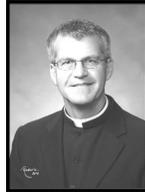
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Champions!



Go Big Green! Congratulations to our Bergan Knights Boys' Basketball Team, as they earn the title of State Champions in Class C-2. I was able to attend all 3 games in the tournament, and I was impressed with the crowds of people that came to encourage and support our team.

As I looked out over the arena on Saturday afternoon, I saw students, families, faculty and staff, members of the Bergan alumni, members of Saint Patrick's Parish, and many people who have been Bergan supporters for many years. It was overwhelming to see this excited and happy crowd come together as the Bergan Family to celebrate success and to support our athletes and our team.

As I was watching our fans, I came to realize that this gathering is an example of what happens every day. Bergan wouldn't exist,

and it wouldn't be effective and successful without the encouragement and support of all of the groups that were represented at the state basketball tournament.

Just as our fans gathered to support our team, we are all united in our common goals of celebrating the influence of Saint Patrick's/ Archbishop Bergan Catholic School in our lives and supporting our current mission of forming disciples of Jesus Christ.

An important element in our work as a school is to make sure that we have the financial resources that are necessary to pay our teachers a just wage, provide a rigorous, faith-based curriculum, improve the use of technology in the classroom, and provide tuition rates that are affordable to any family who wants to send their children to Bergan. As a part of this work, we reach out to our Alumni, current Bergan parents, businesses, and other benefactors and ask them to help us continue our success. Through the **Bergan Annual Appeal**, we raise funds that go primarily to our

annual operating budget. This year we have set a goal of \$60,000, and the money will be used to implement our school technology plan, and to provide curriculum support for our teachers.

Your gift, no matter what the amount, will make an immediate impact on the quality of education that we are offering our students. Along with your continued prayers, I ask that you consider making a financial gift through the **Bergan Annual Appeal**.

As the Bergan fans came together to support our basketball team, I know that our students can count on all the members of the Bergan Family to be there to support, encourage, and assist them in these critical years of their growth and development. Please know that our students, faculty, staff, and I pray for you and your intentions every day. Thank you for your support of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School.

Bergan Power!

Fr. David Belt

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Principal's News



As we at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School finish out the third quarter of the 2013-2014 school year, I would like to pause for a moment and reflect on the successful events that we have experienced thus far.

The very first activity that we accomplished as a staff in August was to conduct a retreat in which we acknowledged the ways in which our

staff supports the mission instilling passion, as exemplified by Christ, for faith, knowledge and service. During this retreat we as a staff also identified areas for growth and created school goals for the academic year. This gave us a clear sense of purpose as we began the school year.

Improved communication has been an area of focus during this school year. In October we unveiled an annual profile that was given to all stakeholders. A revamped school website also was launched to keep

parents, students, and community members informed about all things Bergan. Through the use of our school information system known as Sycamore, as well as our website www.berganknights.org, and our instant alert system known as School Beacon, the Bergan Community has a number of opportunities to be informed on the latest school happenings.

In the area of academics, our teachers have completed a comprehensive year of professional development. Along

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with the usually scheduled administrative observations, teachers have also been educated on and incorporate the latest instructional strategies for the classroom. Teachers have also made visits to other private and public schools to see the positive things other educators are doing in their classrooms.

On two occasions this past fall, our teachers spent a day touring schools, observing classrooms and collaborating with fellow educators. Archbishop Bergan teachers have brought back many of the best practices from these schools and incorporated them into their classrooms.

Our teachers have also been hard at work on listing the scope (depth) and sequence (breadth) of what they teach in each of the subject areas at each grade level. They have accomplished this by conducting work sessions in which teachers share what they teach in specific subject areas. This creates a clear vision of what our students are learning at each grade level. This collaboration allows our staff to identify gaps as well as see areas that our curriculum may overlap. This helps us to be sure that as a school our curriculum is rigorous and appropriate according to the standards set by the Archdiocese of Omaha.

We have also purchased a new Online Learning System called Plato. This system allows our students in grades seven through twelve to take

elective courses in various subject areas that we currently do not offer at Archbishop Bergan. Plato, as the program is known, offers a number of classes and students enjoy the digital learning environment that it provides. We are looking to expand the role of Plato at the Middle/High School level in the future.

For the past school year Stacey Lichtenberg from the Bridge (formerly the Fremont Crisis Center) has been visiting both the elementary and middle/high school to talk with students about relationships. I have had the opportunity to witness these presentations/discussions and they are extremely powerful. Many of the discussions center around cultivating positive relationships, not being a bystander when you see something negative take place, and doing what is right in certain scenarios. I have had a number of comments from parents about the conversations that they have had with their students after these sessions. This is a great resource for us and I am grateful for the insight and expertise that Stacey has provided our school.

As you can see there are a lot of positive things taking place at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. As we continue to progress through the school year we start looking forward to next year. This means recruitment and enrollment of new students. As alumni, parents, and community members please continue to reach out to the families with school-aged children asking them to consider sending their children to Archbishop

Bergan Catholic School. Inquire of them the characteristics that they wish to see in their child gain from their school experience. Instilling faith, knowledge and service is obviously our mission, but students gain a number of other attributes from being a Bergan Knight. Students gain courage, honor, respect, wisdom, responsibility and ultimately achievement.

Certain things set our school apart from other educational experiences. The family atmosphere that has become a hallmark of a Bergan education is unmatched in other educational systems. The HOUSE system allows our students to build lasting relationships with their peers. Our staff has worked hard to create and incorporate a robust curriculum that aims to educate a student's mind, body and soul. Bergan Knights have a unique ability to get involved in a large number of extracurricular activities as students in our school. The staff at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School has an unmatched passion to help each and every student reach their full potential while also teaching them to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. The real question to ask then is... Why doesn't your student attend Archbishop Bergan?

In His service,

Dan Koenig

Bergan Annual Appeal



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We Remember...

Jerome V. Klassen, Sr. on December 14, 2012. Father of Diana Klassen Langemeier ('71), Julie Klassen Jarose ('73) and Jerry Klassen, Jr. ('75).

Barbara "Lea" Sherlock on September 3, 2013. Mother of Kimberlee Sherlock Custer ('72) and Kristine Sherlock Laverty ('80).

Eugene B. Hunke ('64) on November 12, 2013. Brother of the late Art Hunke ('61) and the late Dan Hunke ('75).

William "Willie" Anderson ('01) on December 16, 2013. Son of Susan Anderson Brown ('79), and brother of Michael "Mikey" Anderson ('05).

Betty Goebel on December 21, 2013. Mother of William "Bill" Goebel ('73), Randy Goebel ('80), Christopher Goebel ('82), and Lisa Goebel Leckenby ('85).

Bruce Schroeder ('63) on February 10, 2014. Brother of Fred Schroeder ('60).

Robert Kelly on February 16, 2014. Father of Michael Kelly ('69), Thomas Kelly ('71), Colleen Kelly Paden ('74) and John M. Kelly ('77).

Jeff Kerwin on February 20, 2014. Husband of Debbie Schmidt Kerwin ('82).

Donna Murphy ('63) on November 6, 2013.

Congratulations Cassidy Reller '12



Cassidy Reller '12 took home a state championship in impromptu speaking during the Pennsylvania Forensic Association's annual tournament February 15-16 at Bloomsburg University. Cassidy Reller won a state championship in impromptu speaking.

The Forensics Society placed second overall and is preparing to compete in the National Forensics Association's national tournament April 18-21 at Eastern Michigan University.

The College has excelled on the national level, placing second last year in the Lincoln Douglas debate portion of the tournament. In 2009, the team was the

national champion in Division III speech, and in 2010, the team took second place in both the debate and Division III speech portions.

Reller, a government and law major, also placed second in extemporaneous speaking and third in persuasion at the state tournament. Last year he was novice national champion in extemporaneous speaking at the Novice National Intercollegiate Forensics Tournament at Berry College in Rome, Ga.

Cassidy is a sophomore at LaFayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania. His senior year at Bergan, he placed first in Extemporaneous Speaking at the 2012 state speech meet held in Kearney.

We need your help!

Our best source for news about you and where you are is YOU! Stay in touch, let us know about family news, career news, and anything you would care to share with your fellow classmates. We welcome photos included with information (if room

allows us). Please send us your news and photos to Kathy Kaup, editor, kathy.kaup@berganknights.org, berganalumni@yahoo.com or the Alumni Office, 422 East 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025.

A Message from the Alumni Board President

As Alumni of Archbishop Bergan we all have some memories of our high school days and certain events and people of those days that stay with us. One of my earlier memories back in grade school at St. Patrick's was seeing a fight in front of the school between two big high school boys from the bus I was on. All of a sudden the school principal, who was much smaller than the boys, stepped in and broke up the fight. He very carefully got control of them and escorted them (I think by their ears) into the building to his office for a talking to. I thought to myself, those boys are going to be in big trouble and wondered who that principal was who handled the situation so quickly. That principal was Gary Schmidt.

We all have some memories of Gary over the years. His hard work and dedication to Archbishop Bergan and the Parish over the many years helped us maintain the

traditions and faith that are a big part of a Catholic high school culture and its community of students, faculty, parents and supporters. Through the years we all have seen Gary, with his trademark Bergan Green sport coat, and his wife Carol at many events and functions staying in contact with a lot of us Alumni, as well as parents of the current students. Gary enjoys visiting with Alumni and seeing them return to their hometown and attend Alumni events. He is looking forward to seeing everyone this summer at the all-school Alumni Reunion Dinner on Saturday, June 21st. That would be a great opportunity for you to show your appreciation for his hard work.

As some of you know, when Gary asks for your support or involvement with the school, it is hard to say no. So when he asked me to join the Alumni board a couple years ago I could not turn him

down. As Alumni of Archbishop Bergan we should all make an effort to support our alma mater with our time and efforts, or financial support in any way, to continue the traditions of a Catholic school education to our current students.

On behalf of the Archbishop Bergan Alumni we would like to say "Thank You" to Gary Schmidt for all his dedication and effort during his career at Archbishop Bergan and giving us great memories of our high school days. I bet the two boys who had the talking to that day sure appreciate Mr. Schmidt's efforts and recall that memory very well. Was that you??

Tom Meister
Alumni Board President
Class of 1984

Archbishop Bergan School Endowment Funds: What are they?

Archbishop Bergan School Endowment Funds are accounts that receive gifts to be held, and used for educational and support purposes. Tax deductible gifts are made to an endowed fund, and the fund helps support Catholic Education programs operating under the approval of the President and the School Board. Donors may participate with gifts of cash, securities, property, life insurance, annuities, IRAs and other approved vehicles.

By policy, endowment funds can only gift out a portion of the annual income and gains earned within a specific account. This means that one's gift will, under most circumstances, truly create a *perpetual legacy* to benefit Archbishop Bergan School forever.

Can one person's gift make a difference? Absolutely! These gifts are joined with other gifts made over the past 30 plus years, and collectively generate income that annually assists with School operations, tuition assistance, and post-secondary scholarships. In fact, income generated from the Endowment Funds could eventually become the best form of sustainability for our School. Archbishop Bergan currently has twenty (20) different named tuition assistance endowed funds and six (6) different operations assistance funds, and each of those existing accounts may accept additional funds.

These collective funds are managed by local, corporate, fiduciary investment managers who adhere to the investment

policy and expectations of St. Patrick's Catholic Church & Archbishop Bergan Catholic School Endowment Funds Committee. This committee also establishes policies for governing disbursement of income from the Endowment Funds.

For more information regarding our various types of Endowment Funds, or named Endowment possibilities, please call Ron Kortan at 402-721-6611 or email him at ron.kortan@berganknights.org.

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



The time is now to start thinking about nominations for the 2014 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 Athletic Office at 545 East 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025 by **May 1, 2014**. Nomination forms containing the criteria may be found in this issue, at the high school athletic office, the high school student services office, or 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 21, 2014. Please consider nominating a worthy candidate today!

KNIGHT PRIDE!

News from the Advancement Department



Two months. That is how long I've been a staff member at Archbishop Bergan and I do not know where the time has gone!

I come to Archbishop Bergan from the Fremont Area Chamber of commerce where I spent the past three of my six years there as the Director of Programs. I am thankful for the opportunity to work with many of the same people across the Fremont community that I worked with while at the Chamber and for the new relationships I have built in my short time at Bergan – Bergan really is one big family!!

As a native of Dodge, I am a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a Bachelor degree in Agricultural Economics and a Master's degree from College of Saint Mary in Organizational Leadership. My husband, Brian and I reside in North Bend with our two sons, Luke and John.

My most recent project has included managing our Open Enrollment period, where current families re-enroll their students and a number of new families make the decision to join the Bergan family. At this point we are looking at nearly 15 new families enrolling their students in our institution. With 29 Seniors graduating in May, we are looking at replacing them with a new Kindergarten class of around 38 students. Many of our classes still have room to grow, if you have an interest in enrolling your student(s), please contact me at 402-721-1846 or bonnie.nebuda@berganknights.org to visit our school, set up a buddy day or talk about the enrollment process.

I am enjoying my time as a Bergan Knight, will you join me?

Bonnie Nebuda, MOL
Director of Advancement

Save the Date!

- ◆ Bergan Booster Club 11th Annual golf outing, Saturday, August 9, 2014
- ◆ Fremont Golf Club
- ◆ \$100 per person/\$400 per team /36 team limit
- ◆ Contact Chris Rainforth at (402) 721-9683 or chris.rainforth@berganknights.org or registration forms are available at: www.facebook.com/berganknights
- ◆ Details will be available in the next Bergan Knights Forever newsletter





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

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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!

Alumni Reunion News

Class of 1959

Nancy Jordan Maersch
my1miata@hotmail.com

Class of 1964

Judy Dahlhauser Hanson
jhanson@robertadv.com

Class of 1969

Judy Hemminger Sawyer
judysawyer@yahoo.com or Barb Perry
Dahlhauser bdahlh@aol.com

The Class of 1969 has not planned any separate celebration for the 45th year of our graduation. Some classmates plan to attend the Bergan all-school reunion on Saturday, June

21, 2014 and will save tables for members of our class to gather in one spot. Please contact the Bergan Alumni office, kathy.kaup@berganknights.org to update your contact information or if you have any questions about the all school reunion. Please include an update to your email address so that we may share information with all of you when it comes time to plan our **50th reunion celebration.**

Class of 1974

Pat Costello patcosgtello@gmail.com
Please join the class of 1974 for a "Night at the Museum" at the

Poehling Museum at Woodcliff on Friday, June 20, 2014. Shelly Greteman Ijem has volunteered to arrange for the food, so all you will need to do is bring your favorite drink. Festivities will begin at 6:00 pm and go until 11:00 pm. Any and all volunteers will be gratefully welcomed to help clean up at the end of the night (or the next morning). Our goal is to have as many of our classmates at the all school reunion on Saturday, June 21, 2014, since we are one of the honor classes.

Class of 1984

Tom Meister tom.meister@cox.net

"YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY BABY"

40 years of Women in Sports! Saturday, June 21, 2014
Spread the news by Facebook to gather your teams together
Women's Volleyball & Basketball Tournament
Any female who played volleyball or basketball in your high school years may play



- 8 amTeam t-shirt decorating contest (Complimentary t-shirts and decorating supplies provided)
- 8:30 am – 11 am...Volleyball tournament/games will be shortened to accommodate the time schedule
- 11 am.....Tailgating Lunch/Bring your favorite food from past Bergan tailgate parties
- 12 noonBasketball tournament/games will be shortened to accommodate the time schedule
- 2 pm..... After Tournament drinks & reminiscing at Coach Wewel's house (optional)

6:00 pm All School Reunion for anyone interested in attending, a reservation form is included in this issue

FACEBOOK will be our principle method of communication & updates. You can call Coach Joe Wojtkiewicz (402) 727-1834 or Coach Sue Wewel (402)720-7398- text, call or message via Facebook

Saturday, June 21, 2014 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 _____

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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: _____

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Ways to Give

RSVP deadline by Friday, June 6, 2014

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 its fulfillment of the match.

Dates to Remember

Alumni Basketball..... April 12, 2014
First Holy Communion..... April 27, 2014
Confirmation April 30, 2014
St. Patrick's Fun Festival..... June 7 & 8, 2014
Vacation Bible School..... June 16-20, 2014
Alumni Reunion..... June 21, 2014
Bergan Booster Club Golf..... August 9, 2014
"Disco Knights" November 21, 2014

Save the Date!

Saturday, April 12 is the 2014
Alumni Basketball Tournament at Bergan Jr/Sr High
gymnasium starting at noon
To register: alumknightbball@yahoo.com
Deadline for registration is
Saturday, April 5, 2014



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