

## BERGAN KNICHTS FOREVER

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## Knight Notes from the President

## Are You Ready?



In the days before Bergan's Graduation ceremonies, I was able to talk to a number of our graduates about

their future plans. One question I asked them was, "Are you ready for the next step in life?" There was never any hesitation, as they all said, "Yes!" While they enjoyed their time at Bergan, they were ready to see what kind of future God has prepared for them. Many of the graduates said that they would miss their friends and all of the activities at Bergan, but it was time to move on.

This is a time of year when a lot of change takes place in a parish, school, and community. Young people graduate from high school and college, priests move to new parish assignments, teachers and staff members leave for new

opportunities, and families pack up and move to new cities. Even though there is excitement about new adventures in life, many times there can be some anxiety or fear about the unknown. Leaving behind what we know and what is comfortable can sometimes be a difficult—but necessary—step in life. How do we stay strong in these days of transition and change?

In times of change, I believe that it is important to "hang on" to what remains the same. We find comfort in knowing that God is always there for us, and will be our guide and source of strength through times of transition. We also remember that there is a family of faith that remains and the bonds of this family can never be broken. That's what it means to be a member of the "Bergan Family," whether we are a student, parent, faculty or staff member, benefactor, or member of the Bergan Alumni. Wherever life takes us, Archbishop Bergan Catholic School remains, and the present generation of students and staff prays often for all former students, staff, and generous people who have built our school into the wonderful community that it is today. As members of the Bergan Alumni, I ask that you pray for our recent graduates, and for the students that we continue to serve.

Through our common faith in Jesus Christ and our bond as "Bergan Knights," we are all one family. These connections keep us strong and steadfast, as we face days of transition and change in life. Remember who you are—a member of God's family and a member of the Bergan Family.

Are you ready for the next step in life?

Fr. Dave Belt President

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Over the next several years, our s t u d e n t enrollment will continue to grow. As a

school community, we need to prepare for this forecasted growth. Recent conservative enrollment projections state that we will have an increase

## Principal's News

of 32% in student enrollment by the year 2020. With that in mind, it is imperative that we have a quality plan for the next five years. In order to create a strategic plan for the future, we cannot rely solely on our own knowledge, information, and reflection. This is why we at Archbishop Bergan decided to personally invite a cross section of individuals to a summit meeting that gathered all of the entities that allow Archbishop Bergan Catholic School to function. We are labeling this movement Archbishop Bergan 2020.

On Sunday April 13, 2014 in St. Patrick's Church's Delaney Hall we held a meeting to

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complete an analysis of our entire school system. Individuals were invited to participate in this unique gathering because of the roles that they played in our school community. Members from the following representative groups were present at the meeting included: School Board representatives, Booster Club executive board, Parent Knight officers, Advancement Committee members, Parish Council representatives, Parish Finance committee, Alumni Board members, school staff members, and student leaders.

The Concord Mediation Center of Omaha assisted us in moderating this event. We completed a S.W.O.T. or strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats analysis of specific areas that relate to the mission of the school. We have recently received the information that the Concord Center gathered from this meeting and will be using it to develop a five year strategic plan.

The following areas were discussed in reference to the school during the summit; Catholic Identity, Visionary Leadership, Academic & Teacher Excellence, Enrollment Management, Viable Infrastructure (Facilities & Technology) and Funding the Mission (Revenue Management).

Ultimately we at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School want to create a strategic plan that will have the most meaning and impact. Meetings like this, as well as future surveys and communications, will allow us to reach as many people as possible to contribute to the strategic planning process. Together we will make our Archbishop Bergan Catholic School the best school it can be. It truly is a great time to be a Bergan Knight!

Dan Koenig Principal

#### **Bergan Annual Appeal** I/we would like to invest: O Platinum - \$5,000 O Gold - \$1,000 O I/we would like to make \_\_\_\_ monthly payments for a total pledge of \$\_ O Silver - \$500 O Enclosed is my check payable to Archbishop Bergan Catholic School O White - \$250 O Please charge my credit card O MasterCard O Visa O American Express O Other - \$\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 3-digit Card number: code: For online giving: Cardholder signature: \_\_\_ www.berganknights.org O I prefer to make my donation online in the amount of \$ Name Do you work for a Matching Gift Employer: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: Address I am not certain, my employer is: Telephone Number \_\_\_\_ Archbishop Bergan Catholic School O Check here if email is preferred method of communication. Class Year \_\_\_\_\_ 422 E 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025







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## Thank you, Neil Feser for 36 years of dedicated service



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and dozens of School Boards and staffs. \$14,000 in college scholarships per every with the people of St. Patrick's Parish and Throughout it all I have had a myriad of graduate. The offered figure is much higher. Archbishop Bergan, its parents, staff, blessings, interactions and seen growth They are a credit to the work ethic students and alumni. I leave with kind through people working together to develop developed in the home and fostered by the thoughts. a strong school system. I have benefited faculty. I helped with the paperwork. from thousands of opportunities to develop as a person and a professional.

There have been unfortunate accidents, but

Thirty-six years ago Gary around me one of the things I am and souls to God's love. me proudest of is never losing a student by at his/her own hand. I am also proud of I have enjoyed developing and presenting Archbishop Bergan assisting in the development of a culture of short visual pieces on suicide prevention, Catholic High School, continuing education after high school. In anti-bullying, leadership and relationship Since then I have had the most years Bergan sends 100% of our building, etc. I have enjoyed presenting great fortune to work with graduates on to future schooling with only them in classrooms and to the student body. hundreds of families, over four or five students a decade choosing My next step is to get them out to the world. a thousand students, many another path. In the last 12+ years the dozens of priests and faculty, nine principals students have accepted on average over I am a better man for knowing and working

I have grown in my faith and become a stronger believer in Catholic education. Neil Feser Through good times and bad I have had the in a large part because of the work of those benefit of seeing the school open many lives

Guidance Counselor

Recognition of Neil Feser's years of service will be held during the All School Reunion/Athletic Hall of Fame induction on Saturday, June 21, 2014. Details and reservation information on page 7 of this newsletter. Please RSVP to kathy.kaup@berganknights.org or call 402-721-1846 or online at www.berganknights.org go to the Advancement drop down and click on Ways to Give by Wednesday, June 11, 2014 if you are planning to attend.

## 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 Kathy Kaup, editor, photos to kathy.kaup@berganknights.org, berganalumni@yahoo.com or the Alumni Office, 422 East 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025.

## Congratulations!

Shelli Boesch ('05) and Kris McVaney were married at St. John's church in Omaha on March 8, 2014.



### We Remember...

Judy Stewart Neuhaus ('60) on February 9. 2014. Sister of Richard Stewart ('54).

Betty L. Tharp on May 8, 2014. Mother of Theresa Tharp Baltz ('71), Jean Tharp Fauver ('72), John Michael Tharp ('77), Dale Tharp ('80) and Karen Tharp Arp (82).

Archbishop Bergan instrumental music director Jeremy Murman performs an Elton John song during the talent competition at the 2014 Mr. Habitat Pageant



The Midland University Event center was name, he wore a "merman" costume in the full, as people from the community attended beachwear competition and for the talent the annual 2014 Mr. Habitat Pageant and competition performed as Sir Elton John. dinner. Money raised from this event fund "sweat equity" hours.

contender in the Pageant. Staying true to his attempt to coerce votes.

Habitat for Humanity, an organization Other contestants were the Rev. Al Duminy, which builds homes in partnership with pastor of Sinai Lutheran Church, whose tae low-income people who lack adequate Kwando demonstration broke two boards; housing. Families pay back the cost of the American Family Insurance agent Peter home at terms they can afford and through Jacobus, and Sgt. Dustin Weitzel of the Dodge County Sheriff's Office, who handcuffed judges Dr. Cristin Wilson, Our own Jeremy Murman was a top Jennifer Bixby and Jennifer Greunke in an

## Is it time to protect your family & your future?



At Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, family is very important. Families who may currently have children attending Bergan; families who graduates from Bergan or St. Patrick's Catholic

School, along with our Parish families all have a special meaning and importance in keeping our tradition of excellence strong and growing.

Just as you and your family have contributed toward Bergan's strength, we also hope Bergan, in turn, has helped contribute toward strengthening your family. With the importance of "family" in mind, we ask these few short questions regarding your family's planning.

- Do you have an estate plan? It is estimated that more than 70% of the adult population over the age of 30 years does not have a "Last Will & Testament"; let alone any other supporting documents.
- Did you know a will is not a complete estate plan? Included in a comprehensive estate plan should be:

durable powers of attorney for asset management, durable powers of attorney for health-care, and an advanced health-care directive. Having these documents in place may save you and your family substantial anxiety and time during a difficult and emotional period.

Have you made your will? If not, the State of Nebraska, or most states in which you reside, has made one for you! It may not distribute your estate according to your wishes. For your protection and the security of your loved ones, consult an attorney about drafting your will and supporting documents today.

There are possibly many more steps toward having a comprehensive estate plan, but these documents can help secure your wishes and your family's goals. If you have questions about your estate plan or how to start one, please contact an attorney or our office for guidance.

We are so very grateful to the following Members of the St. Patrick's/Archbishop Bergan Catholic School Family who did establish their estate plans. Through their generosity, the estate plans have not only helped their immediate families, but will also assist Archbishop Bergan Catholic School for many, many years.

JoAnn (Carlson) Intorn (Class of '58): Her estate established the JoAnn Carlson Intorn Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund.

Robert & Rita Kelly, Parents of Michael ('69), Thomas ('71), Colleen ('74) & John ('77): Their revocable trusts established the Robert & Rita Kelly Elementary School Operations Endowment Fund.

As our graduates of the Class of 2014 move ahead through life's endeavors, we ask for your prayers, and if need be, your guidance to help assist these young adults with all the opportunities available to them. After all, we are The St. Patrick's & Archbishop Bergan Catholic School family!

May God's Blessings be recognized and celebrated.

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

## News from the Advancement Department



warmer temperatures of summer, another school year comes to a close. We are slotted to begin a new school year in August with 4 0 n e w kindergarteners and an

additional 22 students joining the Bergan family across the various first through 12th grades. We are excited to be growing and would love to host more tours and buddy days for prospective students. If you know someone who is looking for an educational institution that instills Faith, Knowledge and Services, please have them contact me at bonnie.nebuda@berganknights.org or 402-721-1846.

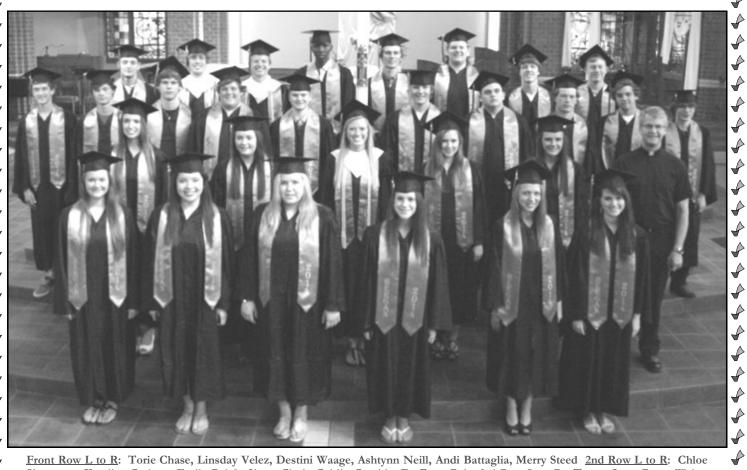
Event and finally by the Bergan Annual

We are nearing the end of the 2013-2014 campaign period for the annual appeal and we have reached 77% of our goal of \$60,000 as of this writing. Proceeds for this campaign will fund operating improvements infrastructure and for technology instructional technology. Donors to the

As the spring moves You may be aware that the cost to educate a appeal include alumni, parents of alumni, student at Archbishop Bergan Catholic current parents and businesses in the School is slightly higher than the amount Fremont Community. In two days during paid in tuition for each student. Those the campaign, 50% of the 2014 graduating differences are covered by the generosity of class contributed to a class gift for the St. Patrick's Parish, endowments made to appeal. As we strive to meet our goal, to the school, fundraisers such as the Knight those of you who have not given yet, I ask you to prayerfully consider contributing to the Bergan Annual Appeal to help us reach our educational goals. And to those who have already contributed, we thank you on behalf of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School.

> Bonnie Nebuda, MOL Director of Advancement

## Congratulations Class of 2014!



Front Row L to R: Torie Chase, Linsday Velez, Destini Waage, Ashtynn Neill, Andi Battaglia, Merry Steed 2nd Row L to R: Chloe Simonson, Kandice Carlson, Emily Belak, Sierra Clark, Caitlin Cassidy, Fr. Dave Belt 3rd Row L to R: Trevor Svec, Bryce Weier, Nate Griffen, Chase Oliver, JT Vecera, Patrick Herink, Andrew VanKirk, Tanner Boggs, Isaac Moore, Colton Decker 4th Row L to R: Mason Bowman, Colton Brdicko, Bryant Carlson, Ogbe Thompson, Luke Walker, Cole Conrad, Jonah Madsen, Wil Kammerer

example of how God blesses every person Archbishop Bergan alumni not only co-curricular programs as well. Entertaining each one of us unique.

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have received to continue their education at service projects too numerous to mention that will last a lifetime. the next level, of which 100% of them individually have become the norm for intend to do so. From cheer to football, Bergan's graduating classes, and this year Congratulations and thank you to the class 🗸 rural health opportunities to performing was no different. Whether it was through of 2014 for carrying out the outstanding arts, Regents to Presidents, cross country to fundraising or performing physical work for tradition that so many have worked hard to soccer, Chancellor's to Nurse's Training, those in need, the class of 2014 helped those start and maintain. Bergan Knights Forever! academic to athletic, and everything in who could not help themselves. between, this class is certainly an accomplished group. All told, they have In addition to the successes already accepted over \$400,000 in post-secondary mentioned, the class of 2014 still found time scholarship money.

service. instrumental in helping shape the Peer productions,

The class of 2014 is a great Yet, this newest group of to accomplish great things through our with distinct gifts and talents and makes demonstrated knowledge, but also faith and and award-winning performances in Several of them have been One-Act Play and School Musical All-State football These 29 graduates, over the course of their Ministry program. Under the guidance of basketball players, cross country and time at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, Fr. Jim Keiter, they have been instrumental wrestling state qualifiers, an All-American have discovered and developed these gifts to in building up our faith community through cheer leader, and headlined by a boys become who they are today. Their diversity their leadership and participation in retreats, basketball state championship, they have is exemplified in the scholarships that they faith days, and prayer services. Hours of provided our community with memories

Chris Rainforth Assistant Principal/ Activities Director



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## **BERGAN BOOSTER CLUB**

11th Annual golf outing

## 4-Person Golf Scramble

Saturday, August 9, 2014 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 school/High school building
- www.berganknights.org
- www.facebook.com/berganknights
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Archbishop Bergan Catholic High School, 545 East 4th St.

The Hall of Fame selection committee has named the following to the Archbishop Bergan Catholic School Hall of Fame for 2014. Congratulations to those selected. It is truly a great honor.

- Joe Voitech-coach 1972-1995
- Jerry Mahlberg, Bob Vance, Joe Cajka-long time contributors
- Clinton "Buddy" Lord-athlete 1947-1951 (St. Patrick's High School)

The awards will be presented at the Alumni Reunion dinner on Saturday, June 21, 2014 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. If an induction individual is not able to attend the induction ceremony, a family member or other representative may substitute. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Rainforth chris.rainforth@berganknights.org, or call 402-721-9683, or contact Kathy Kaup at kathy.kaup@berganknights.org or 402-721-1846.

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

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Above: Seymour (Trey Mendlik) and Audrey (Destini Waage) work in Mushnik's Flower Shop along side of Audrey 2



Clockwise: Audrey (Destini Waage), Ronette (Haylee Acker), Chiffon (CeCi Camphuis) & Crystal (Madison Schueth)

Photos courtesy of Fremont Tribune

# Little Shop of Horrors

About 25 students made up the The play follows the Broadway cast and crew for Bergan's Musical based on the 1960 black production of "Little Shop of comedy film of the same name Horrors"

Bergan students featuring lack Nicholson The Horrors." performed the musical earlier in movie was remade in 1986 May at Midland University's starring Rick Moranis, Steve Kimmel Theatre. Father Jim Martin, Jim Belushi, John Candy Keiter, associate pastor of St. and Bill Murray. Patrick's Catholic Church codirected the production with Vocal Music Director Maggie Winterlin.

story line is about a plant that costumes and perform on stage. wants to take over the world.

Bergan students featuring Jack Nicholson. The

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The students did a wonderful job of performing this play. It took a concentrated effort by the entire cast and crew to build "Little Shop of Horrors" main the set, put together the

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## **Alumni Reunion News**

### Class of 1959

R i c h a r d S a v a g e rsavage3007@msn.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

s chool 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 patfcosgtello@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 1979**

Julie Henggler Butler jbutler@neb.rr.com, Bruce Meister bmeistser@bkd.com and Mike Wiesen

#### Class of 1984

Tom Meister tom.meister@cox.net

## **Class of 1994**

Michelle Meister Schleiker, michelle.schleiker@fpsmail.org, Jake Bogenrief, John Thomsen, john.thomsen@penske.com Sara Schrader Kellogg, skellogg2@hotmail.com

## **Class of 1999**

M a t t M u e l l e r , mmueller5220@gmail.com

#### "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 am ......Team 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 noon .....Basketball 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. at St. Patrick's Church, 3400 East 16th St./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)

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	nights.org go to the Advancement drop down and click on		
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RSVP deadline by Wednesday, June 11, 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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Memorial funds can be established to Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. For more information contact Ron Kortan at (402) 721-6611 or rkortan@stpatsfremont.org or by mail at St. Patrick's Parish Office, 422 E. 4th Street, Fremont NE 68025.

## **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.

## **Dates to Remember**

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







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