Alumni News

Saint Philip Catholic Central High School

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St. Philip Catholic Central High School Alumni Association Proudly Welcomes

THE CLASS OF 2012

Congratulations to the Class of 2012 Academic Top Ten

Bradley Beuschel
Bradley will attend Ferris State University to study Pharmacy.

Megan Lassen
Megan will attend Michigan State University for General Studies.

Samantha Payne
Samantha will attend Cornerstone University to study Elementary Education.

Daniel Riggs
Daniel will attend Michigan State University to study Mechanical Engineering.

James Garay, Valedictorian
James will attend the University of Michigan to study Chemical Engineering.

Edmund (Ned) Ingalls, Salutatorian
Ned will attend Grand Valley State University to study Video and Film Production.

Lauren Ritsema
Lauren will attend Calvin College to study Biochemistry.

Madeline Sweeney
Madeline will attend John Carroll University to study Exercise Science.

Tyler Searls
Tyler will attend the University of Michigan to study Aerospace Engineering.

Alex Vincent
Alex will attend Michigan State University to study Engineering.

Alumni's Guide to Who, What, Where, When & Why

TAKE A LOOK WITH YOUR CALENDAR BOOK

16th Annual Alumni Homecoming Reunion

All alumni and friends are invited October 6, 2012 to the 16th Annual Alumni Homecoming Reunion. Invitations for this day of nostalgia, food and fun will be mailed in July, 2012.

The day begins with a 10:00 am Alumni Meeting and Continental Breakfast in the Alumni Room 101. The Tiger Tailgate starts at 12:00 noon and Big RED Football kicks off at 1:30 p.m. During the game, we will honor the 2012 Athletic Hall of Fame.

The festivities continue at the 4:30 Mass at St. Philip Church where we will honor all of the STP alumni and remember those who have gone before us. The **Class of 1962** will be recognized as they mark their 50th Class Reunion. Monsignor William Fitzgerald will celebrate the mass.

A cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the St. Philip Parish Center, followed by dinner.

The 2012 Distinguished Alumni will be honored and the school will be open for all alumni to explore. Reconnect and reminisce while wandering the hallways and classrooms of your alma mater. Don't miss a moment of fun. Mark your calendars today!

Planning to spend the weekend in Battle Creek? Blocks of rooms have been set aside for the "STP Alumni" at McCamly Plaza Hotel ($79 per night, reserve your room by calling 1-888-622-2659 before September 24, 2012) or the Holiday Inn of Battle Creek ($119 per night, reserve your room by calling 1-269-979-0500 before September 5, 2012).

Don't forget to like us!

STP's on Facebook: Saint Philip Alumni Association

PLANNING A REUNION? HAVE STP ALUMNI NEWS? WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLASSES OF

1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1967, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997 & 2007

WHEN DO YOU WANT TO "REUNION"?

CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLASSES OF 1955, 1972 & 1977

"Reunion" with your classmates at **Caribbean Cruisin Block Party** on **Saturday, August 11, 2012**

SUMMER IN THE CITY

5K Run & 1-mile Fun Run/Walk
AUGUST 11, 2012
BAILEY PARK
WWW.SUMMERINTHECITY5K.COM

DRAWDOWN
FEBRUARY 16, 2013
Contact Vicky Groat
vgroat@bcacs.org or 269.963.4503

CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLASSES OF 1945, 1962 & 2002

"Reunion" with your classmates during **Homecoming 2012** on **Saturday, October 6, 2012**

All Proceeds Support BCACS Scholarships

Sheila Guerra Memorial Golf Outing

Sunday, September 16, 2012
Allwyn Downs
Contact Vicky Groat
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Caribbean Cruisin' Summer Block Party

AUGUST 11, 2012

Join us for Island Fun on August 11, 2012 from 7 to 11 p.m. at St. Philip High School. Enjoy live music, tropical breezes, contests, and cuisine by the St. Lawrence Grill Team. Tickets are $5 per person. Go to Facebook: Saint Philip Alumni Association or www.bcacs.org for more details. This is another perfect opportunity to "reunion" with your classmates.

Were you a member of the STP band in days gone by?

Please join our St. Philip Catholic Central High School Marching Band on the sidelines during our Homecoming Football Game on **Saturday, October 6, 2012**

STP ALUMNI SMILES AND MILESTONES

*Class Reunions * Engagements * Weddings * Anniversaries * Babies * Special Moments * Holiday Parties*

Jacob Gallagher is the son of Ann and Chris Gallagher, Class of 1997

Tatum Elayne Channells is the daughter of Ashley and George Channells, Class of 1998

Congratulations to the Class of 1944 on 68 years

Pictured are members of the Class of 1944: Renee (McCauley) Pelter is represented by her sister, Virginia (McCauley) Hendrickson - '49, Woody and Lena (Maddalena) Wood, Mary Ann (Clay) Cole, the late Paul Bauman is represented by Joan Bauman, David and Marion Meisterheim, Marietta (Fitzgerald) - '46 and Earl Brutsche. The classmates gathered to celebrate mass at St. Philip Catholic Church on Friday, June 8, 2012, 68 years to their date of graduation!

Eleanor Ey (above) and Camden Ey (below) are the children of Dave and Ann (Lawrence) Ey, Class of 1992

Emma Lumbard is the daughter of Ryan Lumbard and Abby Buckley, Class of 2005

Frances 'Frankie' Vunovich is the daughter of Steven and Heather (Miller) Vunovich, Class of 1992

Michael, Isabelle, and Adriana Miller are the children of Hilary and Michael Miller, Class of 2000

The 2nd Annual "Drawn to Music" Fine Arts Program a Huge Success

The evening began as visitors strolled through the art exhibit featuring many different types of two-dimensional artwork, from abstract line designs to carefully executed mosaics. Guided by our fine arts instructor, Gail Suess-Brandow, over 160 pieces of artwork by Pre-K through middle school students were displayed.

Guests then enjoyed performances from our talented musicians. Showcasing beginning to advanced levels, our fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade bands and choirs, along with our St. Philip Catholic Central High School Band, performed. Under the direction of our band director, Laura Hirlemen, guests were treated to student performances slated for the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's annual band festival.

The crescendo of the performance was the debut of the St. Philip Catholic Central High School Marching Band as they performed their original cadence.

The drum cadence, titled "The St. Philip Series," was composed by Larry Ochiltree. Larry is a nationally renowned drummer who resides in Battle Creek. He marched with MSU's Spartan Marching Band drumline as an undergraduate and went on to earn a Master's in drumset performance from Berkley!

Larry has graciously given his time with our young percussionists on a few occasions and was very tickled to be commissioned to write his very first drum cadence.

The STP drumline performs "The St. Philip Series". Allie Steele sports the new marching band uniform.

The 1948 STP High School Band

and our STP band played on...

The 2012 STP High School Band

CALLING ALL ART PATRONS: You can help our Fine Arts Program grow from GREAT to GREATEST!

KATHY GALLAGHER, BCACS FOUNDATION

Very often my conversations with our fine arts staff start with, **"I wish."** We are blessed with very talented and totally dedicated fine arts teachers. Their abilities and gifts could take them to many academic settings, yet they choose to devote themselves to making our students flourish and to making St. Philip excel in the fine arts. These are people who prefer the tools and resources to provide the best education for our students more than anything else. Recently, I encouraged them "to wish."

You have the power to make their wishes come true! Call me at 269.963.4771 or email kgallagher@bcacs.org or visit www.bcacs.org (Donate Today) to contribute so your alma mater will grow from great to the greatest!

Marching Band:
- Marching band hats (used)~$200
- Banner for parades~$200
- Music~$300
- Marching band podium~ $300
- Plumes for hats and hat boxes~$400
- Tenor drum stand and adapter~$500
- Marching bass drum heads~$500
- Baritone sax (used)~$800

Concert Band:
- Band posture chairs~$1,500

Studio Glass:
- A glass grinder~$100
- Pistol-grip glass cutters~$100
- Weller soldering irons~$160

Pottery:
- Pottery wheel~$600
- Kiln~$1,800

Enter to Learn...

"Giving is the basis for Catholic education. We have been blessed and now we must give back. Our students understand this completely, and they are so excited to be a part of these projects. It is the right thing to do. We live our faith since we are made in the image of God."

~Judy Geiger, BCACS teacher

St. Philip High School students join forces with the Food Bank of Southwest Michigan in support of its "Back-pack Program."

...Leave to Serve

(Above) Students with "painted chair" for Women's Co-op Program (Right) Students' empty bowls for Food Bank of SW Michigan

Service, compassion and community commitment are at the heart of our Catholic schools. Each year, our students contribute nearly 10,000 hours of service to our parishes and community. And, they do this out of love.

Our commitment to service beyond self also complements the growing Fine Arts Programs. Gail Suess-Brandow works with our students on several ongoing community service projects including the "Empty Bowls" project for the Food Bank of SW Michigan and the "Painted Chair Affair" for the Women's Co-op Program.

Mrs. Suess-Brandow expressed, "All of these activities are very important because the students really benefit from thinking about others. They learn that their lives are enriched by helping in these ways. Art truly can make the world a better place!"

Did You Know?

- St. Joseph and St. Philip students consistently achieve the highest overall MEAP scores in Calhoun County, scoring well above state averages for both public and non-public schools.
- Our Band Program has grown to nearly 120 students and has expanded to include St. Philip High School.
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Theology of the Body Introduced This Year

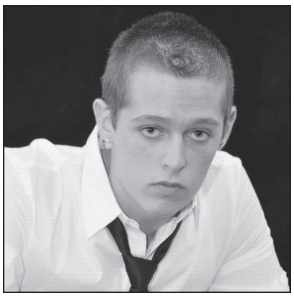
If all goes according to plan, St. Philip will soon have the only certified Theology of the Body teacher in SW Michigan, perhaps in the whole state. This is due to the commitment of our Theology Instructor, Trevor Scoles, who is pursuing formal certification through the Theology of the Body Institute, located in Pennsylvania.

The 'Theology of the Body' is Pope John Paul II's integrated vision of the human person--body, soul, and spirit.

Gabe Perry, Class of 2013, expressed, "Theology of the Body is about discovering who we are as man and woman and how we are to live out our lives. It is not just a love on this Earth but a calling to love God. I never thought about love, at least not about the true nature of love. Through Theology of the Body, I have come to a greater understanding that love is a way of life. It is a choice to consistently choose, will, and desire the good for another. It is about trusting in Him and having faith that He will lead you down the right path toward your total happiness. With my increased knowledge, I look forward to the horizon and love as God would have me love."

Mr. Scoles shared, "I feel privileged to have the opportunity to become certified in Theology of the Body. Most immediately, it will transform classroom catechesis and through that, each of our students' lives. On a long-term basis, all diocesan schools and parishes will benefit through workshops that Mr. Scoles will conduct.

Trevor Scoles and members of the Adoration Society in front of the Seton Center



"This internship has not only brought me to my decision about which college to choose, but has given me a broader outlook on the career path I wish to pursue."
~Keegan Kalkowski, Class of 2012

SENIOR INTERNSHIPS:
Defining Goals and Opening Doors to our Community

Several years ago, a task force of educators, parents and students traveled nationwide to research how we can best prepare our students for college and career. Among the recommendations was the development of an integrated internship program required of all seniors. The results have been transformative for our students, our schools and our community.

Students have benefited from internships at HandsOn Battle Creek, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, RDS Engineering Firm, Access Vision, Beadle Lake Veterinarian Clinic, Battle Creek Community Foundation, Denso Manufacturing Michigan, Veterans Administration Medical Center, to name a few.

The benefits are far reaching and include: engaging our students on multiple levels of learning, effective time management, development of decision making skills, critical thinking and assertiveness along with the exploration of career options through relevant work experience.

An additional benefit is the increased visibility within our community and respect for St. Philip Catholic Central High School, our students, staff and programs. This partnership with local businesses, colleges, foundations and non-profit organizations has raised the awareness of the unique education provided at our Catholic schools.

Keegan Kalkowski completed his internship at the Western Michigan University School of Aviation. He shared, "This internship has not only brought me to my decision about which college to choose but has given me a broader outlook on the career path I wish to pursue. Working with WMU staff gave me an insight to workplace habits, college life, and the aviation field itself. I could not have chosen a better location!"

STP Tennis Team Places at State

NICK BUCKLEY, CLASS OF 2003

In just four years, the St. Philip girls' tennis team went from start up to state qualifier!

The Tigers completed their season on June 2 by placing 16th in the Division 4 state meet in Holland. St. Philip scored six points after receiving a second round win from Makayia Hargrove and Casey Gallagher at No. 1 doubles and first-round wins from Megan Lassen at No. 1 singles, Gracie Curtis at No. 2 singles and Jaclyn Behnke at No. 3 singles.

St. Philip advanced to the state meet in dramatic fashion. The top two teams from each regional move on to the state meet, but a third team can advance if it scores enough points. The Tigers became that third team with 18 points, thanks to the No. 3 doubles duo of Carrie Greenman and Heather Bernard.

In the final match of the regional on May 18, Greenman and Parker fought for a dramatic 6-4, 5-7, 7-5 victory over Schoolcraft to give the Tigers the two points they needed to reach the state finals.

"With this being only the fourth year of girls' tennis at the school, and for these girls to achieve what they achieved today, it's just overwhelming," head coach Jon Miller told the Battle Creek Enquirer. "I'm just so very, very proud of them."

LITTLE TIGERS ~ LARGE SPIRIT

This past winter, **Molly (Page) O'Rourke, Class of 2007** along with other former cheerleaders, **Andrea Sherzer and Shantele Snyder, Class of 2007** and **Megan Lawver, Class of 2010** were joined by **Lauren Meyers, Class of 2007** and Megan Williams and former coach, Karen O'Rourke, to sponsor a cheer camp for our littlest Tigers from St. Joseph School. Molly shared,"We learned that there was no cheer squad at St. Philip this year. We decided to help promote school spirit and the love of cheerleading through a cheer camp. We sponsored several camps, and in January, we were invited to cheer at a game. We had a total of 34 girls and 2 boys participate in the halftime show and on the side-lines, cheering. This is just one way that we could give back, hoping to infuse interest in cheerleading while enhancing the connection with our Little Tigers!"

TIGERS MOVE TO 8-MAN FOOTBALL

NICK BUCKLEY, CLASS OF 2003

In Michigan High School football, even eight is enough.

Last fall, the Michigan High School Athletic Association offered an 8-man football postseason for the first time, with Carsonville-Port Sanilac claiming the state championship at Northern Michigan University's Superior Dome.

Now, St. Philip will try to play its way to the Superior Dome, as the Tigers will compete as an 8-man football squad for the first time in the fall of 2012. St. Philip had played Class D football since 1974, winning their last state championship in 1985 under Mike Hume. Prior to that, the school enrollment allowed the Tigers to compete in Class C.

Now, St. Philip will join the Southern Michigan 8-man Conference along with Portland St. Patrick, Burr Oak, Tekonsha, Waldron and Litchfield. The Tigers open their season August 24 against Portland St. Patrick.

Last year, 16 of the 22 schools playing 8-man football qualified for the playoffs. In 2012, 31 teams will play 8-man across the state, with the Wyoming Tri-Unity Christian co-op the only one not allowed in the postseason due to its larger enrollment.

Of those 31 programs competing in 8-man football, St. Philip trails only Deckersville in victories since 1950 with 305, according to Michigan-football.com.

Coach David Downey meets with incoming freshmen about Big RED Football.

"All alumni share a great pride in the St. Philip football program. With time comes change. Alumni support will create enthusiasm and "restore the roar" as we move to 8-man football. This change will position our student-athletes for success on the gridiron. Go Big Red."
~Ed Greenman, Class of 1979

A DOZEN CHEERS FOR A DOZEN YEARS...

The Class of **2012** Celebrates its **12** Year Students!

Pictured left to right are:
(Front row) Taylor Wyatt-Knowlton, Ana Green, Megan Lassen, Gracie Curtis, Madeline Sweeney

(Second row) Nick Reincke, Caleb Andrews, Alex Vincent, Bradley Beuschel

(Third row) Tyler Searls, Nolan Newton, James Garay, Ned Ingalls, Daniel Riggs

The BCACS Foundation Trustees proudly announce the Class of 2012 scholarship awardees

The **Valella Scholarship** was established by Michelle T. Valella, O.D. This year's Awardees are **Alex Vincent** (pictured right) who will study Engineering at the University of Michigan and **Jay Luoma** (pictured left) who will attend Michigan State University to study Pre-veterinarian Medicine.

The **Howard M. List and Edith M. List Scholarship Fund** was established in 2011 by Mrs. List and son, Charles List. The 2012 Awardee is **Taylor Wyatt-Knowlton** who will study Food Science at Aquinas College.

The **Frank Quartermaine Student-Athlete Memorial Scholarship** was established in 2010 to honor Frank's memory. Frank was a 1961 graduate of St. Philip. The 2012 Awardee is **Ned Ingalls** who will study Film and Video Production at Grand Valley University.

The **Carrie Adams Memorial Scholarship** was established by Carrie's parents, Chuck and Cheryl Adams, in Carrie's memory. Carrie graduated in 1991. The 2012 Awardee is **Gracie Curtis** who will study Animal Science at Hope College.

The **Sheila Guerra Memorial Scholarship** honors the memory of Sheila Guerra, former St. Philip teacher and volleyball coach. The 2012 Awardee is **Megan Lassen** who will take General Studies at Michigan State University.

The **John B. and Margaret A. Hogan Medical Scholarship** was established by John B. Hogan, Class of 1939 and Margaret (Skaggs) Hogan, Class of 1942. The 2012 Awardee is **Bradley Beuschel** who will study Pharmacy at the Ferris State University.

The **Al Leibert Family Scholarship** was established by retired educator and longtime coach and mentor, Al Leibert. The 2012 Awardee is **Madeline Sweeney** who will study Exercise Science at John Carroll University.

James Garay
Valedictorian Speech Excerpt

My friends, I thought for a long time about what I can say to all of you. We've had so much fun over the years, and I wasn't sure how to adequately recap all of our time together. But in the end, this is what I came up with. Although today feels like goodbye, we must realize that it's only temporary. Even though we must leave one another soon, we can always come back to our home at St. Phil.

A term I've always heard tossed around is "the St. Philip family." In previous valedictories, I've heard graduates say how much they would miss the St. Philip family, which got me to thinking, how does that apply to us? What makes the class of 2012 a family? Is it that we agree on everything? Anyone that's spent five minutes with our class would cross that one off pretty quickly. We are a strongly opinionated class to say the least. Is it because we all dress the same? No, I thought, that can't be it, although I don't think that many classes pulled off the crested polos quite like we did. But for some reason, I just couldn't put my finger on what made us a family.

Then all of a sudden, it hit me. What makes a family, a family? Here's a small test: graduates, look to your left, and look to your right. Now, close your eyes, and think of a time in your high school career when you were seriously upset, or struggling, or somehow being pulled down by something. Now think about who it was that brought you back up, that made you feel better, that made you realize that everything would be okay, that stood by you. Open your eyes; look again to your left and to your right. Do you recognize these people from your mind's eye? They are more than just your classmates; they are your family, the St. Philip family.

So even though we all must leave our families at some point, we have cheered each other on in the past and expect the best for one another in the future. We say goodbye with the understanding that it is not permanent, and that it is merely a phrase for which we mean "see you later." Keeping that in mind, all I have to say is this: goodbye my friends, I will miss you, but our paths will cross again.

Samantha Payne
Parting Thoughts

As seniors, you start to think about what life will be like outside the doors of St. Philip. We have gotten tastes of the real world, but we are about to venture out as individuals and not as a class. Senior year is a time of reflection and a time to look forward to the future. This is a time I can only describe as bittersweet.

I entered the Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools system as a freshman. I walked in expecting to like St. Phil, but I was not expecting how much St. Phil would feel like home. Since we are a small campus and community, it seems like a family. Next year, I'll miss walking through the hall and knowing everybody's name, but I am excited for God's plan in my life as I venture out of the familiar halls of STP.

My time at St. Phil has taught me to be dedicated in everything that I do. The staff and faculty demonstrated this the most clearly. All the teachers are excited to tell you what they want you to know, and they are always more than willing to help you with anything. Upon leaving St. Phil, the faculty is something that I will miss a lot.

Through the various service projects and volunteer opportunities, I learned the importance of community. In order to take an active role in being a citizen, one must learn how to give back to the community. As Christians we are called to give back, and be salt and light in the world, and what better way to do this than through community service.

I am extremely grateful for my time at St. Philip, and all I have learned. St. Philip Catholic Central High School is a place like no other. Once you enter, you will never look back.

St. Philip has made me into the person I am today, and for that I am the most thankful.

I feel so blessed!

STP CLASS OF 2012

Graduation

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Honors & Awards

Vicky Groat, Class of 1985, receives National Coaching Recognition

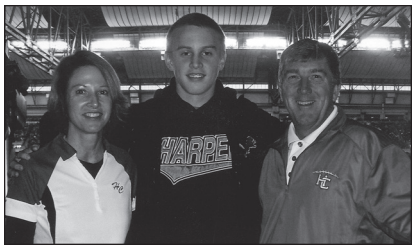
Our athletic director and volleyball coach, Vicky Groat, has been nominated for the National Coach of the Year Award from the National High School Athletic Coaches Association in Fargo, North Dakota. Coach Groat is one of eight volleyball coaches, nationwide, up for consideration for the award.

According to their website, the "National High School Athletic Coaches Association is dedicated to serving high school coaches and athletic directors throughout the United States through education, recognition and support. Our goal is to promote high school athletics, provide professional services to our member coaches while providing opportunities for all high school coaches. The NHSACA provides resources to promote professional growth, an attitude of teamwork, sportsmanship and healthy lifestyles for athletes, coaches and athletic directors. We recognize coaches not just for a season of coaching, but for their lifetime achievements."

We are all very proud of Vicky. We congratulate her on this recognition and wish her the best of luck!

Ed Greenman, Class of 1979, recognized by the Detroit Lions

This past fall, the Detroit Lions named **Ed Greenman, Class of 1979,** as the 2011 recipient of the High School Coach of the Week Program. The award honors the coach that best develops his players' character, discipline and football skills and for his commitment to the team, school and community. The winner is selected by a panel of three newspaper writers -- Mick McCabe (Detroit Free Press), Jane Bos (Grand Rapids Press) and Hugh Bernreuter (Saginaw News).



Students, Parents, Alumni, Staff and Friends Honor Coach Frank Niemann

After 25 years of coaching basketball, Frank Niemann is hanging up his "coaching towel." Frank finished his regular season, after a long and successful career (367 Wins) as the head women's basketball coach at St. Philip, on Friday, February 24th. A celebration honoring Frank was held after the game in the Alumni Room at St. Philip Catholic Central High School. During his tenure, Frank has had a profound influence on countless student athletes, as well as, a positive impact on the quality of the athletic programs offered at our schools. We thank him for his dedication, leadership and commitment to our students and families.

Don Shafer, Principal, and Vicky Groat, Athletic Director, congratulate Frank Niemann

Did You Know?

Coach Jack Brown, 1996 STP Hall of Famer, has dedicated 41 years to coaching Big Red Football. We are very thankful for his dedication to continuing the great football tradition at St. Philip. Coach Brown started as a junior varsity assistant coach in 1967. He became the head junior varsity coach shortly thereafter. In 1972, he was brought up as assistant coach at the varsity level. And, in 1973, he became the defensive coordinator. This is what makes a legacy. Thanks Coach Brown! We look forward to your continued leadership and spirit during the 2012-2013 season and beyond!

Alumni Reflections

THE STP DIFFERENCE

SPOTLIGHT: RYAN THURMER
CLASS OF 2008

Ryan Thurmer graduated from St. Philip with the Class of 2008. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Michigan School of Art & Design in April, 2012.

Ryan earned his Bachelors of Fine Arts focusing on industrial design, with a minor in German Studies. He combined both during his junior year, taking two study abroad semesters at the Köln International School of Design in Cologne, Germany. Ryan shared, "There I took practical and theoretical design classes in both English and German, many of them in collaboration with companies and groups outside of the school, dealing with real world problems."

Ryan expressed that having the opportunity to take independent studies at St. Philip in both art (with Gail Suess-Brandow) and German (through Michigan Virtual School) was incredibly helpful in not only finding out where he wanted to go in life, but also in developing the work ethic necessary for university level studies and beyond.

While in Cologne, he was a part of a team of students who redesigned the waiting room experience for a local walk-in clinic. He also was fortunate enough to work on, also through the Köln International School of Design (KISD), the International Sweets Fair. Think Detroit Auto Show...but about candy! His thesis project dealt with the everyday appropriation of common objects, which, he says we all do, turning chairs into coat hangers and so on. The alternate uses of objects were the inspiration for his thesis. His work can be found at www.ryanthurmer.com.

Currently, in Seattle, Ryan plans to move back to Cologne, Germany in July. He expressed, "St. Philip and the University of Michigan academics helped to turn me into a lifelong learner. Graduate school might be in the not so distant future, perhaps in Berlin."

A COMPLETE EDUCATION

HUGH INGALLS
CLASS OF 2010

To become an alumnus of St. Philip Catholic Central is to become part of a special community greater than that of your graduating class. It's a sense of accomplishment and pride that you have not just earned a great education, but a Catholic education, one that has thoroughly stimulated my mind, body, and spirit in the classroom, on the field, and in the church.

I am going to be a junior this coming fall at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. With such a profound experience of a secondary Catholic education, it fit my values to continue in that experience at the post-secondary level. Through two years of college, I am proud to say that St. Philip has lived up to its reputation as a college preparatory high school. Although I split time at the Math and Science Center, in which I thank St. Philip for supporting, I feel that my classes at St. Phil prepared me for what I have encountered in the college classroom.

With a lack of high school hockey in the area, I only represented St. Philip on the baseball diamond as a four-year varsity starter. My time on the team showed me what it was like to balance athletics and academics. St. Philip baseball prepared me to become a walk-on red-shirt on the Aquinas baseball team. Because of my passion for hockey, I started the Aquinas hockey program, due to begin play this year.

As I move into the business and real estate world and become financially sound, I will look forward to giving back to a school that has had an influential role in shaping the well-rounded individual I have become. I dream of a bigger, better future at St. Philip with classrooms and athletic facilities similar to those at the Catholic high schools in Grand Rapids, Detroit and Ann Arbor. I believe in a St. Philip that attracts the very top students and athletes in the greater Battle Creek area. I encourage all alumni to share in this dream. The only way for this to come true is as Jerry McGuire says, "SHOW ME THE MONEY!"

PICTURE THE FUTURE

SPOTLIGHT: KRISTIN ZULL
CLASS OF 2009

St. Philip students have a distinct advantage. Along with the emphasis on benefiting from the high school experience, we are guided to set future goals and develop the strategy for achievement. We are fortunate that the Senior Internship Program provides the opportunity to explore, first-hand, our chosen career path. This often informs our college choice, as well as, our field of study.

During high school, I was able to identify my intellectual strengths and weaknesses, along with what I was passionate about studying. My interests were quite diverse. Through the support of the staff, I was able to explore both the field of dentistry and business. My internship was divided between experience with Dr. Sharon Dickerson, DDS and Gallagher Uniform. For which I am very thankful! Participating in both provided the chance to compare two different fields. The quality of the internships assisted in guiding my choice to pursue my degree in Business Administration focusing on Fraud Accounting Investigations. I intend to pursue my advanced degree following undergraduate school.

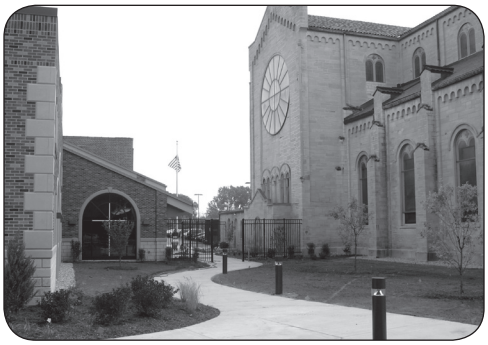
Through my internships, I learned so much beyond the fundamentals of business. Through the mentorship of my internship supervisor, Dan Gallagher, I learned the importance of developing the soft skills: dependability, personal habits, effective interaction with co-workers, contributing to the work atmosphere, the interview process and the importance of first impressions.

Dan Gallagher shared, "We welcome the opportunity to partner with St. Philip to provide these valuable internship programs. The students that we have mentored are very well-prepared, academically, and possess a great work ethic. The students represent St. Philip to our business community in a very positive light."

Share how your STP experience influenced your life. Email your remarks to stpalumni@bcacs.org. Put "Alumni Column" in the message line and attach a recent photo.

Class of 1951 at the recently rebuilt Grotto

Dreams Realized Promises Kept Thanks Owed



Left: Renovated St. Philip Parish Center entryway; Center: Renovated school exterior; Right: New rectory exterior

Left: St. Philip High School's main office; Center: St. Philip's front staircase; Right: Rectory's great room

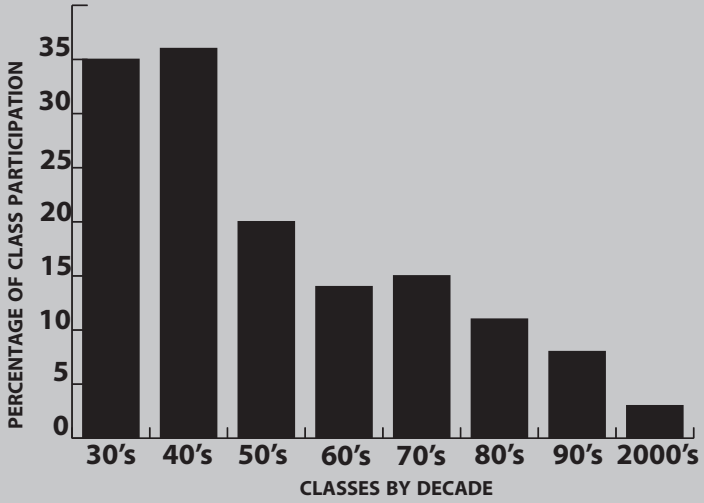
Left: St. Philip High School locker rooms; Center: Parish Center and cafeteria; Right: Tiger Den and Gymnasium

SEE WHAT YOU CAN ACHIEVE FOR YOUR ALMA MATER

We welcome all alumni home and invite you to experience immense pride in your alma mater.

The past five years have witnessed tremendous progress toward our goal to advance St. Philip High School. Building upon the foundation of academic excellence, faith and values, and community service that are the hallmarks of Catholic education, we provide our students with 21st Century educational programs.

Students at St. Philip Catholic Central High School benefit from technology fully integrated in the curriculum, one-one laptop initiatives, community service opportunities with meaningful community collaborations, senior internship experiences, student support and peer listening systems and a vibrant campus ministry program. We celebrate these advancements, our students' success and our increasing enrollment!



Over the past several years, we have featured the progress of the In the Spirit of Community Capital Campaign in each St. Philip Alumni Newsletter. To date, $10.8 million has been raised and invested in your alma mater. We are now approaching the final phase of the campaign that deals specifically with the renovation of the classrooms.

In the last St. Philip Alumni Newsletter, we shared the percentage of alumni support already received for the In the Spirit of Community Capital Campaign, by decade. We appreciate the alumni who have already contributed to the campaign. We applaud the alumni from the 1940's who are leading the challenge with 37% of their members' support.

The STP Decade Challenge is a call to action from each and every one of you!

The STP Decade Challenge is to celebrate the decade of St. Philip Alumni who first reach 100% support of the In the Spirit of Community Capital Campaign. The STP Decade Challenge is for each decade of St. Philip Alumni to "build" a new classroom.

We all have something to share. We all have teachers to whom we are indebted, lasting friendships that we treasure, memories that weave through our minds, values and spirituality that guide our actions. Your experience as a student at St. Philip helped to shape the person that you are today. You were chosen to be a student at St. Philip for a purpose. Now is the time to express your commitment to those who follow in your footsteps.

In the coming month, you will receive your invitation to contribute financially to the continued success of your alma mater. You can make the renovations to the classrooms a reality.

Make your alma mater a better place.

Your generosity allows us to proceed!

Students in a recently renovated classroom

Proto-type Classroom Costs

Design	$ 7,000
Fees	$ 7,500
Asbestos Abatement	$10,000
Demolition	$ 3,000
Cabinets	$10,000
Ceiling and Lights	$ 6,000
Exterior Windows	$12,575
Flooring	$ 2,825
Electric	$ 5,200
Heating and Cooling	$12,500
Doors and Hardware	$ 3,500
Misc. Carpentry	$ 3,000
Furniture	$ 6,600
Technology	$ 7,500
White Boards	$ 1,500
Total	**$98,700**

Mary Lou (Murray) Tessman, Class of 1936, celebrated her 93rd birthday on Mother's Day of this year, May 13, 2012.
Congratulations, Mary Lou!

Pam (Colton) Radoseivich, Class of 1969, studied at the Academy of Art in San Francisco. Following that, she relocated to Hawaii. Recently, Pam had her collection on exhibit at the East Hawaii Cultural Center in Hilo, Hawaii. Visit Pam's gallery at pamelacoltonthomas.com.

Virginia "Ginny" Hughes, Class of 2001, is a journalist living in New York. Ginny earned her Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience from Brown University and a Master's Degree in Science Writing from Johns Hopkins University. Ginny's articles have been featured in Discover, Nature, New Scientist, Popular Mechanics, Popular Science, Science, Scientific American, and The Scientist. Recently, Ginny expressed, "If there's one overriding thing I remember about St. Phil, it was the small and tight-knit community. I started there in third grade, and spent the next nine years with mostly the same classmates. This wasn't always fun, of course -- cliques tended to get stronger and more insular over time. Still, all of my classmates' families became my family, to some extent. Every talent show, every volleyball game, every picnic, every field trip, every graduation, I was supported by the same community of parents and teachers. I don't think I've ever had a feeling like that since then, and I still feel a tinge of it every time I visit."

Class of 1982 espouses the Spirit of St. Philip

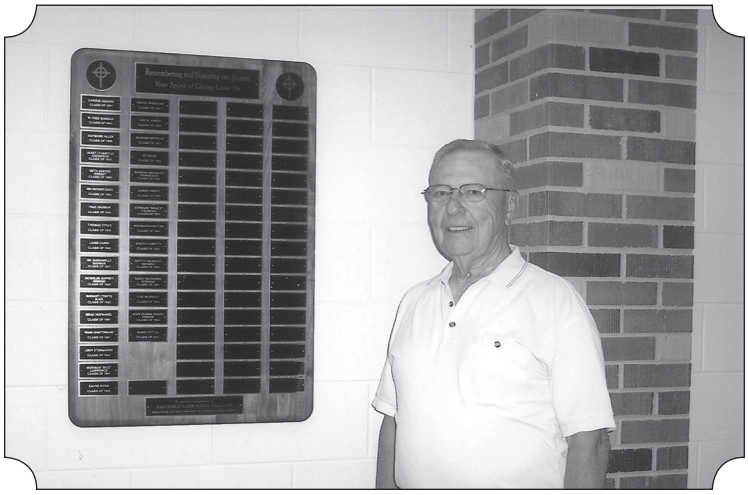
Upon learning that their classmate, **Mike Marinch,** was critically ill, members of the **Class of 1982** gathered to support and honor their friend. Spearheaded by **Todd Greenman, Class of 1981,** classmates arranged a party with Mike and his parents, Stephen and Florence, at the Battle Creek Veteran's Administration Medical Center. Sadly, **Mike passed away on May 4, 2012**. He will be forever remembered by all those whose lives he touched.

Pictured: Mike, sporting STP Alumni spiritwear, is surrounded by classmates (left to right): Alicia (Davis) Beck, Mike Jaconette, Mary (Thiessen) Sheerer, Sheri (Ringle) Leversee, Tracy (Urban) Sprague, Mary (Sheehan) Sanford, Joan (Faber) Jaconette, and Matt Gurney

Special thanks to the family of **James B. Nofs** for requesting that his memorial donations support St. Philip Catholic Central High School through the BCACS Foundation. We are able to purchase **new track uniforms and equipment,** through the generosity of those who remembered Mr. Nofs with their gift in his memory.

Our appreciation to the **family of Jack Pearl** for directing gifts in Mr. Pearl's memory to the BCACS Foundation. Through their goodwill and the generosity of family, friends, and colleagues, we are able to purchase **a school bus** for our student/athletes.

~ A Special Way to Remember ~



Larry Judd, special friend of Joan (Burgie Baker) Parker, Class of 1950, by the plaque which permanently honors alumni who chose to designate St. Philip School as beneficiary for their memorial gifts

We remain deeply grateful to **Larry Judd, special friend of Joan (Burgie Baker) Parker, Class of 1950,** who contributed the plaque which permanently honors alumni who chose to designate St. Philip School as beneficiary for their memorial gifts. We are thankful for his generosity in honor of a very special friend.

The gifts that we receive in memory of loved ones pay tribute to that individual and provide important financial support for our schools. Memorial gifts make a variety of our programs and services, along with tuition assistance, possible for our students. For this "True Spirit of Remembrance and Giving," we are eternally grateful.

In Thanksgiving

St. Philip Catholic Central High School and the BCACS Foundation extend their deep appreciation for recent gifts received in memory or honor of these STP Alumni.

Gifts Given in Memory of:

James O'Brien, Class of 1943
W. Fred Mangan, Class of 1944
Patrick Marriott, Class of 1947
Joan (Burgie) Baker-Parker, Class of 1950
Norman "Bud" Lawrence, Class of 1951
Charles Anderson, Class of 1953
Betty (Murray) Behnke, Class of 1954
William McRae, Class of 1958
Jane (Shippy) Gardner, Class of 1965
Janet Blodgett, Class of 1970
Patricia (Bartholomew) Sinke, Class of 1978
Carrie Adams, Class of 1991

Gifts Given in Honor of:

Katherine and Arthur Adams, Class of 1955
Sandi and Robert Adams, Class of 1958
Joanne and William Adams, Class of 1964
Cheryl and Chuck Adams, Class of 1967
JP Bauman, Class of 1999
Gregory Bauman, Class of 2003
Ben Tanoff, Class of 2010

In Memoriam

The following members of the STP Family have passed from this life to the next. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers. We extend our sincere condolences to their loved ones.

Sister Electa Herringer, IHM
Josephine Kluemke, Class of 1952
Donald Durbin, Class of 1955
Martha Rae, Class of 1957
William McRae, Class of 1958
Arlene (Smith) Kerr, Class of 1962
Gerald Moore, Class of 1962
Jane (Shippy) Gardner, Class of 1965
Timothy Kelley, Class of 1969
Janet Blodgett, Class of 1970
Michael Marinch, Class of 1982

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
And let perpetual Light shine upon them.
May their souls
And the souls of all the faithful departed
Through the mercy of God
Rest in peace.
Amen.

ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER REASON TO CHEER

- 100% of St. Philip Catholic High School graduates will attend an institution of higher learning.
- Graduates have been accepted to over 50 colleges and universities.
- The Class of 2012 has been offered over $1-million in college scholarships.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2012 ~ YOU HAVE MADE US PROUD!

Caleb Andrews, Alex Barlow, Bradley Beuschel, Ryan Conkey, Gracie Curtis, James Garay, Katie George, Anastacia Green, Makayia Hargrove, Benjamin Hovarter, Ned Ingalls, Keegan Kalkowski, Megan Lassen, Charlotte Long, Jay Luoma, Justin McDonald, Jason McNeir, Aletia Memmott, Nolan Newton, Erin Patrick, Samantha Payne, Sheridan Perkins, Nicholas Putman, Daniel Reck, Nick Reincke, Daniel Riggs, Lauren Ritsema, Tyler Searls, Emmeline Shoemaker, Madeline Sweeney, Alex Vincent, Taylor Wyatt-Knowlton

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