

Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools receives \$100,000 challenge grant opportunity



Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools (BCACS) Foundation is excited to announce a \$100,000 match challenge from a family foundation that wishes to remain anonymous. When we raise \$100,000 this family foundation will match it with \$50,000. A trustee from the anonymous foundation said, “We see the value of a K-12 Catholic education for the future of our Catholic faith. We hope this match will encourage others to support Catholic education in Battle Creek.” The family will match \$1 for every \$2 donated, so a \$10 gift becomes \$15, \$50 becomes \$75, \$500 becomes \$750, etc. This is a great way to increase the impact of your gift.

BCACS Foundation Development Director Louanne McIntyre says “This is an amazing blessing for our Battle Creek Area Catholic

Schools. Taking full advantage of this wonderful challenge will enable us to exceed our annual giving campaign goal of \$250,000 and help us make some facility improvements at both St. Philip Catholic Central and St. Joseph Catholic Schools.”

The Annual Campaign is currently at 73% of the \$250,000 goal. Over \$45,000 has been raised towards the \$100,000 challenge. The challenge match applies to gifts pledged from now through April 1 and received by May 1, 2018. For more information about the BCACS Foundation or to make a gift, please contact Mrs. McIntyre at 269-963-4771 or lmcintyre@bcacs.org. Online gifts are accepted at www.bcacs.org or via our BCACS Foundation Facebook page.

2017-18 BCACS statistics

- ◇ Over 420 students - preschool to 12th grade
- ◇ 33% are minorities
- ◇ 32% of our families live at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level
- ◇ Over 50% of our families rely on tuition assistance
- ◇ The Class of 2018's average SAT score of 1164 is significantly higher than local and state school averages

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CENTENNIAL SWAG

Keep celebrating St. Philip High School's 100th anniversary with tees and fleeces bearing our logo. They make a great gift. Short-sleeve red tees are \$10; long-sleeve white tees are \$12; black fleeces are \$27. Contact Jeanine Winkler for information at jwinkler@bcacs.org or (269) 965-7749.



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STP ALUMNI SMILES AND MILESTONES



[top left] Natalie Miller, Class of 2005, was united in marriage to Derek Anderson on September 2, 2017 at St. Philip Catholic Church in Battle Creek, MI.

[top right] Sheridan Perkins, Class of 2012, was united in marriage to Jacob Leatherman on October 7, 2017, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Augusta, MI. They reside in Battle Creek, MI.

[center] An alumni and family Baptism reunion took place at St. Philip Catholic Church in 2017: [l. to r.] Greg Bauman, Class of 2003, and Andrea, and their son Franklin; Michael Bauman, Class of 2006, and Allyson (Doyle) Bauman, Class of 2007, and their son Henry; Mike Leifeld, Class of 2003, and Kristen (Bauman) Leifeld, Class of 2006, and their son Zeke.

[below] Members of the Class of 1962 celebrate St. Philip's Centennial birthday during Homecoming 2017.



100 CHEERS FOR 100 YEARS



The Centennial logo design was a gift from graphic designer, Mark Steinbrunner, Class of 1983.

In early October St. Philip High School hosted a family reunion to celebrate its centennial birthday. The party began on Friday, October 6th at 6:30 pm, where the 2017 Distinguished Alumni were honored and food, wine and nostalgia were shared. On October 7th, alumni gathered for a Tiger Tailgate Party in the St. Philip parking lot before the St. Philip Marching Tigers lead the parade to the Homecoming game. The Hall of Fame inductees were honored before kickoff and Mass was celebrated after the football game.



ONE BIG STP FAMILY REUNION



How our future STP alumni celebrated

St. Philip High School's centennial inspired alumni to celebrate their history. But what about St. Philip's future alumni?

"As adults, we're all talking about this and celebrating it, but the kids who are here need to appreciate it," Kyra Rabbitt, St. Philip history teacher, said.

The school hosted a centennial party for students on September 8th, which included a walking history tour led by Ms. Rabbitt. She based it on the tour BCACS historians Matt Davis, Class of 1979, and Sheri (Cobb) Robotham, Class of 2003 gave staff this summer.

It started with a video created by St. Joseph assistant-principal, and St. Philip alumni, Katie Reed, Class of 2000.

The seven-minute tribute was laced with testimonials from alumni, all of whom, at some point, referred to St. Philip as "family".

Ms. Rabbitt took students to the front of the church, explaining that the small Catholic community purchased it from the Quakers in 1867 for \$1,200. An elementary school followed in 1911, as well as a high school in 1917 – the very building current students still enter every day.

The tour continued to the school's original front entrance on Cherry Street, where Ms. Rabbitt talked about the students gathering

before class all the way up to 2010. As the tour wove into the Alumni Room, Ms. Rabbitt called attention to historical points of interest before letting students independently explore.

Decades of young faces from black and white photos smiled down on the young faces milling about the room. Students pointed to old band instruments, old football uniforms, even an old photo of English teacher Laura Miller using the school's first computer.

The air buzzed because teenagers are rarely quiet – not 100 years ago and not now. They asked Ms. Rabbitt if they could paint a bus like the students did in 1995 or make class patches again.

Ms. Rabbitt encouraged them to find out.

At the end, students recorded their reflections for students 100 years from now. Many used the word "family".

"St. Phil may not be large in numbers, but we are big in heart," senior Maddy Haywood wrote. "It's a family connection."

Senior Trevor Fuller remarked on the many teachers who are St. Philip alumni. "It just shows how much of a sense of family we have here."

Exchange student Zijie Dong wrote, "People in this school smile a lot. It feels great to study in the school. The building is old, but it's beautiful."

"I came here in 9th grade and couldn't be happier," senior Morgan Bohannon wrote. "We are one big, happy family!"

At lunchtime, that big, happy family convened on Cherry Street to share cupcakes, hot dogs, games, and the promise of the next 100 years.

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THE VOICES OF HOMECOMING 2017"



Forget the dress code

Spirit Week was a little like Halloween. Each class was given a decade. Each day was given a theme for which the students dressed according to their decade's interpretation. Friday, however, was set aside for Spirit Day. The more the red, the better!

"I enjoyed Spirit Day on Friday because I got to see everyone's school spirit – all the red and all the decorations for the halls."

~McKenzie Kositzke, freshman

Lip Sync Battle

The Lip Sync Battle was a 2017 Homecoming premier and it was a hit. Each fall sports team prepared a lip sync routine to perform in front of the school. The staff determined the winner using a rubric of originality, dance moves and "lip-sync-ability". The cross-country team took the top spot with their joyful interpretation of "His Banner over Me is Love."

"I think it was a lot of fun for everybody in the school even the teachers. I think [the cross-country team] won because we just went out and enjoyed ourselves and didn't worry about embarrassing ourselves."

~Ben Rutherford, sophomore

Pink Game

Thursday of Spirit Week had a special meaning as the volleyball team played its annual Pink Game, which raises money for Borgess' Tree of Love. This year was personal, as two St. Philip volleyball alums are battling breast cancer. Both served as honorary coaches as our Lady Tigers defeated cross-town rival Climax-Scotts.

"It was an amazing experience. It made us "play for a purpose" and encouraged us to fight harder. The words of motivation that Kelly and Megan said to us, we took to heart and fought back harder. It was great to be a part of something so special and moving."

~Kirstin Finnila, senior



Back in Black?

The students showed up for class on the Monday of Spirit Week only to see most of their teachers had taken up the habit – the religious habit.

"The theme on Monday was school uniform and when we were thinking about what we would wear as teachers right away both Mrs. Janke and myself said – 'Nuns!'"

~Kyra Rabbitt, director of student services and freshmen class advisor

Macho Volleyball

St. Philip and volleyball excellence go hand-in-hand. We know our Lady Tigers can handle themselves on the court, but during Homecoming Week, it's the boys' turn.

"It was an awesome display of school spirit. Everyone was engaged and cheering on their classmates and it carried on to the Pink Game Thursday night."

~Vicky Groat,
St. Philip High School principal

Decking the Halls

Each class decorated a hallway in their "decade". Alumni and teachers voted for the best one. This year's winner was the sophomore class, whose 1950's hallway included a checkered floor and a jukebox.

"I think the sophomores won because we have more to bring to the table in terms of creativity and we work really well as a team."

~Adam Sprague, sophomore

HOMEcoming 2017



Bonfire Night

The Friday night bonfire is a school-wide party at Walsh Field. The junior girls squared off against the senior girls in the annual powder puff game, each class squared off against each other in a tug-of-war, the Homecoming Court took a run down the field, and the night finished with a fabulously large bonfire.

"I really enjoyed hanging out with all my friends and watching my grade play in powder puff. It was really entertaining and enjoyable to watch."

~Joey Janofski, junior



The Homecoming Parade

Wearing their smart uniforms, plumed hats, and black shoes, the St. Philip Marching Band led the high school down VanBuren Street to the C.W. Post Field in style during annual Homecoming Parade.

"My favorite part of parade marching is seeing the reaction of small kiddos who become so fascinated and excited when they see the band marching and playing. Not only does it make my heart happy but it also helps recruitment because many of these excited kids become future marching band members."

~Laura Bandlow,
marching band director and band teacher



Time to "reunion"

It is a tradition for the St. Philip Alumni to come home and "reunion" together at the school. This year was extra-special as it marked St. Philip High School Centennial. Over 150 alumni came from all over the country to celebrate together.

"It was great to see alumni of all ages, parents of alumni, and community members reminiscing about St Philip High School, the nuns, and teachers who have taught here over the years."

~Louanne McIntyre,
BCACS Foundation director



The Spirit Cup Champions

Homecoming Week activities aren't just about fun, they're about points. Each class earns points for the competitions they win, resulting in one overall champion. This year, the seniors walked away with the coveted Spirit Cup.

"The seniors are really excited about winning the spirit cup during Homecoming week. We were excited to end our last Homecoming together with a bang!"

~Madison Haywood, senior class president



The King & Queen of 2017

The Homecoming Court took their ride down Van Buren street in the annual Homecoming parade and walked onto the field with their parents at halftime. It's the moment we've all been waiting for – the 2017 Homecoming Queen and King are Lili Robinson and Kenny Wojcik.

"I strive to be friends with everyone in our school and relate to them and this proved to me that it worked. I feel a lot closer to my classmates and students throughout the school."

~Lili Robinson, senior



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Our 2017 Distinguished Alumni



Dave Jaconette, Class of 1981, was nominated by his brother, Mike Jaconette, Class of 1982. Mike said, “My brother is a very humble person and doesn’t seek out awards or accolades. He and wife, Joan are active members of St. Thomas More Parish in Kalamazoo. Dave has been recognized for his charity work on behalf of children’s issues for hospice along with his active involvement in his community.”

During high school, Dave was a member of the National Honor Society, the cross country team and served as a Boys’ State Leadership Program delegate. Dave has fond memories of his days at St. Philip, where he made many friends and met his future wife, Joan Marie (Faber) Jaconette, Class of 1982.

Dave graduated from Western Michigan University with a Bachelor in Communications. For over 30 years, Dave has been a well-known radio personality in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids, hosting community-based talk shows. Dave also worked behind the scenes in radio, serving as the long-time program director for WKZO Radio in Kalamazoo, and then moving on to Grand Rapids to be the program director for WJRW and for WBBL Sports Radio.

Dave has been active with charities and non-profit organizations and was honored in 2013 with the Hospice of Michigan Crystal Rose Volunteer of the Year Award. His peers recognized him with the 2015 Grand Rapids Area Professionals for Excellence Award. He has served as a judge for the Michigan Association of Broadcasters’ Broadcast Excellence Awards.

Norma (Cull) Landstra, Class of 1957, was nominated by her son, Michael Landstra, Class of 1985. Michael expressed “My mother has been a proud supporter of St. Philip School for nearly seventy years. She was the third generation of her family to attend St. Philip. She is a staple at school activities and with the Catholic Church.”

At graduation, Norma was named the salutatorian of her class. During high school, she also served as the student council president and yearbook editor-in-chief. Norma shared, “My proudest accomplishment is that both of my children and all five grandchildren are graduates of St. Philip. In total, my family has five generations that attended St. Philip.”

Following high school, Norma earned her Associates Degree in Business from Western Michigan University. She graduate Summa Cum Laude, served as vice president of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority and was elected to the Alpha Kappa Psi business honorary fraternity. Her professional career included serving as the secretary to the president at the Kellogg Company, and to the dean of the school of Psychology at Western Michigan University. Norma is retired from the Battle Creek Public Schools where she served as Administrative Assistant for Pupil Accounting.

She is active at St. Philip Church and is an officer in the Calhoun County Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel. She volunteers at the Foodbank of South Central Michigan and with the Blue Bird and Campfire Girls.

Our 2017 Distinguished Alumni

[l. to r.] Dr. Richard Jaconette accepting for his son Dave Jaconette, Class of 1981, Norma (Cull) Landstra, Class of 1957, and Mike Jaconette, Class of 1982.

Mike Jaconette, Class of 1982, was nominated by Judge John Hallacy who expressed “Judge Jaconette is a tireless advocate in the community for St. Philip and BCACS. St. Philip means a lot to him and his family.” Judge Hallacy’s nomination was affirmed by scores of Mike’s colleagues in our community.

During high school, Mike was a member of the National Honor Society and was on the football and basketball teams. Mike expressed his appreciation, saying, “My parents gave all of us a great foundation academically and spiritually. Going to a small school was a positive in that it gave us all an opportunity to know not just our classmates but the other students, too. Aside from St. Phil being my ‘home base’, it has provided life-long friends and bonds.”

Mike earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from the University of Michigan. He earned a varsity letter after serving as manager of the men’s basketball team. Mike went to the University of Georgia School of Law, where he graduated Cum Laude in 1992.

Mike has served as Calhoun County Probate Judge since 2016, he is serving as the first Chief Judge for the Calhoun County Courts. Mike is involved in the Child Advocacy Center. He also established the Mental Health Treatment Court which deals with criminal offenders who face mental health issues. He was elected by his peers to the Executive Board of the Michigan Probate Judges Association and to the Council for Probate and Estate Planning Council for the State Bar of Michigan.

OUR HALL OF FAME'S



St. Philip Principal and Athletic Director Vicky Groat announces the 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame. [l. to r.] Philip Mitchell, Class of 1980, Jessica (Greene) Polnasek, Class of 2005, Allyson (Doyle) Bauman, Class of 2007, Vicky Groat, Class of 1985

NEWEST MEMBERS

PHILIP MITCHELL **CLASS OF 1980**

During high school, Phil played football, basketball and track & field, lettering in each sport for two years. He was captain of the football team and was All-League, All-City and All-State Honorable Mention and was named to the KVA Conference All-Team. Phil was All-City, All-League and All-State in track & field. Phil still holds the school record in shot put (50'-3") and the 1 meter dash (10.8).

Phil is a veteran of the United States Army, having served 20 years. He is retired from active duty.

Phil was nominated by Coach Marc Pessetti who said, "We've wanted Phil inducted in to the Hall of Fame for a few years. Holding school records for over three decades is quite a feat. We are happy he can join us this year for this honor."

JESSICA (GREENE) POLNASEK **CLASS OF 2005**

During high school, Jessica earned varsity letters in basketball and softball all four years. She earned varsity letters in volleyball for two years. In basketball, she earned All-City and All-League honors for four years. She was named 4th Team All-State in 2004. She played on the first and only St. Philip woman's basketball team to make it to the final four round. She had a career

high of 1035 points and holds the record for career steals and most games ever played. In softball, she earned All-City and All-League honors. In volleyball, she played on Coach Groat's first state championship team. She received the Carrie Adams Angel Award and Memorial Scholarship. Jessica was the 2005 Enquirer Female Athlete of the Year.

Jessica is a corporate wellness consultant and a fitness class instructor. She was the head coach for the girls junior varsity basketball and assistant coach for the freshman girls volleyball teams at St. Philip.

Jessica said, "Although I didn't continue to play sports while at Albion College, my passion for athletics will never change and St. Philip helped shape me as a person, and athletics taught me great values, like hard work and dedication."

Jessica was nominated by long-time Tiger fan, Cas Dzwik who said, "Jessica was a real stand out at St. Philip. It was great to watch her on the courts and field. She deserves to be inducted in the St. Philip Hall of Fame."

ALLYSON (DOYLE) BAUMAN **CLASS OF 2007**

During high school, Allyson earned varsity letters in basketball and volleyball all four years. She earned All-City honors in basketball all four years and was voted the Most Valuable Player in the St. Joseph Valley Conference in

2007. In volleyball, she was named First Team All-State for four years, she was a member of two state runner up teams and two state championship teams. Allyson was runner up for Miss Volleyball for the State of Michigan. She was the Enquirer Female Athlete of the Year for two years.

Allyson played college volleyball at Western Michigan University. She was named to the Mid American Conference All-Freshman Team and received All-MAC honors in 2009 and 2010. While attending Western Michigan University, Allyson ran summer volleyball camps at local high schools.

Allyson said, "Attending St. Philip had a huge impact on my collegiate volleyball experience. St. Phil has such high athletic and academic standards, and having that foundation helped me embrace the challenges and competition at the collegiate level. I am incredibly grateful for my St. Philip coaches, teammates and teachers."

Allyson is a speech and language pathologist for the Lakeshore Schools in Stevensville, MI.

Allyson was nominated by long-time Tiger fan, Cas Dzwik. Cas said, "Allyson is very deserving of being inducted in to the St. Philip Hall of Fame. She had a great career at St. Philip and a stellar career at Western Michigan University, as well."

TRACKING TODAY'S TIGERS

Making a joyful noise: Our BCACS Band plays for the Bishop



St. Philip Catholic Central band celebrated the Christmas season at the annual Gaudete reception at the Fetzer Center. The reception is hosted by Bishop Bradley each year as a way to give special thanks to the many volunteers on various diocesan committees and commissions.

STRENGTHENING FAMILY TIES

Voices from the Notre Dame senior retreat



"I think that it is important because it bonded us as a class and brought us closer to God."

~Justice Steiner

"It made me see how great it is having such a small, tight knit class."

~Haydin Hutson

"I enjoyed the retreat because it was a chance for our class to spend time together and reflect on our high school experience. We were able to reflect on our relationships with each other and our personal relationship with God."

~Madison Haywood

"Senior retreat is a great opportunity to grow even closer to your classmates and to God through reflection and group activities."

~Sarah Guzzo

"I thought it was very fun. It was a good chance to bond as a class. It made us grow individually and as a whole."

~Morgan Bohannon

St. Philip's homegrown paleontologists

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St. Philip High School students Ellie Stewart, Maggie Hill and Abby Hill were working on a physics project last spring. They spotted two large bones in a bin near their workstation. There was an inscription, "Billy found 1955 Ark." They asked their science teacher Stephanie Halbert a question. "What are these?"

The bones predated Ms. Halbert's time at St. Philip, so she posed a question back.

"Do you want to find out?"

They did.

The students named the bones "J.A.M.E.S.", using the first initial of each investigative team member: Maggie, Abby, Ellie, then-senior Joshua Klavinski, and Stephanie Halbert. They thought the bones might be from an elephant.

Ms. Halbert contacted Laura Abraczinskas, Michigan State University Museum Vertebrate Collections Manager. The museum had elephant bones on display. On April 14th, J.A.M.E.S. and his team went to East Lansing.

"Ellie went into the elephant exhibit and compared our bones, and they were obviously different," Maggie said.

Ms. Abraczinskas referred the team to the University of Michigan, which had mammoth remains. Ms. Halbert sent pictures to mammoth specialist Dr. Adam Rountrey, Research Museum Collections Manager at U of M's Museum of Paleontology. Dr. Rountrey thought it might be from a cow, but Ms. Halbert, having grown up on a dairy farm, disagreed.

The team reassembled in September, this time as an official science club. One of the new members, Miklo Hernandez-Mendez,

discovered the bones fit together.

"I saw there was a connection," Miklo said. "One was in, and one was sticking out."

The team sent new pictures to Dr. Rountrey, who wanted to see the bones for himself.

On October 21st, the science club took J.A.M.E.S. to U of M, where it proved bigger than the mammoth bones.

Dr. Rountrey wondered if it could be from the tail of a glyptodont, an ancestor of an armadillo, or a ground sloth. He took 3D scans of J.A.M.E.S., which are now part of the University of Michigan Online Repository of Fossils. He sent the scans to Dr. H. Greg McDonald, an expert on sloths.

"The coolest part was seeing Dr. Rountrey excited about it," Ellie said.

A few weeks later, Dr. McDonald confirmed that J.A.M.E.S. is from a Harlan's Ground Sloth, easily over 11,000 years old.

"This has been one of the most interesting identifications with which I have been involved," Dr. Rountrey said. "It's the kind of 'attic discovery' kids dream of finding."

The answer led to another question. Where was J.A.M.E.S. found?

If the bones are from Arkansas, it would be the first evidence of ground sloths in that state. If the bones are from Michigan, it would be the first evidence of ground sloths in the Great Lakes region.

Regardless of where he hails from, J.A.M.E.S. will now call Ann Arbor home. The team will deliver J.A.M.E.S. to U of M in a formal ceremony this winter. The exhibit will include a plaque naming St. Philip High School as the donor.

"It started with one thing, and we got to see it evolve into something much bigger,"



[Above] Members of St. Philip's science club at U of M's Museum of Paleontology.

[Below] One piece of J.A.M.E.S.



Do you know Billy?

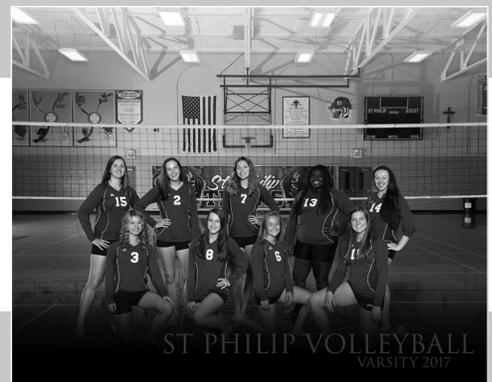
If you have any information about these bones, who donated them, or where they came from, please contact science teacher Stephanie Halbert at shalbert@bcacs.org. Help us finish this story.

Maggie said. "It's nice to know other people will see [these bones] and know St. Philip did this."



CONGRATULATIONS

[left] Our 2017 St. Philip Boys Cross Country team won the regional title and qualified for State. [right] Our 2017 Volleyball team won the regional title and lost in the quarterfinals.



CLASSMATES AND CLASS ACTS

SHOES FOR THE JOURNEY



Beth (Bauman) Greenman, Class of 1979, hopes to expand her line of "In His Steps" shoes in the coming months. Find more information online at www.inhissteps.co ("co" is correct).



This summer, St. Joseph parishioner Beth (Bauman) Greenman, Class of 1979, launched In His Steps, a Christian footwear company. Her journey began with a prayer said at a crossroad.

Greenman's son Kevin Greenman graduated from St. Philip High School in 2015, leaving this devoted mom with an empty calendar.

"I was just praying God would show me the path for my next vocation in life," Greenman said.

Divine inspiration came while Greenman was participating in St. Joseph Church's Feast of Corpus Christi procession.

"We were bringing Jesus to all who were open to receive him, and I was so moved by that," Greenman said. "I kept thinking, 'In His steps, in His step, I'm walking in His steps.'"

The idea struck her – what if your shoes reminded you to live a more conscious life?

"When you're putting on your shoes in the morning, you are putting on Christ and you're thinking, 'What can I do today to walk in His steps and make a difference?'" Greenman said. "And when you take off your shoes at the end of the day, you can reflect. It's kind of holding you responsible."

Greenman couldn't get the idea out of her head but knew nothing about making shoes. She consulted her nephew J.P. Bauman, Class of 1999, a venture capitalist in Colorado. He loved the idea, assembling a team that included Read Worth, who had 40+ years in the footwear industry. Worth was so taken with the concept, he offered his services for free.

"[J.P. and I] were doing the happy dance," Greenman said. "God

made this happen."

Worth designed a shoe from Greenman's suggestion of "something Jesus would wear". The simple canvas upper with a flip-flop bottom is practical, but also purposeful.

Each pair bears the IHS logo, which is a "C" representing Christ, community, connection, and catalyst, paired with an "x" representing a crossroad, a cross, and a multiplier. Together, they made an "abstract Jesus fish".

There is a raised logo by the heel as a "tactual reminder," a logo with the word mark "In His Steps" on the insole as a "visual reminder", and a mirror image of the logo and word mark on the sole of the shoe, which leaves the message on any impressionable surface.

"It's all about making a positive imprint on the world both literally and figuratively," Greenman said. "We're trying to create a movement that will hopefully be contagious and help make the world a better place. We like to think we are evangelists of living a conscious life."

On August 1st, IHS launched their first women's shoe online at www.inhissteps.co, appropriately named Genesis.

"The first edition had to be Genesis," Greenman said.

Advertising is mostly word-of-mouth and social media, but Greenman is filling regular orders, often boxing shoes in her home. The IHS team is already planning next season's shoes, which Greenman hopes will include a men's shoe and a toddler's shoe.

"God is opening all these doors for me and if he continues to do that I will walk through them," Greenman said.

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CLASSMATES AND CLASS ACTS

ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME 2018

BY: NICK BUCKLEY, CLASS OF 2003

At the St. Philip Alumni Basketball Tournament, there are no winners, only survivors.

And it was the Joe Zuk All-Stars that best survived the double-elimination six-team tournament at Sheila Guerra Gymnasium on November 24, 2017, scoring a combined 191 points over six games.

The Zuk All-Stars, captained by Mike Leifeld and coached by Luke Leifeld, defeated Team Schaub by winning the deciding game by a score of 29-11.

Along with Mike Leifeld, Class of 2003, the Zuk All-Stars were led by Michael Bauman, Class of 2006, Thomas Bauman, Class of 2008, Alex Doyle, Class of 2014, Isaac Cloward, Class of 2014, and Brent DeBree, Class of 2014, with small contributions from Nick Buckley, Class of 2003.

Notably, the Class of 1975 yet again claimed the Showin' Up Trophy after scoring a combined 36 points in its two games.

The tournament has been held the day following Thanksgiving each year since 2010. It costs \$10 per player, with all proceeds donated to the St. Philip athletic fund. Spectator admission is \$1.

Past tournament winners are the 1980s All-Stars (2010), the '08-'10 Dream Team (2011), the Joe Zuk All-Stars (2012, 2013, 2017), Halbert's Hoopers (2014) and Team Schaub (2015, 2016).

If you have questions about the tournament, contact Nick Buckley at nickbuckley84@gmail.com or St. Philip Athletic Director Vicky Groat at vgroat@bcacs.org.



2017 Alumni Basketball Champions: [l. to r.] Issac Cloward, Class of 2014, Brent DeBree, Class of 2014, Alex Doyle, Class of 2014, Michael Bauman, Class of 2006, Mike Leifeld, Class of 2003, Thomas Bauman, Class of 2008, and Nick Buckley, Class of 2003. Holding the trophy is coach Luke Leifeld, Class of 2029.



[left] The Class of 1975 won the Showin' Up Trophy...again. [right] Fred Smith, Class of 1975 with the action shot.



CONGRATULATIONS

[left] James Rutherford, Class of 1981, is the director and health officer for Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services. He holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Olivet College, and a master of public administration from Central Michigan University. As part of Governor Snyder's newly created Public Health Advisory Council, Jim will represent local public health officials.

[right] Polly (Watson) Gallavin, Class of 1996, graduated in May 2017 from the College of Dental Medicine at Northwestern University, Downers Grove IL as a Doctor of Dental medicine (DMD).



BCACS FOUNDATION NEWS

Is Your Class Making the Grade?

BY: LOUANNE MCINTYRE, BCACS FOUNDATION DIRECTOR

Congratulations to the following classes that had more than 50% of their class support our Catholic schools this last year: Class of 1946, Class of 1939, Class of 1954, Class of 1952, Class of 1969, Class of 1957, and Class of 1962. Special recognition to the Class of 1946, which had 100% of their class support our schools. Honorable mention goes to the classes of 1939, 1954, and 1952 for having 69% or more of each of their classes supporting Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools.

The following classes had more than 40% of their class supporting BCACS this past year: Class of 1967, Class of 2000, Class of 2006, and Class of 1949.

Giving back to your alma mater means so much to the current students and staff. Thank you for being part of our Tiger Family. There is no better time to show your Tiger Pride with a gift to the Annual Campaign or for Facility Improvements for St. Joseph or St Philip Schools. Help us finish the \$100,000 match challenge.



I read this interesting story the other day:

Three men were pouring into a trough a mixture of water, sand, lime, and other ingredients. A passer-by asked them what they were doing.

The first man said, "I am making mortar."

The second man said, "I am laying bricks."

The third man said, "I am building a Cathedral."

Each man was doing the same thing; but they looked at it very differently. And that made a huge difference. That same thing can happen in the parish and why they give.

One person says, "All they do is ask for money."

The second one replies, "Well you have to pay the bills."

The third says, "I am building the body of Christ!"

Again, each person was doing the same thing, but they looked at it very differently.

And let me give a third and final example: Our Catholic Schools.

One person says, "It's too expensive."

A second says, "I'm making an investment."

But the third person says, "I am letting Jesus Christ come into the classroom every day."

Alumni, celebrate and promote the Catholic School that helped form you. You are our best "marketing agents." Not a flyer or brochure or billboard. YOU.

Class	% support
1939	77.78%
1940	0.00%
1941	0.00%
1942	33.33%
1943	11.11%
1944	30.00%
1945	0.00%
1946	100.00%
1947	26.67%
1948	9.52%
1949	41.38%
1950	36.36%
1951	33.33%
1952	69.23%
1953	18.52%
1954	75.00%
1955	34.62%
1956	12.50%
1957	53.33%
1958	21.05%
1959	24.59%
1960	18.03%
1961	3.49%
1962	52.11%
1963	30.30%
1964	9.38%
1965	16.97%
1966	2.37%
1967	48.42%
1968	33.73%
1969	57.41%
1970	28.80%
1971	10.98%
1972	6.15%
1973	12.64%
1974	36.17%
1975	23.57%
1976	2.25%
1977	26.47%
1978	20.00%

Class	% support
1979	28.95%
1980	38.30%
1981	39.39%
1982	20.93%
1983	0.00%
1984	5.77%
1985	35.85%
1986	5.36%
1987	4.08%
1988	19.51%
1989	7.69%
1990	37.29%
1991	6.06%
1992	2.56%
1993	0.00%
1994	2.56%
1995	10.42%
1996	5.41%
1997	9.52%
1998	9.38%
1999	9.30%
2000	43.18%
2001	9.76%
2002	3.23%
2003	0.00%
2004	4.44%
2005	0.00%
2006	42.42%
2007	0.00%
2008	8.11%
2009	0.00%
2010	0.00%
2011	0.00%
2012	0.00%
2013	0.00%
2014	0.00%
2015	4.88%
2016	0.00%
2017	0.00%

PART OF FR. JOHN D. FLECKENSTEIN'S HOMILY CONCLUDING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

REMEMBRANCE & GRATITUDE

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.

Carl Beasley, Class of 1976 October 17, 2017	Russel Kittelton, Class of 1946 July 14, 2017
Helen (Jereck) Bilson, Class of 1942 January 13, 2018	Mary Lou (Dowd Atha) Marriott, Class of 1944 January 16, 2018
Kathleen (Krueger) Boucher, Class of 1976 September 27, 2017	Mary Lou (Tessman) Murray, Class of 1936 February 20, 2017
Jean (Schliess) Bradford, Class of 1951 September 3, 2017	Douglas Samulak, Class of 1969 February 14, 2017
Earl Brutsche, Jr., Class of 1944 November 17, 2017	James Weideman, Class of 1946 June 21, 2017
Robert Cipicic, Class of 1960 September 22, 2017	Lena (Maddalena) Wood, Class of 1944 September 26, 2017
Anne Harrison, Class of 1961 September 3, 2017	Theresa (Pavlekovich) Zidarevich, Class of 1944 November 1, 2017

IN THANKSGIVING

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

GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ALUMNI:

Carrie Adams, Class of 1991
Helen (Jereck) Bilson, Class of 1942
Jean (Hudon) Bradford, Class of 1951
Lillian Britvec, Class of 1957
Earl Brutsche, Jr., Class of 1944
Margaret (Dimaria) Gapske, Class of 1957
Charles Holler, Class of 1957
Julie (Hudon) Mascho, Class of 1957
Kenneth McDonald, Class of 1957
Barb (Newman) Newton, Class of 1972
Dr. Edwin Page, Class of 1951
Martha Rae, Class of 1957

Norman Schmitzer, Class of 1944
Mary (Hornberger) Sonefeld, Class of 1957
Lena (Maddalena) Wood, Class of 1944

GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR OF ALUMNI:

Greg Bauman, Class of 2003
J.P. Bauman, Class of 1999
Michael Bauman, Class of 2006
Thomas Bauman, Class of 2010
Vicky (Guerra) Groat, Class of 1985
Kristen (Bauman) Leifeld, Class of 2006
Mary (Hunt) Rabbitt, Class of 1974



Members of the 2017 St. Philip Volleyball Team with Chuck Adams during the annual Carrie Adams Tournament, which honors the memory of Carrie Adams, Class of 1991, and raises money the Carrie Adams Memorial Scholarship Fund.

CORRECTIONS ~ In our Alumni News 17.1 edition, on page 5, in the feature "Celebrating an STP Family Tradition", Zach Nelson, Class of 2017, had in incomplete listing of alumni family members. It should have read: **Zach Nelson** [Paul Nelson - 1988, Teri (Smith) Nelson - 1985, John Lindsay - 1962, Josephine (Bauman) Smith - 1948]. We apologize for this error.

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We have redesigned our BCACS website. Soon there will be resources and materials for our Alumni Family, including previous issues of the Alumni News and digital yearbooks. Drop by www.bcacs.org and check out what is happening at our schools...and stay tuned!