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Growing and Learning Together

Pictured to the left are children of Lyle Turro '89 and Leigh Ann Turro: Cade '16 Bishop McNamara, Rubeigh 2nd grade, Ronneigh 4th grade and Ramseigh PK at St. Joseph's, Bradley

In the middle, back are children of Jim '85 and Julie Worby: Andrew '16 Bishop McNamara, Mary 4th grade and Lizzie 6th grade at Maternity BVM, Bourbonnais

To the right are children of Mike '85 and Danielle Arseneau: Jenna '16 Bishop McNamara, Andrew and Matthew 7th graders at Aquinas Catholic Academy, Kankakee



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| APRIL 15 | Mega Mac Early Bird Raffle |
| APRIL 15, 16, 17 | HONK Spring Musical |
| APRIL 23 | Band Craft Fair |
| MAY 10 | Senior Dinner & Awards Recognition |
| MAY 12 | All School Mass |
| MAY 13 | Annual Dinner Auction |
| MAY 13 | \$75,000 Mega Mac Raffle Drawing |
| MAY 14 | Prom |
| MAY 17 | Fine Arts Spring Concert |
| MAY 20 | Class of 2016 Graduation |
| JULY 8 | Irish Golf Classic at Oak Springs |
| AUGUST 19 | Alumni Sponsored Mass |
| AUGUST 19 | Fall Sports Scrimmages |
| AUGUST 20 | Ken Klipp Classic 5K Run/2M Walk |
| OCTOBER 14-15 | Homecoming Weekend |

MISSION STATEMENT

The Irish Alumni Association unites more than 9000 alumni of St. Patrick, St. Patrick Central and Bishop McNamara High School. Our mission is to preserve the heritage that shaped our school, to foster the spirit of camaraderie among alumni and to support the mission and development of Bishop McNamara High School.

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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Terry Granger

McNamara Alumni,

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has placed before us a vision of the Church. How to both live and preach the good news of Jesus Christ, while still being relevant and able to communicate with the societies and cultures of our modern world. Some welcome this vision as a ray of hope. Others are anxious that it involves changes from past traditions and practices. There are even those who believe that Pope Francis' vision must be actively opposed.

I share this with you because in a sense, this reflection capsulizes the change in the vision of Catholic education that is taking place in the greater Kankakee area. Many of you may already be aware that beginning with the 2016-17 academic year, there will be a change in the structure of our local Catholic schools. Beginning this August, the term Bishop McNamara will take on a new meaning. Thanks to the support of the Diocese of Joliet, especially Bishop R. Daniel Conlon and Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Fr. John Belmonte, SJ, all Catholic schools in Kankakee County will be regionalized into one Pre-K - 12 system. This system will be known as Bishop McNamara Catholic School. This Catholic system will have three local sites: a Pre-K-6 site at St. Joseph's in Bradley and a Pre-K-6 site at Maternity BVM in Bourbonnais. The current high school site will house an independent grade 7 & 8 Junior High as well as a grades 9-12 high school (for more details see supporting article on page 4).

Just as Pope Francis has the varying levels of support and concern in communicating his vision of our Church in the world today, we too have these same levels of support and concern regarding the change in our Catholic schools. The changes in the structure of our Catholic schools, difficult as they may be for some, are essential for the future of Catholic education in our community. I'm reminded of the Gospel of John, after Thomas came to believe only after actually touching the wounds on the hands and side of the Risen Christ. Jesus tells him, "You have believed because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." These powerful words were not just meant for the disciples in the upper room, but rather it was addressed to all Christians of all times, including all of us, the faithful of today.

To that end let us ponder our role within the Church today. What are we as individuals doing to promote the growth of our Church through the power of the Holy Spirit? Pope Francis has publicly stated that it is through our Catholic schools that we can evangelize to our children. Thus, it is critical that we venture into this new and exciting time not only for Catholic education, but for our local Church.

I welcome you to join me as a fellow believer in this new vision of Catholic education, and trust that I will be able to count on you, the alumni of Bishop McNamara, to be there in both prayer and sacrifice, both of which are worthy of God's grace for the benefit of all. The McNamara family has time and time again risen to the challenge and I ask that you continue to support this new vision so that we together can provide a viable and sustainable Catholic education for many more generations to come.

May the grace of the Risen Christ be with you and your families.

Terry Granger '76

Principal

FROM OUR ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Sarah Piggush Mickler



Dear Irish Alumni and Friends,

I have had the great pleasure of serving as your Alumni President for the past 2 years. I hope that I have given just as much as the wonderful group I worked with have given to me. Thank you to the great response for the 2015-16

Annual Fund and Phonation. We are very lucky to have such supportive Alumni. As we move to a new year of transition with Bishop McNamara Catholic School, let us be reminded of our mission to unite more than 9,000 alumni of St. Patrick, St. Patrick Central and Bishop McNamara High School. The Alumni Association will continue to preserve the heritage that has shaped our school to what it is today. The Irish Alumni Association will continue to foster the spirit of camaraderie among alumni and to support the mission and development of the Bishop McNamara Catholic School. I encourage all alumni to reach out and become advocates for Catholic Education in our community, as we continue to engage future alumni who choose to be more.

May God continue to bless you and your families!

Sarah Piggush Mickler '99

Irish Alumni Association President

FROM OUR COORDINATOR OF ADVANCEMENT

Sandy LaMotte Malpasuto



Dear Irish Alumni & Friends,

A warm welcome to all of you! With spring in the air, I hope everyone has the opportunity to take advantage of getting outdoors to experience the feeling of new energy and rejuvenation. This time of year always brings a great sense of enthusiasm as we all look forward to what is to come over the summer months.

The Irish Alumni Association has started planning for several upcoming events. Our goal is to keep our graduates connected with their alma mater and the alumni association and, to help foster relationships with classmates and friends. The alumni association members are able to assist with bringing people together at reunions, with homecoming weekend activities and a variety of events during the year such as the golf outing, Ken Klipp 5k run/2 mile walk, the hall of honor induction ceremony-reception, and with our twice yearly Irish Update publication. The drive and passion of the alumni association has been fantastic and it is moving to see so many people give back to Bishop McNamara so future Irish can have great experiences too. We will continue to support Catholic education in our community with great enthusiasm. We are very proud to be IRISH.

As always, THANK YOU for all that you do to help support Bishop McNamara.

With great gratitude,

Sandy LaMotte Malpasuto '82

Coordinator of Advancement



Bishop McNamara's 32nd Annual Dinner Auction

Bishop McNamara's 32nd Annual Dinner Auction, "Our Way" (a spin on Frank Sinatra) will be held on Friday, May 13th at the Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center in Kankakee. The evening begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. We will have an abundance of silent items and an array of live auction packages up for bid! During cocktail hour, singer Frank Rossi, will entertain us with songs from the Frank Sinatra era. Stay for the after party where DJ, Michael Berger '05 of Rev'd Up Entertainment, will keep the evening going until midnight.

This year's chairmen, Todd '86 and Tricia Arseneau, along with co-chairmen Ryan '86 and Tonya O'Connor are very excited and eager to host this year's event. They are especially pleased to announce that Sharon Soucie Jackson '56 will be this year's honorary chairman.

Each year, this event brings together many alumni, friends, parents, faculty and community members. It's always a wonderful evening where memories are made and shared.

Please visit our website at bishopmac.com to view auction information and updates.



Auction Chairmen Todd '86 and Tricia Arseneau and Honorary Chairman (middle) Sharon Soucie Jackson '56.

Interested in a \$75,000 Mega Mac Raffle Ticket?

Drawing will be held at the Dinner Auction on Friday, May 13, 2016

1 - \$75,000 Prize • 1 - \$ 5,000 Prize • 5 - \$1,000 Prizes and • 5 - \$500 Prizes will be drawn

An additional Early Bird Drawing will happen on April 15th where 5 - \$500 prizes will be drawn.

(early bird winner names will go back in the mix for the \$75,000 drawing)

TICKETS ARE \$100 EACH.

Complete the information below and a ticket will be issued.

Name(s) of Raffle Ticket Purchaser(s) _____

Number of tickets requested _____

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Raffle Tickets may also be purchased online at bishopmac.com

Kankakee Area Catholic Schools to Regionalize

On February 2, 2016, the Diocese of Joliet and Bishop R. Daniel Conlon officially announced the regionalization of the Catholic schools of Kankakee County, into a Pre-K–12 system beginning with the 2016–17 academic year. Bishop Conlon accepted the recommendation of local pastors and school leaders, as well as the Diocese of Joliet Catholic Schools Office, the Diocesan School Board, and the Diocesan Finance Council to form this Pre-K–12 system. The new system will be comprised of two Pre-K–6 sites at St. Joseph in Bradley and Maternity BVM in Bourbonnais. Bishop McNamara Catholic High School will host an independent 7th & 8th grade Junior High on its campus.

Significant discussion took place beginning in August of 2014 and continued for the next eighteen months. During that time pastors, educational leaders and community leaders worked side-by-side with the premier Catholic education consulting firm Partners in Mission.

This regionalization was a very methodical and educational decision with several open and frank conversations, not only within the Design Team, but through the five listening sessions in which over 700 constituents of the local Catholic schools were given the opportunity to express their opinions, suggestions, and concerns. Although the decision to regionalize was very difficult, the benefits of the establishment of the Pre-K-12 system were critical to the ongoing sustainability and viability of Catholic education in the greater Kankakee area. Ultimately the goal is to enhance upon the already outstanding foundation that is in place at the four existing Catholic schools in the community.

Specific benefits through the establishment of the regionalization and the creation of Bishop McNamara Catholic School are:

1. Improved overall educational quality from curriculum enhancements, academic outcomes, religious formation, social/emotional benefits, as well as an increased opportunity for the students to participate in an enhanced offering of extracurricular activities.
2. Streamlined administration – this would include everything from the hiring of personnel to professional development opportunities, curriculum development, and facility management.
3. Long term sustainability – Enables schools to move to full capacity within the different sites, thus improving revenue and the overall budgeting process. The regionalization also addresses demographic realities.
4. Accessibility – A quality Catholic education will be accessible to everyone in the region with an improved affordability. The school will be providing a Catholic education that is available to the diverse geography, culture and wealth of the greater Kankakee community.

As one local pastor, Fr. John Peeters, CSV, who will serve as the Executive Pastor of the Bishop McNamara Catholic School Executive Board, states: “there shines forth a ray of hope from the reorganization of the Catholic schools in Kankakee County; by melding together the three grade schools and the one high school into Bishop McNamara Catholic School, I feel we can transcend the present moment in order to assure a viable Catholic school education for many more generations to come. And I believe that everyone concerned will strive to do just that in the years and decades ahead.”

If anyone has any questions regarding Bishop McNamara Catholic School they are encouraged to contact Terry Granger, President of Bishop McNamara Catholic School by e-mail at tgranger@bishopmac.org or by phone at 815-932-7413.

Faculty-Staff Years of Service Recognition



During our Catholic Schools Week Mass, the following faculty members were recognized for their years of service to Bishop McNamara (from left to right): Chris Skibbens - 30 Years, Sharla Ronchetto - 10 Years, Patt Harmon - 15 Years. Thank you for your dedication to teaching our students!

Servant Leaders '56

Over the years, three members of the St. Patrick Central class of 1956 have been named Servant Leaders of the Year by Presence St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee.



Pictured (left to right) are 2015 recipients Gerry Kilbride '56 (and wife Judy '57), 2013 recipient Sharon Soucie Jackson '56, 2008 recipients Dominic Randazzo '56 (and his wife Brenda).

LOCATING OUR ALUMNI

Won't you please help us in updating our alumni addresses?

Many young alumni are still listed under their parent's address in our database. We would love to send the Irish Update to their current home.

Please provide us with updated address information by emailing us at melliott@bishopmac.org or by calling the Advancement Office at (815) 933-7620 with updated information.

Congratulations to our Irish Football Team Class 3A State Champions



We are proud of you!

Senior team captains (left to right) Jared West, Steven Tatroe, Jerrico Johnson (Chicago Catholic League Most Outstanding Player Defense - White Division), Kobe Shutter, Jonathan Ward (Chicago Catholic League Tony Lawless Award - White Division)

Fightin' Irish Fightin' Against Hunger

In November, the Bishop McNamara "House System" embarked on a new project, "Fightin' Irish Fightin' Against Hunger." In a one week timeframe, the student body collected and brought in a total of 14,890 canned goods and non-perishable items. Students, families and staff gathered at school on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving and worked together to sort and package all of the goods. The food was distributed to the following agencies and food pantries... Blessings in a Backpack, the Helen Wheeler Center, Manteno Food Pantry, Maternity BVM Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. Teresa's Church, Thresholds, and numerous individual families. The motivation and energy seen by the students of Bishop McNamara in doing this project was amazing. They were so proud to be able to help so many people in our immediate community who suffer from hunger each and every day.



Pictured are the 2015-16 Senior Student House Captains: Bottom Row (left to right) Daniel Hoekstra and Kaitlyn LaCost. Middle Row (left to right) Ali Granger, Abbie Netherton, Taylor Prude, Jordyn Adcock. Top Row (left to right) Kobe Shutter, Andrew Worby, Andrew Buttle, Jared West.

Congratulations Kyle Betourne Class 1A State Wrestling Champion

Kyle Betourne '16 is the Class 1A State Wrestling Champion at 182 lbs. with a season record of 41-2. Kyle was also the recipient of the 2015-16 Tony Lawless Award given by the Chicago Catholic League.



Congratulations, Mike Kimberlin '01



Mike Kimberlin '01 has been chosen for induction into the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 5th at the Crystal Sky Banquet Hall in McCook, Illinois. The Chicago Catholic League began in October of 1912 and has grown to be one of

the premier high school athletic conferences in the United States. Mike will be joining a unique group of inductees from all walks of life to include leaders in religion, business, medicine, law, technology, education and the arts, in addition to hall of fame professionals, collegiate coaches and athletes - all who act as role models and have a positive affect on our society.

Ryan Magruder Visits McNamara



Ryan Magruder '99 recently visited Mr. Kevin Brown's College Study Skills course, (a 3 hour dual credit course offered to our students through Kankakee Community College) to share some of his life and professional experiences with the junior and senior students. Magruder is the

Area Sales Manager for Wells Fargo. The focus of his talk was on the importance of goal setting, business planning and on creating a detailed life plan. "I wanted to talk to the students about follow through. They need to write their goals on paper."

Magruder received a BA in Economics from Knox College in 2003 and earned his MBA from Olivet Nazarene University. He resides in Bourbonnais, with his wife, Abby and children Gianna and Emma. Gianna is also a member of the ensemble in McNamara's Spring production of "Honk," which includes numerous elementary school actors.

IRISH Golf Classic

FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Sponsored by the Irish Alumni Association

Friday
July 8, 2016

at
Oak Springs Golf Course

- This will be a best ball scramble
- \$100 per person package includes lunch, greens fee and cart, beverages, prizes and dinner
- \$30 per person for dinner only
- Golfers must be at least 21 years of age
- Don't miss our famous "Margarita Hole"

Lunch and registration at 11:00 Shotgun start at noon



- Reservations are requested by June 29, 2016
- Make checks payable to Bishop McNamara High School
- Mail to:
Bishop McNamara Catholic High School
Attention: Irish Golf Classic
550 W. Brookmont Blvd.
Kankakee, IL 60901
- Or, register online at www.bishopmac.com under Alumni, then Irish Golf Classic
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IRISH GOLF CLASSIC

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No. of Golfers at \$100.00 = \$ _____

No. for Dinner Only at \$30.00 = \$ _____

Combined Total = \$ _____

Please List Dinner Only Guests:

Bishop McNamara Annual Mother-Son Brunch

The Annual Mother-Son Brunch was held at Bishop McNamara on Sunday, December 6, 2015. The MAC PAC (Parent's Association) was the event sponsor. The event provided an opportunity for the young men of McNamara to honor their mothers, grandparents and guardians.

Mrs. Tricia O'Reilly Dotson '90, welcomed the guests. A benediction was offered, jointly, by Mrs. Cathy Hoekstra and her son Daniel '16. Opening remarks were made by Senior Jacob Quigley of Bourbonnais.

Alumnus Vincent Singleton '99 came back to serve as the keynote speaker for the luncheon. A graduate and three-sport athlete at Knox College, Vincent is the Director and Founder of Film Collective Productions in Chicago. He serves as adjunct professor at Westwood College, North Park University and his alma mater Columbia College, from which he received a Master's of Fine Arts in 2008. Vincent's films, *The Forgotten West*, *The Porter*, and *RURAL*, have received numerous awards and commendations.

Mr. Singleton's remarks contained many words of thanks and praise for the McNamara community as well as his own parents. His mother, Dr. Genova Singleton, a longtime educator and public official, was present for the luncheon.



Kathy Mroz Saindon '86 and Kellen Saindon '19



Brittany Spriggs Manau '92 and Nick Baker '16

Mr. Singleton challenged the students to be mindful of the messages of the media. "Increasing our awareness of the world is great, but the media isn't the only thing that can validate a person's existence. When you do work that is directly aligned with your core values – and that which has positive outcomes for others, it's important to realize that, in and of itself has value.

"The effect you have on others is validation and it will expand your sphere of influence. As your sphere of influence eventually grows, your responsibility increases with it."

Mr. Singleton offered praise for his teachers and mentors. "I feel fortunate to have had teachers, administrators, friends and family at McNamara, Knox and Columbia and in life that have always stressed the importance of being aware of how my particular choices, decisions and behaviors affect the world around me. I try to live with that mindset and have chosen a dual career path in academics and motion pictures that allows me to activate both levels of that mentality."

An award-winning producer, recipient of numerous scholarships and grants, Mr. Singleton's latest work, *RURAL*, is an ongoing short film, the filming of which takes place in his childhood community of Pembroke. He lauded his upbringing for having given him the foundation for his success. His closing remarks challenged the students to be aware

of their own perceptions and the messages put before them. "Having a command of the media, whether it is through its creation or its analysis, increases awareness and the ability to shape perceptions, but the substantive work of being active in the community, leading by serving others, and doing work that is in line with your core values, this is where I think you'll find the most personal reward in your relationships and your life." On Saturday, December 12 at 10:00 a.m., a free showing of *RURAL* was hosted at Meadowview Theater.



Genova Singleton and Guest Speaker, Vincent Singleton '99



Natalie Nugent Netherton '88 and Wilson Netherton '19



Payton Gerberding '19 and Melissa Kreig White '89



Jacob Quigley '16, Sandra Regnier, Josh Quigley '18

ALUMNI *in the news*

General Thomas Draude '58

Brigadier General Thomas V. Draude, USMC (Ret.) retired his position as the Marine Corps University Foundation (MCUF) president and Chief Executive Officer on June 30, 2015. He was honored in several ways in the weeks prior to his departure. On June 4th, at the Marine Corps University graduation, the University presented him with the Marine Corps University "Doctor of Warfare Studies" Honorary Degree. On June 6th, BGen Pratt, President and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Jerre Wilson presented the General Leonard F. Chapman, Jr. Medallion to General Draude for his efforts on behalf of MCUF from September 2004 to June 2015 that included service as dedicated Marine, leader, mentor and scholar. On June 9th, at a ceremony in General Geiger Hall at Quantico, Colonel Frank Donovan, USMC, Director of Expeditionary Warfare School (EWS), unveiled a plaque designating the EWS auditorium as the Brigadier General Thomas V. Draude Auditorium. He was recognized for his sustained superior leadership and support from teaching, mentoring and guiding students and faculty to providing significant educational enhancements to the EWS curriculum. Lastly, on June 10th at The Log Cabin restaurant in Strafford, the Marine Corps University President BGen Helen Pratt USMC, the school directors, vice presidents, and all program directors held a dinner for General and Mrs. Draude where they presented him with a Swagger stick and plaque. General Draude and his wife, Sandi, have moved back to the Tampa, Florida area which is a place they enjoyed when he was working with USAA. He is again serving on the Adjunct Faculty of St. Leo University, teaching Middle East Wars.



Sharon Schmidt Fiffer '69

Sharon Schmidt Fiffer '69 is the author of eight Jane Wheel mysteries published by Martin's Minotaur. She grew up in the Kankakee Riverview neighborhood and several books in her mystery series are set in the Kankakee County area. She has returned to Kankakee several times for book talks at the library, the Kankakee YMCA and book clubs. Sharon says her experiences as a student at Bishop McNamara were 'most inspirational'. "My junior and senior English teacher, Maria Teesch, was better than any of those that I had at the University of Illinois and equal to those while I was a graduate student. She treated us like adults, was rigorous and pushed us hard. I had an amazing high school experience." Sharon has taught in the Writing Programs/English Departments of the University of Illinois at Chicago, Barat College and Northwestern University. She is the co-founder of the Wesley Writers Workshop and teaches several ongoing adult writing workshops. She also works as a private writing coach and editor. Sharon lives in the Chicago area with her husband, writer Steve Fiffer. The eight books in the "Jane Wheel" series are: "Killer Stuff", 2001; "Dead Guy's Stuff", 2002; "The Wrong Stuff", 2003; "Buried Stuff", 2004; "Hollywood Stuff", 2006; "Scary Stuff", 2009; "Backstage Stuff", 2010; "Lucky Stuff", 2012.

Michael Groth '11

Michael Groth studied in Rome from St. John Vianney Seminary at the campus of the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. This year, these seminarians were chosen to be the altar servers for the Christmas Eve Mass at the Vatican making this only the third time in history when an American seminary was chosen for that honor. Michael helped lead the procession into St. Peter's Basilica. He was one of two seminarians who carried a principle candle, next to the main cross in the first row of the processional. During Mass, he held a candle beside Pope Francis as he delivered the gospel. Prior to Mass, he got to assist the pope with his vestments and with handing him a pectoral cross to be worn on his chest. Michael is currently a senior at the University of St. Thomas. He will graduate in May with a degree in Catholic Studies and Philosophy. His plans are to study for four more years at Mundelein Seminary before being ordained in 2020. Michael visited Bishop McNamara in late January where he spent the day with several Mundelein seminarians speaking to students during their religion classes.



Matt Frazier '11

Matt Frazier completed his football career at Northwestern University after a 10 win season that ended at the Outback Bowl in Tampa, FL on January 1, 2016.

At the start of 2015, Matt had two scheduled routine ankle surgeries for bone spurs. After his second surgery he experienced unusual pain and had emergency back surgery 3 days later. Matt recovered well from the back surgery and was back to training for the upcoming season. Then, in July he suffered another setback just weeks before the 2015 season fall training camp. He was faced with a life threatening and sudden bout of a staph infection rooted in his pelvic bone that went septic into his blood stream. Matt spent 10 days in the hospital and 4 in the ICU. After being released from the hospital he was prescribed 6 weeks of antibiotics which he administered himself through a picc line. He was able to travel with the team to Camp Kenosha in August for fall camp, as he continued his course of antibiotics, but was unable to participate. The picc line was removed a few days before the first game of the year, the Stanford game, September 5th. Matt missed the first 4 games of the season, his red shirt senior year, as he recovered and worked to regain his strength and stamina. Matt set a goal to return for the beginning of the Big Ten Season and achieved his goal by starting October 3rd against Minnesota. He proceeded to start at right guard for the remainder of the season and earned offensive player of the game twice in the games against Iowa and Purdue.

The Wildcats finished the season ranked 13th nationally and headed to Tampa for the Outback Bowl, the third bowl game in Matt's career at Northwestern.

Matt earned Academic All Big Ten 3 years, Distinguished Scholar Award twice, and made the Deans list 3 consecutive years. Matt Graduated in June 2015 with his bachelors in Communication Studies and a minor in Business. He is currently finishing his Masters Degree and will be complete in July 2016.

Matt was recently honored with the National Football Foundation Mental Toughness award. Coach Pat Fitzgerald nominated Matt for his attitude and perseverance during a physically trying time. Matt and his family attended the ceremony at Halas Hall in Lake Forest Illinois in February.



From left to right: Matt Frazier '11, JoAnne Ciaccio Frazier '77, Bret Frazier, Jenna Frazier '07, Scott Schafer

Michelle Riechers '12



Michelle Riechers is a senior B.M. in Trumpet Performance and B.A. in Economics at Illinois Wesleyan University. During her time at Illinois Wesleyan, she has participated in the Illinois Wesleyan Civic Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Opera Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, brass quintet, and other various chamber music ensembles. She has served as principal trumpet of the Illinois Wesleyan Civic Orchestra and Wind Ensemble since 2013. In May of 2013, she attended the International Chamber Music Festival in Kyustendil, Bulgaria, where she studied and performed chamber music throughout the country. Michelle has also performed with the Classical Symphony Orchestra of Chicago and the Brass Band of Central Illinois, as well as in productions by Prairie Fire Theater and Miller Park Summer Theater.

Michelle was a 2015 recipient of the Robert S. Eckley Summer Endowment, with which she performed research on the economic impact of arts and culture organizations in Bloomington-Normal. She is a member of the Sigma Alpha chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, and has served as President and Vice President - Ritual during her time as a collegiate member. Michelle was also one of five students chosen as winners of the School of Music's Concerto Aria competition. Each year music students are selected to perform solos after a very competitive audition process. After being selected, in February of 2016, Michelle performed at the annual Henry Charles Concerto-Aria Concert held at the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts.

Following graduation this May, Michelle will attend graduate school for an M.M. in Trumpet Performance.

Khadaizha Sanders '15

Khadaizha Sanders '15 was named the 2015 Young Citizen of the Year by the Kankakee Daily Journal. Last spring, Khadaizha Sanders returned to her grade school, Lorenzo R. Smith Elementary in Hopkins Park to make her announcement of intent to play women's basketball at Rutgers University. She has been a great role model for youth in the area. It is her goal to let kids know that they can do anything they want regardless of where they came from. Her drive and determination has made her a success on and off the basketball court. Her mental toughness is what sets her apart. Khadaizha earned regular playing time at Rutgers as a freshman.



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HAMMES

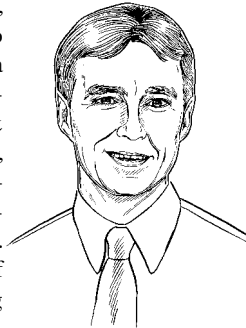
2015
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HALL
OF
HONOR

NOVEMBER 16, 2015



KEN
KLIPP



A native of Manteno, Ken Klipp came to Bishop McNamara in 1979. As our biology and anatomy & physiology teacher, Ken's greatest lessons were taught beyond the classroom. Known for his love of running, joke-telling and pride in school, Ken's contributions have been legendary. Most do not know that Ken was a scoring member of the 1968 and 1969 NCAA Champion Cross Country team at Eastern Illinois University. Upon arrival at McNamara, he began to lay the ground work to establish the very successful cross country and track programs. In boys & girls cross country, he has taken 23 teams to the state finals and has had 10 individual state qualifiers and 10 all state runners. He has led his cross country teams to 18 regional titles, 3 sectional titles and 23 all-city titles. The girls' team finished as the runner-up in Class A in 1995, and before the A/AA classification, were the top Class A team in 1987. In track, he led the boys and girls teams combined to 10 sectional titles and received 5 individual/relay state champion titles. He has had over 75 State Meet Medalists on his track teams. In 2004, Ken was inducted into the Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Several of Ken's former runners have gone on to run at the Division I, II, III and NAIA levels, with many receiving scholarships. Ken retired from teaching in 2010 but continues to coach. In 2014, the Irish Alumni Association established the Ken Klipp Classic 5K Run/2 Mile Walk. The popularity of this event is evident as Ken maintains communication with his runners long after they graduate. Year after year, parents would steer their children to the cross country & track programs in order for their children to experience Coach Klipp. Parents lauded Ken's commitment to their children, noting that Ken truly lived out the model of en loco parentis – in lieu of parents. One stating, "There is nothing a parent appreciates more than a coach that is always positive, and has an inherent value system you want your child to adopt, a system that reinforces what we teach at home. I am grateful he continues to influence the lives of today's McNamara students." Ken remains active in several Kankakee area running associations. He runs regularly on Sunday mornings before attending or singing at Mass at St. Martin of Tours, in Kankakee. Ken and his wife Charlene Lahners Klipp '67 are the parents of Marty '94 and Dan.

JIM
LAURENTI



Jim's entire teaching and professional career was at Bishop McNamara High School. He came to McNamara in 1965 and was hired to teach English. During the span of his career, he worked as the guidance counselor, dean of students, head football coach (1968-71), head track coach, assistant basketball coach, assistant principal, principal (2000-07), and president (2008). After 44 years of service to McNamara, Jim retired in 2009. In 2012, Jim and Vicki Veronda Laurenti '62 were honorary chairmen of the annual dinner auction. Jim is largely responsible for the implementation of our Dorothy and Romy Hammes Hall of Honor. With much effort, planning, and diligence, in 2008, Jim began the process to ensure the Hall of Honor would come to fruition. With the support of Dorene and Jerry Hammes and the Irish Alumni Association, the Hall of Honor was established. During Jim's tenure as principal, he oversaw a very successful \$2.6 million capital campaign. As a result, major infrastructure repairs and institutional advancement helped secure McNamara's future. The McNamara Foundation Board was created under his tenure and he remains active as a member of this committee today. Jim thoroughly enjoyed his time at McNamara as his quote upon retiring was, "I always looked forward to going to work each day." Jim dedicated his entire career to McNamara and was a true leader. He was passionate about what he did day in and day out. Jim has been a longtime member of St. Joseph Church, in Bradley. He has served on the St. Joseph Parish Council and the St. Joseph School Board, as president. Jim has supported our community by serving on the YMCA Youth Sports Board, the IHSA Board, the Little League Board and also as a little league coach. He and his wife, Vicki, whom he met at McNamara, have raised six children... Rob, Angela '93, Ryan '97, Jonathan '98, Michael '01, and Kelly '05. In addition, they have 14 grandchildren.

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**PATRICK AND MADELYN
 O'BRIEN**

Pat and Madelyn O'Brien have been stewards of their faith to Bishop McNamara by being active parents and loyal supporters. They have helped to ensure current and future students are able to enjoy



a McNamara education. While their sons, Michael '92 and Dennis '94, attended high school, they were especially devoted to McNamara's annual dinner auction. They served as chairmen in 1990 and 1991. Pat and Madelyn were instrumental in developing and supporting the Smith Family Challenge as part of Bishop McNamara's successful capital campaign in 2001. Most recently, their support for Bishop McNamara has been through the Dennis J. Smith Foundation, which provides scholarships to McNamara students who may not otherwise be able to attend our school. In August of 2015, McNamara's new campus ministry room was dedicated to Patrick and Madelyn O'Brien. Pat began his career as a municipal administrator for communities in Michigan and Iowa. He joined HomeStar Bank (formerly Manteno State Bank and Bradley Bank) in 1978 and served there his entire career. He served as Chief Executive Officer at HomeStar Bank & Financial Services at the time of his death earlier this year. Under Pat's leadership, HomeStar has grown, expanded its service lines, and created an education foundation to provide scholarships to local students. Pat was recognized in the community banking industry for his vision, leadership and support. He also proudly led the HomeStar Harmonizers singing group, which regularly stops by Bishop McNamara to spread holiday cheer by performing Christmas carols. Pat and Madelyn have served our community as well, supporting local schools along with charitable and civic groups. Madelyn served on the board of directors of the Riverside Medical Center Foundation and the Hospice of Kankakee Valley. She is a lector at St. Joseph Church in Bradley. Pat was an elected trustee for the Bourbonnais Public Library District and a supporter of the Bradley Bourbonnais Chamber of Commerce, the Manteno Chamber of Commerce, and the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra. Pat and Madelyn were both products of Catholic education and have lived their lives according to their Catholic faith. Both of their sons attended Catholic high school, college, and graduate school.

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**RICH
 ZINANNI**

Rich Zinanni is a 1965 graduate of Bishop McNamara High School. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Northern Illinois University. He holds a master's degree in communication science from Governors State University.



In 1970, Rich's career at McNamara began where he taught business courses and physical education. In 1975, Rich was appointed as head football coach. During his career at McNamara, he served as dean of students, director of development, and athletic director. In 1983, Rich led the football team to their first Class 3A football championship title. Four more championship titles were earned in 1985, 1986, 1987 and most recently this past 2015 season. In 1995, Rich was inducted into the Illinois High School Association Hall of Fame. In 1997, he was named the Midwest National Federation High School Coach of the Year. In 1998, he was inducted into the Chicago Catholic Coaches Hall of Fame. Rich was awarded the Tony Lawless Award as Coach of the Year in the Chicago Catholic League in 1995, 2010 and 2012. He coached the U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio, Texas in 2002. He has been honored twice by the Chicago Bears as High School Coach of the Week. Rich has served on the IHSA advisory board twice, from 1992-1998 and again from 2010-2014. In 2011, he received and was recognized for his 300th career win. Rich has coached several high school All-Star football games. He has coached the Illinois Shrine All-Star Game 6 times, and served as head coach twice. In 2012, Rich retired from his position as athletic director and remained as head football coach. This 2015 season marks his 41st year as McNamara's head football coach. Rich's career boasts a head coaching record, of 334 wins and 125 losses. His teams have made the IHSA football playoffs 35 out of 41 years. Rich has an overall playoff record of 62 wins and 29 losses. Rich has been a positive influence to an extraordinary number of young people in our community. He is committed to demonstrating his Catholic faith by ensuring the football team gathers for Mass prior to each home game. Prayer is always a part of the huddle. There are generations of young men and women who have benefited from his leadership. Rich and his wife Jane married in 1992.

**DOROTHY
 AND
 ROMY HAMMES
 HALL OF HONOR
 INDUCTEES**

2008

Reverend Henry Shea
 Sister Mary Luke Tobin, SL
 Richard Clancy
 Brother Gerard LaMarre, CSV
 Francis W. Smith
 James Doyle

2009

Clarence "Puff" Romary
 Sister Madeleine LaMarre, CND
 Margaret and Walter Luehrs
 Dennis Smith

2010

Dr. J. T. Baldwin
 Captain Ryan Beaupre, USMC
 Brigadier General Thomas V. Draude
 Joseph C. Gianotti
 Justice Thomas L. Kilbride
 Alphonse "Bud" Monahan

2011

Charles "Chuck" Granger
 Dr. Leo O'Connor
 Rev. Erwin Savela, CSV
 Francis "Smitty" and Jean Smith
 James and Leona Worby

2012 - 2013

Dr. James and Betsy Kennedy
 Kathryn "Kay" Lindner
 Michael McGuckin
 Henry "Irish" O'Reilly
 Roger Regnier
 William Salkeld

2014

Edward "Ed" Billadeau
 Tim and Colette Gernon
 Dorene and Jerry Hammes
 Jerry and Marlene Huot
 Judge William "Bill" Schmidt

ALUMNI

On Friday October 16th, alumni gathered at Hawkeyes in Chicago prior to the Irish vs. St. Ignatius football game. *A great time was had by all!*



Tim Kennedy '90, Bruce Shear '90, Jack Keigher with dad Terry Keigher '90



Lauren Messina '04, and Kyle Decker '04



Erin O'Connor Dressel '82, and Sandy LaMotte Malpasuto '82



Derek O'Connor '10, and Dan Burczak '10



David Roney '12, Terry Granger '76, and Casey Granger '08

HALL OF HONOR November 16, 2015

Madelyn O'Brien



Ken Klipp



Ken Johnson '65, Tricia Arseneau, Todd Arseneau '86



Judy Purcell Todnem '78, and Andy Purcell '92



Rich Zinanni '65



Jim Laurenti



Sandy Arseneau Zullo '67, and Ken Klipp



Bill Salkeld '48, Curt Saindon '83, and Mike VanMill '83

Here at Bishop McNamara

On February 20th, the Athletic Booster Club hosted their Annual Trivia Night



Lisa Azzarelli Gerth '80, Bob Malpasuto, Sandy LaMotte Malpasuto '82, Lisa Ward Holt '92, Jason Holt, Meredith Purcell, Andy Purcell '92, Pat Kennedy '90, Emily Summers Skelly '92, and David Skelly '84



Adam Dotson, and Tricia O'Reilly Dotson '90



Kim Crotty McDermott '87, and Tonya O'Connor



Chris Curtis '87, Lori Zufall Curtis '91, Alison Girard Latham '90, Tom Latham, and Brady Bertrand



Yvonne Provost



Adrian Provost '92



Curt Saindon '83



Bill Powers '86, and Stacie Powers



Michelle Anderson



Brian Zirkle '00

Bishop McNamara Phonathon

On February 1st and 3rd, many McNamara alumni, friends, parents and students gathered for our annual Phonathon.



Brandi Bennett Kaner '00,
and Taylor Bennett '06



Irish O'Reilly '62



Lauren Zinanni '16, and Kobe Shutter '16



Leanne Grise Provost '94 and
son Wesley, future class of '20



Lisa Ward Holt '92, Adrian Provost '92, and
Emily Summers Skelly '92



Mary Collins Smith '85



Terry Memenga '81



Mose Arseneau '54



Natalie Nugent
Netherton '88



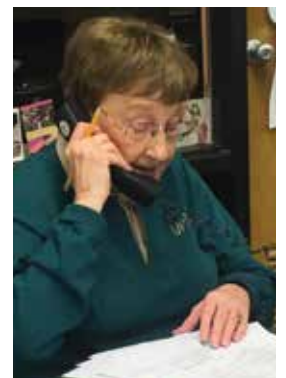
Nick Elliott '06



Patti McThenia, and Kay Lindner



Marianne Whalen
Heinzl '64



Teddy Kahnt
Brosseau '55

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The Ken Klipp CLASSIC

5K Run
2 Mile Walk

Sponsored by the **Irish Alumni Association**
and the **Bishop McNamara Cross Country Team**

Saturday, August 20, 2016
at Bishop McNamara High School

- Registration 6:30-7:30 a.m.
- Pre-Race Ceremony 7:45 a.m.
- 5K Run & 2 Mile Walk Begins at 8:00 a.m.
- Commemorative T-Shirt for all those registered by August 5th
- Prizes for 5K age group winners
- Prizes for top 5, 2 mile walkers
- Water Stations along the course
- Post-Race Refreshments
- Treats for Leprechaun Dash Participants

Immediately following the race
THE LEPRECHAUN DASH
(age 8 and under)

Register online at www.bishopmac.com or complete form and mail with payment to:
Bishop McNamara High School • c/o Ken Klipp Classic • 550 W. Brookmont Blvd. • Kankakee, IL 60901
Questions, call (815) 933-7620

Ken Klipp Classic Registration Form

Name _____ Age on Aug. 20, 2016 _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Male Female **Course Choice** 5K Run 2 Mile Walk

\$20 Registration Fee

Shirt Size: YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL

As a participant in the Ken Klipp 5K Run & 2 Mile Walk, I understand and assume the potential risk for injury. I hereby release Bishop McNamara Catholic High School, its employees, volunteers, and sponsors from any and all liability and I waive any potential claims that could be made by me or on my behalf for any potential injury I might suffer as a result of my voluntary participation.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature (if under 18 years of age) _____ Date _____

One Entry Form Per Person Must Be Completed

NFL Honors McNamara Alumnus Tyjuan Hagler '00

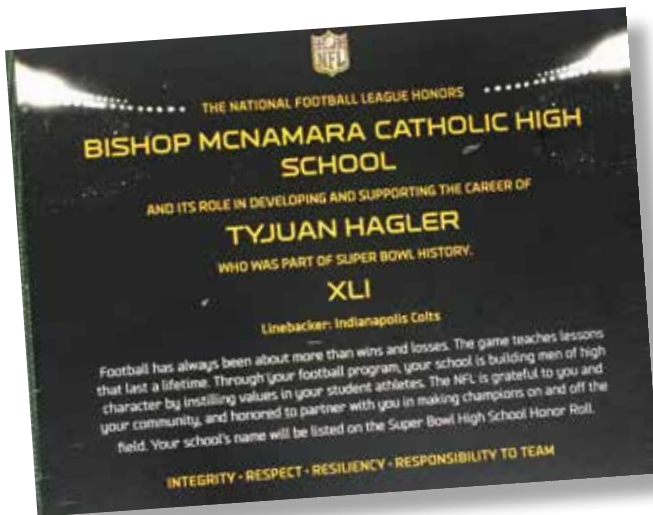


Tyjuan Hagler '00

In celebration of the National Football League's 50th Super Bowl, Bishop McNamara was given a commemorative football embossed with the name of Tyjuan Hagler '00 who played in Super Bowl XLI as a linebacker for the Indianapolis Colts. Along with the golden ball was a certificate recognizing McNamara's efforts for "its role in developing and supporting" Tyjuan's career.



Pictured are senior captains of the 2015 Class 3A Football Champion team (from left to right) Jerrico Johnson, Jonathon Ward, Steven Tatroe, Kobe Shutter, Jared West



On October 21, 2015 a Gratitude Reception & Prayer Service was held for the recipients of the Dennis J. Smith Foundation Scholarship and their families. Each year, numerous students receive scholarships from this Foundation. This school year alone over \$60,000 was given.



Mike O'Brien '92, Madelyn O'Brien, Kelly Smith Haley '95, Jean Smith, Bill Smith '84, and Francis Smith '60

This wonderful evening began with a welcome by Principal, Terry Granger and invocation by Cade Turro '17. Scripture was read by Katie Kurtz '18 and reflections were given by Faith Provost '19 and Jerricho Johnson '16. Fr. Dan Belanger presided with prayer and remarks. Sentiments from the Dennis J. Smith '69 family were shared by Mike O'Brien '92, nephew; Francis Smith '60, brother; and Kelly Smith Haley '95, niece. Benediction was given by Madyson Robbins '16. A reception immediately following was enjoyed by all.



Bill Smith '84, Francis Smith '60, Kelly Smith Haley '95, and Jean Smith

ALUMNI *luncheons*



Members of the class of '55 (and their spouses) meet monthly for lunch. Pictured at the December Lunch are: (back row left to right) Richard Skelly, Annette Weber Gladu, Richard Schultz, Teddy Kahnt Brosseau, John Brill, Pat Taylor Canfield, Jim Settles, (seated left to right) Monica Benoit Ruder, Gert Beaupre Auberry, Joan Manau VanDerKarr, Mary Jane Odette Sypult, Marian Monik Wulffe, Mary Berens Settles.



Members of the St. Patrick Central Class of '56 met for lunch in February. Pictured are: (standing left to right) Denise DesMarteau Rilott, Eleanor Small, Beverly Hassett Cooper, (seated left to right) Rose Battaglia Piatt, Collette McGinnis Sullivan, Jane Shreffler Hebert, Sharon Soucie Jackson.

Patio Dedication

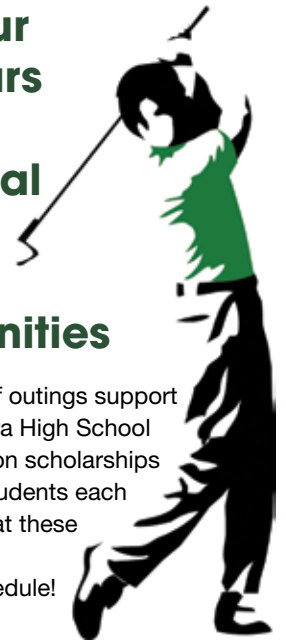


Photographed are: bottom row (left to right) Ace Regas '14, Jordan Nugent '09, Darren Stauffenberg '91, Julianne Stauffenberg Post '84, Kim Stauffenberg Shirley '81, Wally Shirley, Justin Shirley '06; middle row (left to right) Principal, Terry Granger '76, Shelby Stauffenberg '17, Carrie Stauffenberg, Kylie Johnson, Jenna Stauffenberg '14, Norma Skeen Stauffenberg '57, Darrel Stauffenberg, Mitchell Shirley '15, Josh Shirley '08, Haley Shirley, Fr. Dan Belanger, Sean Moody '10; back row on left side (left to right) Todd Post, Dylan Post '16, Jacob Stauffenberg '91.



Wally Shirley and Justin Shirley '06.

Mark Your Calendars For Additional Golf Outing Opportunities



The following golf outings support Bishop McNamara High School by providing tuition scholarships to many of our students each year. We hope that these will fit into your summer golf schedule!

St. George Church Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, June 5th at the Manteno Golf Course. Shotgun start at 1:00 followed by a steak dinner. Contact Bob Lampley at (815) 955-2497 for details.

"The Denny" sponsored by the The Dennis J. Smith Legacy Foundation is scheduled for Monday, July 18th at the Kankakee Country Club. Your day will include lunch, golf, dinner, tee prizes and much, much more! Please contact Mike O'Brien '92 at mpobrien@homestarbanc.com for more details.

Rest In Peace

Ruth Homberg Riberdy 1947
 Joan Cleary Scanlon 1947
 Melvin Yarno 1947
 John Lane..... 1953
 Rita LeClaire Walsh 1953
 Patrick Lovell 1954
 Mary Berens Settles..... 1955
 Raymond Marczak 1957
 Gary Madison..... 1958
 Teresa Lobue Magers..... 1958
 Dianne Bertrand LaFond..... 1962
 Patricia Jackson-Walsh 1963
 Paul Cook..... 1964
 Steve Siefert..... 1965
 Mike Lagesse..... 1970
 Shawn Alan Beaupre 1984
 Kenneth Funk.....Friend
 June Orr.....Friend

Future Irish Alumni



ELLIE TINCHER

daughter of Lyndsay Billadeau Tinchler '95 and Jason Tinchler was born in October of 2015.



EDEN JOLEEN JOHNSON

daughter of Luke '98 and Heather Johnson was born in June of 2015.



LANE MICHAEL and WADE PAUL

sons of Andy '92 and Tyler Provost Pallissard '99 were born in December of 2015.

Is there a new baby in your family?

Email Sandy at smalpasuto@bishopmac.org to request a bib.

We will send you one in the mail! Take a photograph of your baby with the bib on and email it back to us. We will publish it in the next Irish Update.

IRISH UPDATE



Contributors

Thank you to everyone who contributes to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the Irish Update.

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| Jeanne Provancal Regnier..... | 1945 | Michael Bailey | 1963 |
| Leon Blanchette | 1948 | Frank Hauert..... | 1963 |
| Richard VanDerKarr | 1948 | Donna Carpenter Powers..... | 1963 |
| Dennis Savoie..... | 1950 | Michael Ohrt..... | 1965 |
| Carol Boudreau Dedinsky | 1951 | Charles Lambert..... | 1968 |
| Margaret Jauron Luby | 1952 | Danielle Shreffler Ramien | 1970 |
| Sharon Draude | 1953 | Michael and Michelle Bergeron Messier | 1971 |
| James Jepsen | 1953 | Teresa Poskus | 1979 |
| Mose and Dolores Kilbride Arseneau | 1954 | Christine Kilbride McGovern | 1987 |
| James Mathews | 1957 | David and Margaret Quigley Ayers..... | 1958-59 |
| Janice Belisle McClain | 1957 | Curt and Kathy Mroz Saindon..... | 1983-86 |
| Kathy Schmidt Burge | 1960 | Dena Escobedo..... | Friend |
| Dianna Anderson Wilson | 1960 | Kay Lindner | Friend |
| Ronald Euchner..... | 1961 | Elizabeth Bovie Martin..... | Friend |
| Wayne Granger..... | 1962 | Madelyn O'Brien..... | Friend |

Alumni Keeping in touch...

Please help us to update our Alumni Database

Name (Including Maiden)

Graduation Year

Mailing Address

Phone (Home)

Phone (Cell)

Email

Seasonal Address

Dates of Seasonal Address: From _____ To _____

Relatives Who Are Irish Alumni (We can determine the year)

Mother _____ Father _____

Grandmother _____ Grandfather _____

Siblings _____

College or University Attended _____

Highest Degree Attained _____ Major _____

Profession _____ Title _____

Employer _____

Is this a matching fund company? Yes No

In addition to the above, please list any career changes, awards, honors, marriages, births, or memorial information that you would like reported in the Irish Update.

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Please join us for the
Homecoming
Celebration
of Alumni
on Friday, October 14th
at Memorial Field

Visit the "VIP Alumni Tent" at the south end of the football field.

The varsity football game is at 7:30 p.m. with the announcement of the homecoming queen and her court at halftime.

Join us at the "Alumni & Friends After Game Party" at Brookmont Bowl from 9:00 p.m. until midnight with DJ Michael Berger '05 of Rev'd up Entertainment.



On Saturday, October 15th
come to the school for
"Coffee in the Courtyard
and School Tours."

Stay tuned for more details...
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page or, follow us on
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**IF YOU ARE PLANNING A CLASS REUNION, HOMECOMING IS A GREAT TIME TO GET TOGETHER
AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SOME OF THESE PRE-PLANNED EVENTS!**
