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Reconnecting with our Boarders

Memories of boarding life at the Academy

Guillermo "Billy" Grimm '55 and Director of
Major and Planned Gifts, Michael Barcelow '64

From Boarders to Host Family

This issue's focus on the Academy's boarding program stems from a series of conversations about how this aspect of our school impacted its alumni. The boarding program is an element of our history that I have come to appreciate much more fully as Headmaster than I ever did as a student and alumnus of the Academy's post-boarding era.

For day students who attended school during the height of the boarding program, the presence of students from around the country and the world enhanced the Academy experience significantly. For the boarders who journeyed to Saint Paul or Mendota Heights, the Academy became a second home, where they forged special relationships with their fellow cadets and the men and women charged with their care. Hopefully, you will enjoy the stories captured for this issue and share your own as we recall these important years for STA.

Today, the Academy still attracts students from around the world. Since the old dormitories cannot be used for their original purposes anymore, the Academy seeks host families for boys who wish to come to Minnesota and benefit from a Saint Thomas Academy education. Often these students learn of Saint Thomas Academy through personal family connections and embark on the process to become a student in the United States. In recent years, the Academy has admitted students from Germany, South Korea, and Vietnam, and currently has inquiries for students from Mexico.

Two years ago, my family decided to host a student from South Korea. We have enjoyed having him become part of our family, and I have enjoyed seeing the Academy through his

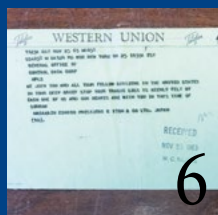


Headmaster Mohs with his family on a holiday trip to New York City.

eyes. He has embraced life at STA, trying new things like cross country and football, and has found a great group of friends.

Much like the young men who made Ireland Hall or the Westline building home as boarders, our current international students not only have to adapt to the Academy's unique environment, but they must also adjust to a new culture, climate, and country. They bring with them a different perspective that benefits the entire Academy community. My hope is that we can continue to find ways to keep these avenues open, as it is a truly win-win for all involved.

Matthew C. Mohs '90



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It is our mission to help each student discover and develop his potential talents and abilities by providing an excellent college-preparatory education that instills qualities of everlasting value: leadership, a sense of brotherhood, a strong moral compass, self-confidence, a faith guided by the Catholic tradition, and an awareness of the importance of service to others.

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REMEMBERING BOARDERS,

Including Those Who **CROSSED BORDERS**

BY DAVID JACOBSON



Places can take on lives of their own. Memories form through a building's unique architecture, slants of late afternoon light, an evening's distant laughter and singing and then the breakfast scents. Ireland Hall, home to hundreds of boarders at Saint Thomas Academy from its 1912 construction until the school's 1965 move to Mendota Heights, was just such a place.

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Snapshots of boarders enjoying life at the Academy. Photos taken from *Kaydet* yearbooks.

Ask **Bill Dunn**, and the 1948 graduate waxes nostalgic. “The bugle went off at 6:30 in the morning, and we got up and got dressed and went to the basement of Ireland Hall, which is where the refectory was, where we ate. The food was good, and they had a delightful cadre of servers, normally old Irish women from the neighborhood.”

“In our 1948 yearbook, there is a particular picture that I think is worth a thousand words, of 12 or 15 boarders sitting around and on top of a piano, and everyone’s singing songs,” he recalls in a voice redolent of the era’s music. “Nothing speaks ‘boarder life’ at Saint Thomas like that picture does for me. It’s a telling representation of where our students came from.”

“Nashville was a hotbed, because the principal at Saint Thomas, Father Edward Holland, had been at a school in Nashville called Father Ryan, so there were about 10 students from Nashville. My own hometown of Columbus, Ohio was well represented by maybe 10 people. Chicago was a hotbed of boarding students, and the Detroit area, as well. We had a lot from Wisconsin, a lot from Minnesota, just a broad spectrum from all over.”

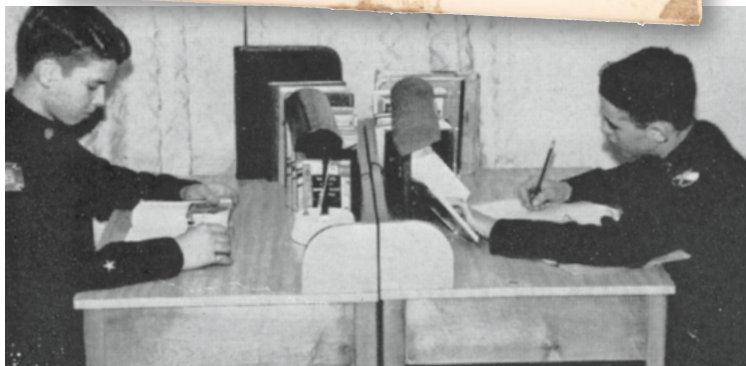
Lt. Col. Mike DePuglio — Saint Thomas Academy’s commandant, who teaches the school’s history to its seniors — provides an even more expansive list of the boarders’ backgrounds, including the Dakotas, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Mexico, South America, and Guam. He estimates that during the program’s heyday, about 30-40% of the students were boarders.

Perhaps the program’s greatest impact was infusing the boarders with a sense of camaraderie. “Envision being 14 years old and being sent away from home to live in a boarding school,” DePuglio says. “Your family was a long distance away, so the guys who lived on the hall with you actually became your family. These boarders really grew up together. They grew from being children into men. I can’t overemphasize how close they were, because they really grew up together. They truly became brothers, and they’re still close today.”

The bond of a shared experience as boarders includes some good-natured rivalry with the day students. Dunn says the boarders referred to day students as “day dogs.” **Terry Flynn**, a class of ’55 day student, recalls his boarder brethren calling him a “day hop” — a variation on the term “bell hop” that rivals from Cretin High School hurled at Cadets due to the stripes on their uniforms.

Says DePuglio: “The boarders tended to be more affluent. The day students thought of the boarders as rich,





Boarding life included inspection, bonding with faculty and staff, studying and sounding the bugle each morning.



pampered boys, who got into trouble a lot, and some of the boarders were sent here because of discipline problems."

"There were a few boys in the '30s whose fathers were in, shall we say, organized crime. They wanted their sons away from that, so they sent them to Catholic boarding school. An alum from the class of '41 told me numerous stories about a classmate whose father was in organized crime, and that

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young man got into a ton of trouble. Riding his motorcycle up the staircase of Ireland Hall was the straw that broke the camel's back. He was on the verge of being expelled until his dad and several of his dad's, shall we say, 'goons' came to talk to the priests and headmaster to keep him in school."

According to DePuglio, one of the more colorful solutions to the even more colorful problems in those days was Father Dunphy, a boarder dean who ruled Ireland Hall. "They called him the dean of swat, because he would carry a riding crop around with him. If a boy was insolent, or a smart-ass, or his uniform wasn't squared away, Father Dunphy would swat him with his riding crop. Corporal punishment in those days was not uncommon."

Rough-and-tumble times aside, the boarding program delivered uncommon value to the entire school population. Says Flynn: "The boarders came from all over and brought a whole different element to the school. The kids from Mexico and South America decided to form a soccer team, but the other high schools didn't have teams, so Saint Thomas played college teams and killed them!"

Mike Barcelow, a day student from the class of '64, who now serves in the school's advancement office, adds: "As a 14, 15, 16-year-old, you'd talk to the boarders and get a different point of view than what most other high school kids experienced. That was a unique part of our culture here. It was a great learning tool, because it helped us understand different attitudes from around the country and outside the country."

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Cross-Cultures Experiences

An embodiment of that cross-cultural experience is **Guillermo “Billy” Grimm**, a Mexico City native in the class of '55, who continues to enrich his classmates' lives while also continuing to benefit from boarding at Saint Thomas Academy. His successful career includes stints at Nortel and at Procter & Gamble, time as a key member of the original team that developed Cancun and Ixtapa as tourism destinations, a later position as undersecretary of state in Mexico's cabinet, and currently as Chairman and CEO of 5G Automatika.

In his own, often extremely emotional words:

“Saint Thomas gave me a very good base. Like a lot of kids my age, I was a spoiled brat when I came to Saint Thomas. I was Mommy's boy. In order to cut the umbilical cord, my dad said, ‘Why don't you go to a military academy?’ I agreed, of course, I wanted to break the umbilical cord. I went to Saint Thomas and began to grow up. Saint Thomas gave me wings to fly. It has been a guide to me, both in religious principles and the military. The military organized my mind, if you will. I am indebted to Saint Thomas, as I am to my university. They are both very important to me.”

“My family chose Saint Thomas, because my father was an avid golfer, and some of the others in his foursome had sent their kids to Saint Thomas. It was not a difficult decision because my father knew the sons of his ‘golf enemies.’ It was my father's decision, and I will forever be grateful to him for that.”

“My father had made friends with the Lethert family in St. Paul, who had children at Saint Thomas. They were great. We became like family. Unfortunately, both parents, Al and Irene Lethert, passed away. I will forever miss them. They were like second parents to me. My dress jacket was given to me by the Letherts because I was the same size as their son, Joe. So my parents did not have to buy a dress jacket for me because I got it from my Minnesota family.”

“When I walked into Ireland Hall for the first time, I thought I was entering a prison. The room was very small, and I had to share it with another guy, and I wasn't used to that. For the first few weeks I felt like I had downgraded my



Guillermo “Billy” Grimm '55



Guillermo “Billy” Grimm from 1955 Kaydet yearbook.

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Foreign Exchange Student Host Families Needed!

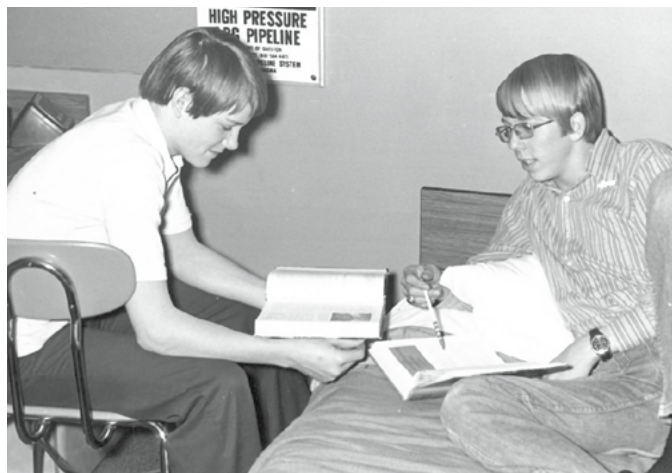
STA has several international students who are interested in joining us for the 2018-19 school year. Please consider this valuable and rewarding experience.

For more information, please contact John Kenney, Director of Admissions, at jkenney@cadets.com or at 651-683-1516.



Top and bottom photos: **Group photos of the boarders, taken from Kaydet yearbooks.**

At top right: **two boarders studying in their room.**



living conditions, but a few weeks later I loved it! I loved it until the end. It was a wonderful experience. I used to love going down to the basement to the rectory, where we would have breakfast and lunch.”

“It was great to be part of a team of guys who all became friends. I enjoyed the military training and the challenges they were giving us. I remember Sgt. Smith, who was a wonderful human being. When General Gruenther was going to visit the Academy, an official visit from a four-star general, which none of us had ever seen, it was a big moment. I remember Sgt. Smith telling us, while preparing for the formal inspection of General Gruenther, that we really shouldn’t worry much, because General Gruenther, besides his very elaborate uniform, still had to put his pants on, as we did, one leg at a time.”

“As boarders you become like brothers. I made many friends to this day. Last week, I had a very long call with a dear friend of mine from Saint Thomas days, who lives between New York and Miami, **Mac Beckett '55**. He also graduated in '55, and we’re very good, close friends. One of my roommates was **Jim Jiovanazzo '55**, and we call each other two or three times a year. And Mac Beckett, we’re friends for life.”

“We got together for mini-conventions of boarders. Amongst the attendees also was **Rev. John Apel '55**, who was my first roommate, a wonderful, wonderful man. He was always very quiet. He was boring as a roommate because he just read and was very quiet. But he’s a wonderful man. He became a Jesuit priest. At the mini-convention, he offered mass...and he gave us all communion.”

When Guillermo’s voice breaks at the recollection of that moving moment, you hear an echo of a place, Ireland Hall, that still has a life of its own in all who lived there as boarders at Saint Thomas Academy.



A Telefax to the Future

By Caroline Little. Upper School French Teacher

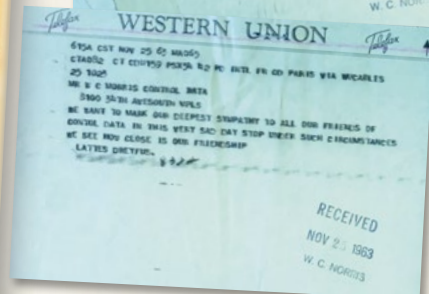
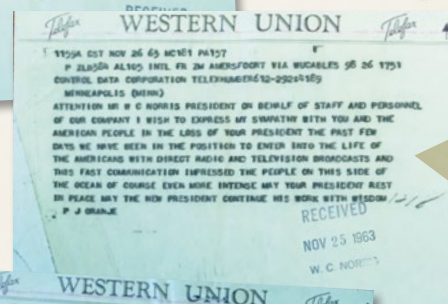
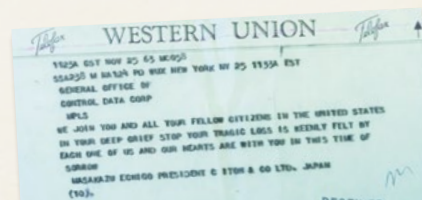
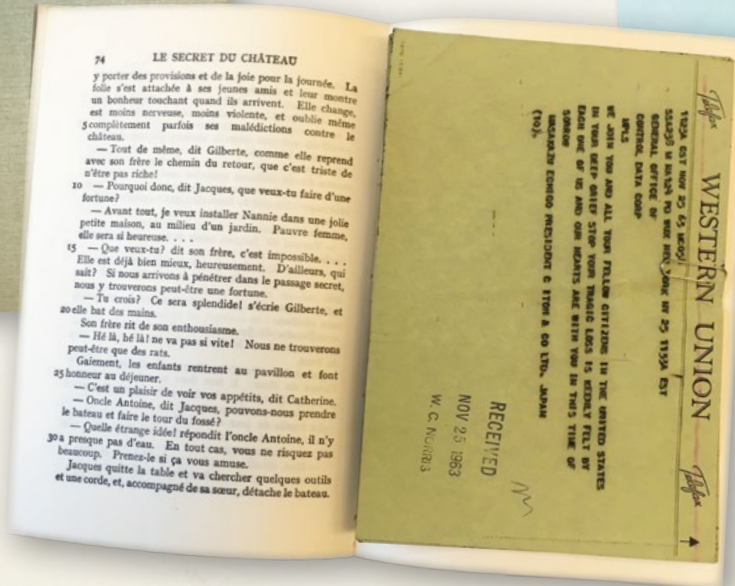
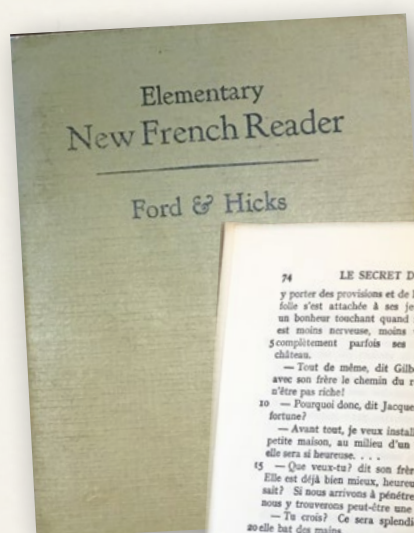
I was sorting through old books in my back closet at school, as I do when I want to do anything other than grade essays, when I discovered a set of about twenty “Elementary New French Reader” books tucked away in a far dusty corner. When I pulled out the tan brown books to get a better look, I thought of all the Cadets who had learned French from the pages of these worn and musty readers. Were there any teaching gems hidden inside? Anything that my predecessors found to be effective that could help me?

The first ten or so held nothing, aside from a few words written in the margins. Still, I decided to flip through all of them, thinking perhaps I would find an old note passed from Cadet to Cadet during class, lamenting the fact that the homework was reading two short stories, or maybe I would find an old quiz tucked away that I could test my own knowledge of French. And truth be told, I was secretly hoping for a “National Treasure” moment, where a mysterious note would fall out and send me on an amazing adventure toward unfathomable riches.

The books did not contain a treasure map in the conventional sense, but one held something that I didn’t expect to find. As I opened the fifteenth reader to the chapter of “Le Secret du Château” a set of three Western Union Telefaxes tumbled out. There, tucked away for the past fifty-three years, were notes of condolences on the loss of President Kennedy addressed to the head of Control Data Corporation in Minneapolis, MN from businesses in Paris, Japan and the Netherlands.

The Telefaxes spoke of friendship, solidarity and hope. Not one mentioned any word of hatred, violence or vengeance toward the man who had committed this heinous crime; they were all notes of support, and in their own way, of love.

After the terrorist attacks in France, I was quick to write on my French friend’s Facebook pages to let them know I was thinking of them. But my solidarity ended there. Their children or grandchildren would never find notes written by me tucked away in novels, cookbooks or junk drawers. And



while there is something amazing about being able to instantaneously converse with someone half a world away, those correspondences are not tangible.

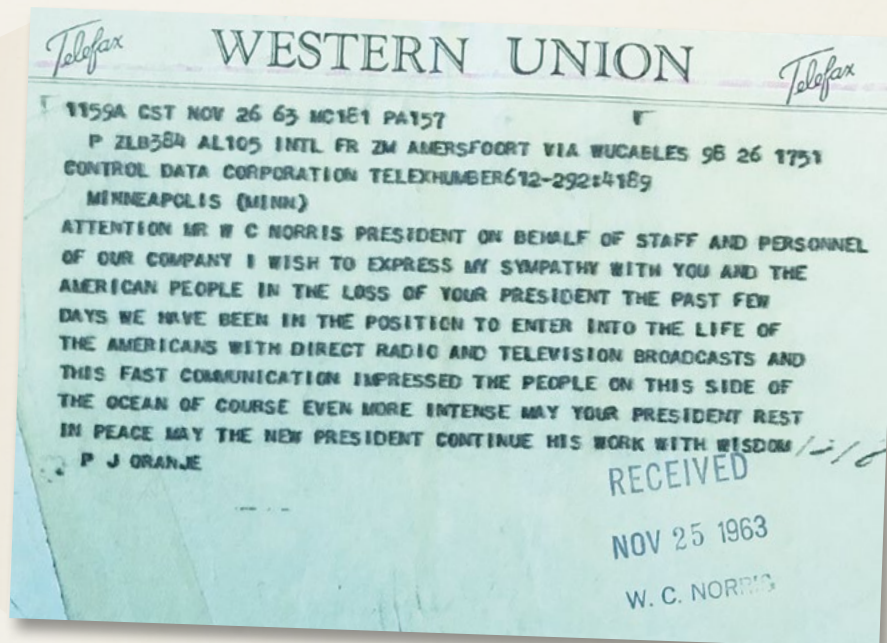
Holding that reader, I thought back to the time when my school was known as Saint Thomas Military Academy and was located in Saint Paul instead of Mendota Heights. What was it like to teach in the Saint Paul setting? Did teachers roam the halls in the pre-dawn mornings like many do now, trying to prepare their lessons and their classrooms for the day ahead? Did the Cadets slap each other on the backs with raucous laughter as they recounted funny stories, each trying to outdo the one before?

When I started teaching at Saint Thomas Academy my grandmother, a farmer, used to tell me about her trips into the city as a young woman and of the sea of wool pants and military jackets that made up groups of young Cadets who walked around the Saint Paul campus. She recounted how polite they were and how many would say hello as they passed or hold a door open for her to enter a building. Every

morning I too am greeted by those very same Cadets in portrait form as I walk through the Military wing and then again in person as students arrive and shuffle through the halls.

The Telefaxes that I discovered made me a bit nostalgic for my own high school days and the promise of youth. That is part of the reason we go back to our old stomping grounds, both to reminisce about our youthful adventures, and also to see that our legacy continues on in the current students who are our alma mater's lifeblood. It is a legacy of learning, of discovering, of becoming. What will the young men who roam the grounds now become in ten, twenty, fifty years? Will they pull out their yearbooks and laugh at their clothing choices on out-of-uniform days? Will they find senior speeches and re-read them?

But most importantly, will they grow up to be men of character? Men who will stand in solidarity and love next to those who have been wronged instead of shying away? And while the treasure that I ended up discovering is not a vault full of immeasurable wealth, it is the answer of yes.





A Tale of Two Academies

By Luke Kolar '19

On August 2nd, 2017, a loud explosion broke the tranquility of the Mississippi Parkway neighborhood. The noise could be heard from miles away. Several blocks away from the source, Kelly Piatt and her coworkers at Bethlehem Covenant Church rushed outside into the 76-degree summer morning. “We thought it was an electrical box,” she recalls. She, like many others, was shocked to soon learn that the “bang” had come from Minnehaha Academy

— a school closely connected to her church.

At Minnehaha Academy, August ushers in the beginning of the fall captains’ practices and, eventually, the Redhawks’ many successful athletic seasons. On the Wednesday of the explosion, athletes and staff were scattered around the school’s Upper Campus.



Luke Kolar '19

The cross-country team was on a training run, soccer players were practicing on the fields, and the girls’ basketball team was shooting hoops in the gym. During this time, around 10 o’clock, two workers who had been replacing piping were unable to stop a sudden natural gas release from an old pipe. The workers evacuated, and a maintenance worker who’d noticed the smell alerted others.

On the other side of the building, Minnehaha Academy Athletic Director Josh Thurow had just exited a meeting on the topic of a potential turf project for the school and was answering a request from the girls’ basketball team for music to be played in the gym. At 10:22 a.m. immediately after plugging in the music, Thurow recalls, “a huge explosion, followed by our power going out... and what felt like an earthquake underneath my feet.”

He and the team rushed outside. Assessing the situation, Thurow looked for people in the rubble until the fire department arrived. When responders confirmed the loss of

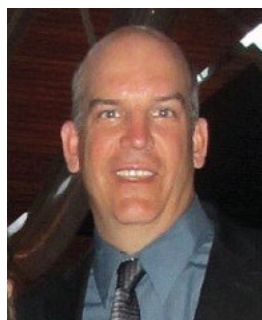


The upper campus of Minnehaha Academy after the gas explosion on August 2.



two beloved employees, the full gravity of the situation shook the Minnehaha community. After the initial shock wore off, Thurow and others in the community turned toward the task of adjusting to new realities in their daily lives.

"I knew we were not going to have access to our gym," Thurow recalls. "I also suspected we would not have access to the field, which was covered in debris. I knew we would have to make some major adjustments. We were two weeks away from the start of the fall season."



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The administration at Minnehaha Academy over the next month made those adjustments with major help from other schools. Shortly after the explosion, the Mendota Heights City Council unanimously voted to give the 350 Minnehaha 9th-through-12th-grade students a new temporary home at the former Sanford-Brown College.

Meanwhile, fifteen minutes down the Mississippi River, Saint Thomas Academy Headmaster Matthew Mohs heard news of the explosion and began looking for ways to help. "He asked all departments what each of us had to contribute to Minnehaha Academy — any resources, facilities, or help we could possibly muster," explains Bob Slater, Saint Thomas Academy's Athletic Director. Soon, Mohs, Slater, and others sat down with Thurow and other leaders from Minnehaha Academy to present their ideas. That meeting made it clear that shared use of four STA facilities could dramatically help Minnehaha.

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Thurow collaborated with Slater and Saint Thomas Academy Assistant Athletic Director Julie Marks to create a facilities-use calendar. They joined forces with other Athletic

Directors in Minnehaha's conference, creating a schedule to let Minnehaha's soccer and basketball teams practice and play games on STA courts and fields. The parties shook hands, and dozens of Minnehaha athletes now had a place to practice just minutes from their temporary campus.

Since then, Saint Thomas Academy has regularly hosted practices and games for Minnehaha Academy's high schoolers. In the fall, both of the school's soccer teams played games on Saint Thomas Academy's fields. "When

sections came around, [Slater] asked me if I wanted to play any sections games on STA's fields," Thurow says. "Just another example of STA going above and beyond to help."

The end of Minnehaha's soccer seasons meant the beginning of the school's wildly successful basketball season. As defending Class 2A champions, the boys' basketball team practices or plays six days a week. For Luke Burnham '18, a co-captain of the team, it's been quite a change for his final season. "It's so easy when you have a gym in your own school," he explains, "and I definitely took that for granted."

At the time of the explosion, Burnham was sitting in a doctor's office. "I was supposed to be lifting in the building when it blew up, actually," Burnham recounts, "so when I found out, I went right there and saw everything. It was kind of hard to react...pretty emotional."

The transition to Minnehaha Academy's temporary athletic homes went much better than expected, according to the senior. Saint Thomas Academy usually hosts half of the Redhawks' two-hour evening basketball practices every week. The other days are spent at the Air Force base along Highway 62, where over a dozen coaches and players drive

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through security gates with identification cards after school to access the base.

Burnham and his teammates are hoping to defend their state title, a realistic goal evidenced by the team's impressive 18-4 record. In addition, their basketball program is full of young talent, with skilled underclassmen Jalen Suggs '20, and Prince Aligbe '22. While the explosion has certainly been an obstacle for the program, Saint Thomas Academy's generosity has allowed for a relatively smooth season and promising future. JaVonni Bickham '18, another co-captain and a D1 basketball commit, adds, "Practicing at STA has been really great. The facilities are really nice...overall we're just so grateful."

Mark Daly works in Flynn Hall at Saint Thomas Academy and spends much of his time preparing courts, directing athletes, and helping manage practice schedules for Minnehaha Academy. Over the past few months, he's gotten to know many of the players and coaches. "They're very respectful and also very grateful," Daly says. "I think Saint Thomas is appreciative of the fact that they have an opportunity to help somebody out. Personally, it makes me feel good."

Today, over a half a year after the explosion, the Minnehaha community is persevering. Thurow expresses amazement at the loyalties the situation revealed and the lack of student attrition even in the wake of the school's transition to a temporary campus and athletic facilities. "We actually probably gained students after the fact, and those who stayed are happy they did," Thurow says.

Moving hundreds of high schoolers to a campus just a fraction of the size they are used to has strengthened the community, Thurow says. "You grow closer because you have no choice but to grow closer. It's been a real positive, and there's a good sense of school spirit and everybody coming together to make a tough situation into a good thing."

Burnham has seen an increase in unity, as well. "You just deal with it. You just get by, practice as hard as you can, and work as hard as you can."

Rebekah Peterson, Minnehaha Academy's Marketing Director, notes how smoothly the process of finding a new campus and practice spaces went. She sees outreach from



Left, Minnehaha Academy senior JaVonni Bickham in a game vs. Central. Above, Minnehaha Academy senior Terra Rhoades in a recent game.

Saint Thomas Academy, Mendota Heights, and others as yet another example of the power of community in overcoming the tragedy. "In the months following, we were reminded what community really means," she says.

The future of Minnehaha Academy is certainly bright. The school's Upper Campus is currently in the process of demolition, and while the student body will likely remain on the temporary Mendota Heights campus another full year, the Upper Campus' fields will be cleared by the fall athletic season.

Minnehaha Academy's relationship with Saint Thomas Academy may not always involve the sharing of fields and

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courts when the Upper Campus is restored, but it will certainly endure because of the explosion. "I think this relationship has enabled us to put into practice some very simple values of helping others," Slater says. "It's made me very proud of STA."

While nothing can undo the tragedy that befell Minnehaha Academy, the circumstances have allowed for strengthened connections, both within and between communities. As Luke Burnham elaborates, disaster "teaches you lessons. You get closer to your classmates. As strange as it is... good things do come out of it."

Alumni honored at Veterans Day ceremony

At the 2017 Veterans Day ceremony, the Fleming Alumni Veteran Award recipients were:

Col. Richard Walsh, ST(M)A '44, United States Air Force (MIA/KIA – Vietnam) — A popular cadet while at Saint Thomas Military Academy, Walsh was member of the crack drill squad and commanded Echo Company. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. In 1946 was admitted the U.S. Naval Academy Prep School, followed by the Naval Academy a year later. After graduation, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force. Throughout his career, he was a command pilot of numerous fighter and fighter-bomber aircraft. In 1968, he deployed to Thailand and flew numerous combat sorties in the A-1 Skyraider over Laos, South Vietnam and North Vietnam. On Feb. 15, 1969, he led a 2-ship mission to provide close air support for the pilots of a downed F-4 Phantom. His aircraft was struck by 37mm anti-aircraft fire and crashed into the jungle. He was immediately declared Missing in Action (MIA) and declared Killed in Action (KIA) in 1979. Walsh was awarded the Silver Star, multiple Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Air Medal, the Purple Heart and numerous other decorations. His remains have not been located. He was 43 and left behind a wife and 5 children.

Maj. Patrick Murray '60, United States Marine Corps (MIA/KIA – Vietnam) — Murray was a star hockey player while at the Academy. After graduation, he attended Saint Thomas College graduating in 1965. He was selected for and completed Marine Corps Officer Candidate School (OCS), then completed flight training as a bombardier/navigator on the A-6 Intruder. He trained for a year at Cherry Point Naval Air station in North Carolina — then was deployed with his squadron to Da Nang Air Base in South Vietnam. For almost a year, he flew bombing and close air support missions over North Vietnam. On Jan. 18, three weeks before he was to rotate home, he was shot down by heavy anti-aircraft fire northwest of Hanoi. His remains were found in 1974 and finally identified in 1986. He is buried at both Ft. Snelling and Arlington National



Featured Special Guest, Gen. Wickman, U.S. Army addresses the crowd.



2017 Fleming Alumni Veteran Award recipients **Lt. Trevor Tarsa '03**, United States Navy, and **Capt. Nick McAdams '03**, United States Marine Corps are pictured with Colonel DePuglio. Not pictured are **Col. Richard Walsh '44**, United States Air Force (MIA/KIA) and **Maj. Patrick Murray '60**, United States Marine Corps (MIA/KIA).

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Lt. Trevor Tarsa '03, United States Navy — Tarsa was a standout athlete and student during his time at Saint Thomas Academy. He received a 4-year Naval ROTC scholarship to Marquette University. After graduation in 2007, he became a surface warfare officer in the U.S. Navy with the Pacific Fleet. He served in several guided missile destroyers and cruisers as part of the U.S.S. George Washington Carrier Strike Group. He has served in the South China Sea, the Sea of Japan, the Philippine Sea, the Coral Sea, the Indonesian Java Sea and the Singapore Straits. Currently, he is an expert in the AEGIS weapon system stationed in San Diego, where he oversees the warfighting readiness of ships throughout the Pacific Fleet. He has attained numerous awards and decorations.

Capt. Nicholas McAdams '03, United States Marine Corps — While at the Academy, McAdams was also a superb student athlete, who was named all-conference in football. After the Academy, he attended the University of Saint Thomas and later enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, in which he was named the number one trainee in his class. In 2007, he was selected for Officers Candidate School (OCS), where he placed in the top 10 percent of his class. He commissioned as a Marine second lieutenant serving in the military police. He had multiple assignments at Camp Pendleton, Calif. before deploying to Afghanistan in 2011 to train the Afghan police force. He participated in several combat patrols and survived an IED attack. He has attained numerous awards and decorations, including the USMC Combat Action Ribbon. Currently, he is a special agent with the U.S. Department of Justice.

Senior officer promotions



GOLDADE NAMED CADET COLONEL

Matthew Goldade '18, was named the 110th cadet colonel, taking leadership of the Corps of Cadets following the annual promotion ceremony in November.

"Matthew Goldade has proven himself in the classroom, in athletics, and in co-curricular activities," said Commandant of Cadets Lt. Col. Michael DePuglio (ret.), U.S. Army. "He is a natural leader who always sets the example and is well respected throughout the entire Saint Thomas Academy community. He has my full confidence in providing direction to the Corps of Cadets."

Goldade has attended Saint Thomas Academy for four years, coming to the Academy after attending Friendly Hills Middle School. He has been a three-sport athlete all four years, competing in football, wrestling and throwing for the track and field team. He was the captain of the football team this past season. He is an active campus minister and does well academically with an honors course load. He aspires to attend West Point, Texas Christian University or the University of Minnesota following graduation. He recently received an appointment to the Merchant Marines.

"I am extremely grateful for my time at Saint Thomas Academy," Goldade said. "I believe Saint Thomas has shaped me into the young man I am today by teaching me the value of respect and hard work. It has been an honor to interact with the amazing students, teachers and faculty every day here at the Academy. I know Saint Thomas has instilled in me the necessary skills to live a successful life. I am very proud and grateful to be a cadet."



Matthew Goldade '18 pictured here with his parents Kris and Steve.



JOHN ROWE '18

Rowe, a resident of Saint Paul, has attended Saint Thomas Academy for six years. He is considering continuing his academic and golfing career at the University of Dallas, Villanova University, Amherst College, Middlebury College, or Hillsdale College. "I have reaped many benefits from my six years in a Saint Thomas Academy classroom, but I have also been challenged in ways that I never thought I would be," Rowe said. "Having to balance rigorous academics, athletics, and co-curriculars has taught me the importance of time management and organization. Furthermore, the military program has taught me two crucial lessons that have shaped my development as a leader. First, the importance of serving and being a part of something bigger than yourself, and second, the essential skill of working with people that I may not get along with to accomplish a common mission or goal. Both of these skills have shaped me into a more complete man, who is acutely prepared for the challenges to be encountered in the world beyond the classroom." *(Pictured with parents Kelly '79 and Jean.)*



JACOB WEINSTEIN '18

Weinstein, a Saint Paul resident, has attended Saint Thomas Academy for four years. He is considering the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University of Michigan, University of Chicago, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Columbia University, and Johns Hopkins University, with MIT being his top choice. "Over the past three and a half years, I have learned to balance school with life," Weinstein said. "I love academics, but I have slowly learned to balance their importance with the importance of social and co-curricular involvement. Throughout my time here, I found communities in the band and theatre and discovered my love for performing. I have grown in my faith, learned from excellent faculty and staff, and learned how to take care of myself through the military. It seemed far too much to deal with, but I can now keep myself in order without much effort." *(Pictured with parents Charles Weinstein and Ann Brombach.)*



CAMERON CASHIN '18

Cashin, a resident of Apple Valley, has attended Saint Thomas Academy for four years. Next year, he plans to attend Harvard University to further his education, he said. "I appreciate the passion that so many of my teachers have shown toward me countless times in the past, where it was apparent that what matters most to them is that their students understand the material and are happy with their experience at the end of the day. Furthermore, throughout my time here I have been able to participate in a wide variety of clubs and sports, discuss difficult topics with class, and become a more organized, well-rounded person ready for the next step." *(Pictured with parents John and Erika)*



MATTHEW MARTINE '18

Martine, a Mendota Heights resident, has attended Saint Thomas Academy for four years. Next year, he plans to attend the University of Notre Dame to further his education. "At Saint Thomas Academy, the staff goes out of their way to help you succeed at your highest level," Martine said. "They not only teach you in the classroom through lectures and textbooks, but they also teach you important life lessons such as discipline, responsibility, confidence, and leadership. Throughout my time at Saint Thomas Academy I have created strong relationships with my peers, grown in my faith, and learned discipline and responsibility through the Military program. The standards that are set here at Saint Thomas Academy have taught me life lessons that will benefit me long after high school." *(Pictured with parents Louis and Kathleen.)*



JACK KOTOK '18

Kotok, a resident of Eden Prairie, has attended Saint Thomas Academy for four years. Next year, he plans to attend West Point to further his education and stay involved with the military. "A big reason why I chose West Point was because I really enjoyed the military aspect of Saint Thomas Academy," Kotok said. "Throughout my four years here I have become a more confident individual, grown in my faith, and made friendships that will last a lifetime. I am extremely prepared to continue my education at a Military Academy next year." *(Pictured with parents Larry and Susan.)*



Mark your calendar!



SPRING SCHEDULE

Les Miserables

SHOW DATES AND TIMES:

April 27-28, May 4-5 at 7:30 p.m.

April 29 at 4:30 p.m.

May 6 at 2:30 p.m.

TICKETS:

Adults — \$10

Students/

seniors — \$5

CONTACT:

Wendy Short-Hays at

wshorthays@vischool.org

for ticket reservations or

buy at the door.



Freshmen Promotion Day

During the first classes of the freshman year, new cadets learn about rank, military awards, ironing, shoe shining, proper haircuts, brass, marching, and uniform wear. After these introductory classes, they become full members of the Corps of Cadets and may receive demerits for infractions. Additionally, in first semester, freshmen cadets learn how to be elements within a squad and platoon. In sum, they are observing and learning how to follow.

When the first semester is complete, cadets are evaluated on overall academic grades and attained demerits. If a freshman cadet is academically eligible, has less than 15 demerits, and is recommended by a senior leader, he is promoted from Cadet Element (no rank) to Cadet Private (blue epaulet with one stripe).

Historically, this first promotion is an important event and signifies the beginning of increased responsibility within the Corps of Cadets.



Xavier White '21 receiving his promotion.

2017-2018 MINNESOTA HIGH SCHOOL QUIZ BOWL

The Saint Thomas Academy high school Quiz Bowl team competed hard at the State Playoffs, February 15 at Burnsville Area High School en route to a ninth-place finish among the 16 teams that qualified from 134 regular-season competitors.

The Academy's squad finished the season with an overall record of 12-3, dropping its first match at play-offs, 265-360 against DeLaSalle, rebounding in match 2 with a 315-165 defeat of Hill-Murray, and then losing in a heartbreaker to Chanhassen, 325-370, after a furious rally from down 145-340.

Sean McQuillan '18 placed first as individual scorer in the Southern division out of about 160 players over the regular season, and **Joseph Michel '21** placed 6th as an individual scorer in the Southern division over the regular season.

Saint Thomas Academy will compete at the NAQT Quiz Bowl Nationals in Atlanta over Memorial Day Weekend.



Sean Creamer '19 (left) and **Joseph Groebner '18** (right) recently earned their Eagle Scout Awards. Sean put up custom signage at a nature preserve for his project. Joseph repaired docks at Rogers Lake for his project.



In November, Marcus Luttrell spoke to the Cadets about his experiences in Afghanistan, which were the basis of the book and movie, *Lone Survivor*. Luttrell is a former United States Navy SEAL who received the Navy Cross and Purple Heart for his actions in June 2005 against Taliban fighters during Operation Red Wings.



Cadets Participate in NASA Program

As part of NASA's pilot program "Student Opportunities in Airborne Research" (SOAR), **Tanner Hopkins '18**, **Nicholas Kern '18**, Sam Westlake and **Jacob Weinstein '18** traveled to Johnson Space Center in November to test the environmental data recorder they designed and built to capture the conditions encountered by a WB-57F High Altitude aircraft throughout a flight. Saint Thomas Academy is the only high school in the country invited to take part in the inaugural year of the SOAR program. The teams' recorders were placed in various payload mounting locations on a WB-57F and recorded data during multiple high-altitude flights. The data will be made available to NASA scientists and researchers to use while designing instruments for the WB-57F.



STAFF UPDATES

Commandant of Cadets Lt. Col. Michael DePuglio, U.S. Army (ret.). DePuglio, who has served as Commandant since 2002, will retire following the 2017-18 school year. In addition to being the Academy's longest-serving Commandant of Cadets, he has also been on the football coaching staff. Prior to joining the Academy, he served 23 years in the U.S. Army in aviation, leadership and administrative duties.

COACHING UPDATES

Ryan Flanagan was named head baseball coach on November 21. Coach Flanagan will oversee the entire 6-12 baseball program, leading the varsity baseball team and coaching staff. Flanagan, an investment manager for General Mills, was previously head varsity coach at Roseville Area High School and head coach and manager of the Saint Paul Shamrocks Amateur Baseball team, a team of current and former collegiate and professional athletes.



At the 2018 US Army Junior Open Air Rifle National Championship, **Seth Olson '18** finished 4th out of 80+ participants. Pictured left to right are **Daniel Staelgraeve '21**, **Kaleb Rutgers '19**, **Jack Kotok '18**, Seth, **Riley Miller '18** and Chief Paul Preblich.



Head Swimming Coach John Barnes was named a finalist for the National Coach of the Year award from the National High School Athletic Coaches

Association. Eight finalists from across the nation will be honored in 19 sports during the National Coach of the Year Awards Banquet on June 27, 2018.



Vinny Motzel '18 was recently accepted in to the United States Naval Academy, class of 2022.



Congressman Erik Paulsen presenting **Jack Kotok '18** with his acceptance to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.



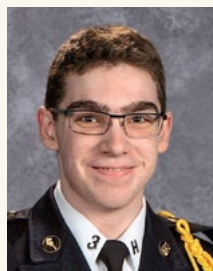
Cam Cashin '18 was nominated by LTC DePuglio for the prestigious MacArthur Cadet Award. The criteria for the award is "the most soldierly performance by a senior class cadet considering academics, athletics and leadership...qualities that most emulate the determination exemplified by General Douglas MacArthur..." The award was presented in February.



The Model UN team participated in three competitions this academic year in Princeton, Edina and Philadelphia. **Luke Kolar '19**, and **Hayes Reding '19**, took Honorable Mention at the Edina competition, which is a runner-up award to Best Delegate, the top award. The boys who participated in Model UN had meetings in the evening from 7:00-8:30 p.m.. so that they could come after practices. Many would have football or basketball practices and then come to the meeting where they would research their country and committee.



Each year the Honor Guard works a multitude of events from funerals, school events, book fairs, and concessions. Pictured working concessions at the February 10 Cadet Basketball game are **Seth Rutgers '21**, **Max Ilinykh '20**, **Greg Schlicht '19**, **Kaleb Rutgers '19**, **Thomas Thurlow '19**, **Don Hau '19** and Chief Friede.



Peter Holmes '19 and **Donald Hau '19** earned a 36 on the ACT test, a perfect score. **Jacob Weinstein '18**, earned 800s on the Biology and Math II subject tests and is a National Merit Semi-finalist.



Metro East "All Conference" Honor Band was held Monday, January 8 at Mahtomedi High School. Pictured are **Jacob Weinstein '18**, (Trombone), **Peter Bina '19**, (Baritone), **Jack Bartlett '20**, (Oboe), **Jack Ogle '19**, (Alto Saxophone), **Peter Cunniff '19**, (Trumpet), **Jake Miller '20**, (Percussion), and **Nick Kern '18**, (Percussion).

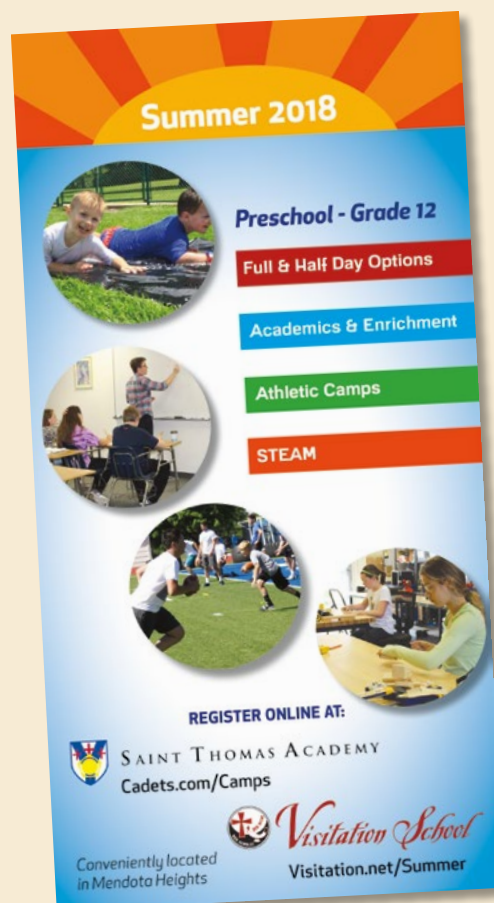


Peter Burke '18 and his family were recently in the Dominican Republic providing free dental work in a local clinic. The family spent a week on this service project helping locals with much needed services.



BAND DIRECTOR HONORED

Director of Bands John Bina was honored with the Bandworld Legion of Honor Award from the John Philip Sousa Foundation on December 23. The award recognizes band directors who have maintained school concert band programs of excellent musical quality and who have held leadership positions in their professional organizations. A selection committee composed of high school and university band directors chooses eight band directors nationally to be inducted into the Legion of Honor each year.



STA SUMMER CAMPS ARE BACK!

STA summer camps are back and better than ever! In addition to the popular LEGO Robotics, Saint Thomas Academy has partnered with Visitation School to offer a wide range of summer activities for boys and girls of all ages. Ceramics, introduction to competitive speech, swimming, lacrosse, football, basketball, drones, gun safety and marksmanship, Jump Start, crafts, tennis and filmmaking are just a few of the many camps available.

Visit CADETS.COM/CAMPS for the full list.



MIDDLE SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY BEE

Seth Moore '22, has won the school's 2017-2018 Middle School Geography Bee, the first round in the 30th annual National Geographic Bee, a competition to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world. He beat all other 6th, 7th, and 8th graders for the chance to represent Saint Thomas Academy at the State Geography Bee.

If Moore passes a qualifying exam, he will advance to the State Geography Bee on Friday, April 6 at Minnesota State-Mankato, to compete against 99 other middle school students from across the state. State winners advance to the National Bee May 20-23 in Washington, D.C.



Cadet **Charles Crutchfield IV '22** hanging out with TV Foodie and Host Guy Fieri at a Timberwolves game recently.

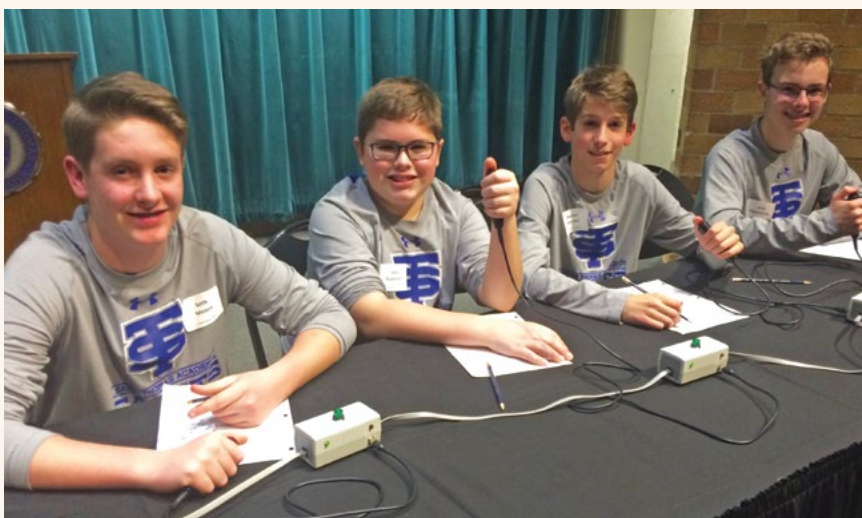


Middle School social studies teacher **Rick Fryklund '02** and his wife, Annie, welcomed their first child on January 8. August Lawrence Fryklund weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and will be a '36 graduate of Saint Thomas Academy.



Middle School FIRST LEGO Robotics

Congratulations to the Middle School FIRST LEGO Robotics team on a great tournament on December 2! During the season, students diligently designed and programmed their robots to perform tasks on a 4'-by-8' playing field. At the tournament, students represented themselves very well as they participated in interviews and interacted with teams from other schools. Team members **Max Anderson '24**, **Evan Blaiser '24**, **Huy Do '23**, **Nolan Gainor '23**, **Christian Janssen '24**, and **Patrick Koegel '24**, earned an award for placing at the top of their division of 16 teams in the head-to-head robot competition. Other participants who performed well and supported their classmates in the head-to-head rounds were **Thomas Lund '23**, **Ben McKinley '23**, and **Charlie Meyer '24**.



MIDDLE SCHOOL QUIZ BOWL

Congratulations to 8th graders **Seth Moore**, **Sam Trammell**, **Padon Kinzley**, and **Jack Mapellentz** on placing 2nd out of 41 teams at the 25th annual Quiz Bowl sponsored by the Catholic High Schools of the Twin Cities. The event was held at the University of St. Thomas. The Saint Thomas Academy Middle School team progressed through five rounds to the championship vs. St. John the Baptist of New Brighton.

Alpine Skiing

Cadet Alpine Ski had another great season. **Jack Folkman '20** earned All-Conference and All-State honors while finishing seventh for individuals, and as a team they finished fifth in the State. **Jack Muske '18**, **Joe Zirnhelt '18**, and **Mason Thorpe '20**, earned All-Conference honors.

Basketball

Cadet Basketball finished the regular season 17-9 and were runner-up in the Metro East Conference. Currently, they are 2-0 in Section play-offs and are hoping to make a run in the State Tournament.

Cross Country

Ryan Tracy '18 and **Thomas Thurlow '19** advanced to the State Meet. **Luke Kolar '19** and **Padon Kinzley '22** earned All Conference honors. **Ryan Tracy '18** earned All-Conference, All-State, and Academic All-State Honors.

Football

The Cadets fell short in the section championship, losing 42-7, they finished the season above .500 at 6-5. **Alex Kuntz '19**, **Brendan McFadden '19**, earned All-Conference Honors. **Cam Cashin '18** and **Jason Samec '19** garnered All-Conference and Academic All-State Honors.

Hockey

Cadet Hockey finished the season with an overall record of 27-3-1 and finished 5th in the State Tournament. **Rob Christy '18** was named to the All-Tournament team and **Atticus Kelly '18** was named East Metro Boys Hockey Player of the Year and was awarded the Frank Brimsek Award, which is presented to the top senior goaltender.

Nordic Skiing

The Cadet Nordic ski team finished their regular season in 3rd place. Leading skiers were **Joey Motzel '19**, who finished 3rd overall in the Conference, while gaining All-Conference Honors, and **Aidan McSweeney '19**, **Peter Holmes '19**, and **Padon Kinzley '22**, finished in the top 25.

Soccer

The Cadet Soccer team finished second in state and ended their season with a record of 16-1-3. **Aman Bird '18** earned All-Conference, All-Metro, All-Tournament Team and Academic All-State Honors. **Alex Tsobanakis '18** and **Logan Davis '18** earned All-Conference, All-Tournament Team and Academic All-State Honors. While athletes, **Devin McGill '18** and **Nikita Zholtok '18** earned All Conference Honors.

Swim & Dive

The Cadet Swimming & Diving team finished 6-2 in the regular season. They also won the Metro East Conference Title and the Section Title. To end the season, the team finished 3rd in the State Meet. There were ten swimmers named All-Conference and eight named All-State.

Wrestling

The Cadet Wrestling team finished the regular season with a record of 10-8.



Alpine Skiing



Basketball



Hockey



Swim & Dive

Melissa Kelly

Started at STA | 2016

Subjects | English

First Teaching Job | Levi P. Dodge Middle School in Farmington

Hobbies | I enjoy reading; racing in road, trail, and triathlons; running; biking; swimming; traveling; doing anything outside with my family; and cooking.

A Favorite Teaching Moment | When a student gets comfortable enough to be creative.

Brush with Fame | I met Tony Oliva and got to hang out with him at an event. I also sat next to Amy Klobuchar on a plane without even knowing it was her. We had a nice chat about the importance of sending out thank you notes.

Favorite Experience | Becoming a mom.

Why I teach at STA | I enjoy the energy boys bring to the classroom. I went to Catholic schools my whole life, and I value their environment. We are a military family, and being in a school that not only values service, but also understands the importance and difficulty of serving is not something I can find anywhere else besides STA.

Favorite Music | My taste in music is all over the place. I like everything from the Beatles to Atmosphere to Johnny Cash.

Favorite Vacation Spot | There is no place like Ireland.

Family | My husband, Ryan, a Major in the Minnesota Army National Guard; my son, Mark, a 6th grader at STA; my son, Aiden, a 4th grader at Holy Spirit; my daughter, Carys, a 3rd grader at Holy Spirit; and my dog, Sadie.



Jason Birr '04

Started at STA | Coaching — Fall '16; Teaching — Fall '17

Subjects | Physical Education, Middle School Quizbowl

First Teaching Job | Physical Education teacher at North Dakota State College of Science.

Hobbies | Painting, reading, taking my dogs to the dog park, bike rides.

A Favorite Teaching Moment | When Sam Trammell brought to me the "12 Days of Gym Class" song that he composed for holiday season.

Brush with Fame | I played basketball with Brandon Rush and against Al Jefferson and LaMarcus Aldridge (NBA all-stars). I also grew up with Tyus and Tre Jones.

Favorite Experience | Every time I see a young man push himself and see him get better at something, whether that is in the classroom, weight room, or athletics. There isn't anything better than seeing that smile when they have finally achieved that goal.

Why I teach at STA | To prepare young men to succeed in life, how to deal with adversity, and how to continue to always better themselves.

Favorite Music | R&B

Favorite Vacation Spot | Huntington Beach, California

Family | Father — Lyle, Mother — Deb, Brother — Nate ('07 grad), Sister in law — Erica ('07 Vis grad), Sister — Jaime



Back row, left to right: **Erick Patterson, Mike Purdy II, Lane Larson.** Front row, left to right: **Wyatt Isaak '20, Jose Escobar-Rodriguez '20, Marco Escobar-Rodriguez '22 and Jamie Smith '21.**



Paying it Forward: Operation Scholar

by David Jacobson

When it comes to “paying it forward” there are none faster or finer than **Mike Purdy II, Erick Patterson** and **Lane Larson**. The three Saint Thomas Academy alumni from the Class of '99 have established Operation Scholar, a program that closes funding gaps for students who otherwise could not afford to attend the school.

Five current students are the first beneficiaries of the program, which launched in 2016. “Those three wanted to do something that would make a difference,” recalls **David Hottinger '85**, Director of Advancement, who discussed the idea with Purdy at an alumni golf outing.

“I grew up in South St. Paul,” Purdy explains, “and how I afforded to go to Saint Thomas Academy was through scholarships and aid. I had a couple different families sponsor me. By going to the school, I was put into an association group that I would never have been a part of. Lane and Erick and I all owe Saint Thomas Academy for a big part of our trajectory toward success. We wanted to pay it forward and also reach out to other friends of ours who are enjoying success and build a program together.”

Of utmost importance to the group, says Purdy, was

that “every dollar we generate, every dollar we give, go directly to a life, not to an endowment. Not that there’s anything wrong with that, but we wanted to see a direct result, and an impact for every dollar. Saint Thomas is a very elite school. However, when we attended, there was a good mix of working class. Once we saw that the foundational

“We want to give other people, who never would have the opportunity to walk through those doors, the chance to live in that academic environment and be a part of that culture.” — Mike Purdy II

pillars that we believe in so much are being carried forward and that the core fabric of the integrity is there, that was the tipping point where we decided to help other students with this opportunity.”

Purdy hopes Operation Scholar can grow to bring in enough money to close funding gaps for an additional three to five students per year. “We want to give other people, who never would have the opportunity to walk through those doors, the chance to live in that academic environment and be a part of that culture. It’s not limited to race or religious background or whether or not they’re an athlete. It’s all about, ‘Who’s that kid that wants to do more with their life?’”

STA Give Day 2017

STA Community Comes Through Again

By **Mike Maxwell '84**, Associate Director of Institutional Advancement

When we first embarked on our single day of giving known as STA Give Day, I would have been dubious that four years into it we would have raised nearly 2.4 million dollars cumulatively for the Aquinas Annual Fund. But here we are!

2017's Give Day **raised more than \$650,000**. The so-called Million Dollar Day for STA and Visitation was all that and more. Our schools combined to raise more than \$1.2 million dollars for our respective annual giving campaigns and nearly \$1.9 million in overall donations.

Highlights and stats of the day are featured on the opposite page. Please note that our most recent graduates from the Class of 2017 finished among the top five classes based on participation. Congratulations Class of 2017!

We are most grateful for the generosity of this community and your response to our requests for support on STA Give Day.

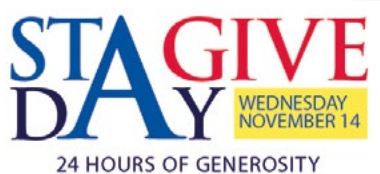


Work Needed to Reach our Goal

Give Day has given the Aquinas Annual Fund an important kick start for the year. As of the end of 2017, STA had raised just over \$875,000 towards the budgeted need of \$1.55 million. It's a great start, but we have some work to do in order to reach our goal for the year. It is essential to the strength of our school that we meet our obligations for the school year and thus be whole as we enter a new school year. **We need your help to make that happen.**

If you have yet to make a gift to the Aquinas Annual Fund this fiscal year there is still time to do so. Our fiscal year ends June 30. Please consider a gift to help STA finish the year in a strong financial position.

Thank you to everyone who makes an investment in OUR school!



NOVEMBER

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STA Give Day 2017

GENEROSITY BY THE NUMBERS

More than **\$650,000** given or pledged to the **Aquinas Annual Fund** during the 24-hour period!



MORE THAN 1,450

donors, including Saint Thomas Academy students, generously gave or pledged.

Proof there is strength in numbers

1,326 gifts of less than \$1,000 and **125** gifts of **more than \$1,000** were made.



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FIRST-TIME DONORS MADE A GIFT



The combined “younger alumni” group of the **CLASSES OF 2003-2017** — **108 donors.**

A matching gift of **\$10,800** was added to their donations.

TOP 5 Class Ranks

- 1984** > 46 donors (\$2,500 matching gift for the Class)
- 1985** > 36 donors (\$2,500 matching gift for the Class)
- 1986** > 20 donors
- 2017** > 19 donors
- 1990** > 14 donors

STA Give Day donors included

514

Alumni

239

Parents

189

Parents of Alumni

92

Grand-parents

47

Faculty and Staff

75

Friends of the Academy

23

Retired Faculty

13

Members of the Board of Trustees

The 53rd Annual Saint Thomas Academy Community Auction

Community Strong

April 20-21, 2018



Co-chairs Steve & Beth Bulach, Mike & Sharon D'Agostino, Thor & Paula Raarup, Tom & Lynn Sedlack, **Christian Sirek '89** & Lysa Flynn, and Dan & Brenda VanSteenburg

Our Community Auction raises approximately **30% of the Aquinas Annual Fund goal**. Student scholarships are provided almost entirely by the Aquinas Fund. Thank you so much for your support of this event!

HOW CAN YOU HELP WITH THE AUCTION?

Donate to the Auction

Donations make the Auction fun and exciting. Please consider making a donation or cash gift so we may purchase items for the auctions. Every level of participation helps the Academy and the cadets.

Join us Auction Weekend

There is no better way to demonstrate community support than to attend Community Auction Weekend. Friday night is filled with fun family activities and the ever-popular Crack Drill Squad performance. Show your commitment to Saint Thomas Academy by gathering your friends and attending the Gala on Saturday night.

Buy, Buy, Buy

Purchase raffle tickets, auction items, food and games. We have a great lineup of items this year. Please consider supporting STA by purchasing:

- **Silent and Live Auctions** — April 20, 21
- **Car Raffle** — chance to win a 24-month lease of a 2018 Jeep Compass
- **Tuition Raffle** — chance to win tuition for 2018-19 school year



Visit CADETS.COM/AUCTION for more details and ticket information.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AUCTION WEEKEND!

All activities take place in Flynn Hall

Friday, April 20 @ 6 p.m.

- Fun and entertainment for the entire family
- Food, games, silent auction and cherry tree*
- Crack Drill Squad performance
- Teacher and gas card raffle drawings

Saturday, April 21 @ 5 p.m.

- Silent auction
- Gala dinner
- Live auction
- Car and tuition raffle drawings
- Legacy lounge*



What is Cherry Tree?

At Family Fun Night, select a lollipop from the red cherry tree and win a prize. Fun for kids of all ages!

What is the Legacy Lounge?

After the Gala, join us for the after party! Flip flops and beverages provided.

Nominations are open for Saint Thomas Academy Awards

Take time to nominate a member of the Saint Thomas Academy community for one of our annual awards. Details on each award, and the specific nomination process can be found at cadets.com/awards.



The Opus Sancti Thomae Award, presented annually in the fall, was established to honor friends and affiliates of Saint Thomas Academy. This award recognizes both men and women who have made outstanding contributions to business, civic, church, educational, and professional communities.



The Edward G. Hames Alumni Honors Award, presented annually in the fall, seeks to give due recognition to those alumni who have exemplified the ideals of Saint Thomas Academy, and in doing so, distinguished themselves in their communities. Such alumni enrich the lives of those around them through their personal and family lives, their professional occupations, their civic leadership, human welfare activities, their intellectual or cultural pursuits, or their efforts to advance the mission of Saint Thomas Academy. Deadline for nomination is April 15, 2018.



The Fleming Alumni Veterans Award, presented during our Veterans Day ceremony, honors our graduates who have served this nation in our armed forces. The award is named after Captain Richard Fleming, Saint Thomas Military Academy Class of 1935, and recipient of the Medal of Honor for heroic acts in the Battle of Midway.



The Saint Thomas Academy Athletic Hall of Fame was established to instill and preserve pride in the rich tradition of Saint Thomas Academy by celebrating the outstanding athletic accomplishments or contributions to the athletic history and traditions of the Academy. The induction ceremony takes place during Alumni Reunion Weekend. Nominations for the Class of 2018 are now closed; you may make your nomination for 2019 between now and March 1, 2019.

Annual Ft. Snelling National Cemetery Memorial Day Set-Up

The Saint Thomas Academy Alumni Office asks for your help again this spring as we assist the Ft. Snelling maintenance staff prepare the grounds for Memorial Day ceremonies. The date has not been finalized yet but will take place the week leading up to Memorial Day. If you have questions, contact **Luke Marks '11** at lmarks@cadets.com or 651-683-1572.

STA Networking Opportunity

Join the Alumni Association for one of our quarterly STA Community Networking Events! This event, sponsored by **Bobby Ebert '99**, is an excellent opportunity to connect with other STA Alumni, parents of current students and parents of alumni. These quarterly events allow for members of the STA Community to gather in the privacy and comfort of Pool & Yacht in Lilydale, MN. Bring your business cards and make new connections!

UPCOMING DATES [ALL AT 5:00 P.M.]

May 16, 2018 | August 15, 2018 | November 14, 2018

Save These Dates!

Make plans to join us for these upcoming events

54th Annual Saint Thomas Academy Alumni Golf Open

Monday, June 11

Southview Country Club
239 Mendota Road East
West St. Paul, MN 55118

A portion of the proceeds benefits the
Alumni Sons Endowed Scholarship Fund.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Director of Alumni Relations,
Luke Marks '11, at lmarks@cadets.com
or 651 683-1572.

More details are available at CADETS.COM/ALUMNIOPEN.

4th Annual Saint Thomas Academy Sporting Clays Classic

Thursday, September 6

Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club
2920 220th Street East
Prior Lake, MN 55372

A portion of the proceeds benefits the
Alumni Sons Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Details to come in May at CADETS.COM/SPORTINGCLAYS

2018 Saint Thomas Academy Alumni Reunion Weekend September 19-20

Planned Events:

- Edward G. Hames Award Presentation
- Senior Alumni Dinner
- Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
- Alumni Gathering & Hospitality Room
- Class Specific Events for class years ending in a 3 or 8

If your class year ends in a 3 or an 8, you are celebrating a reunion this year. Please contact **Luke Marks '11**, Director of Alumni Relations, to assist you in planning your reunion.

2018 Saint Thomas Academy Homecoming Week October 3-5

Save the date for these Homecoming
Week Events!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3 | Grandparents Day

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4 | 6th Annual Taste of STA
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Flynn Hall – Holtz Gymnasium
FREE

NEW EVENT!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5 | Inaugural Homecoming
Party on the Plaza

Join us in celebrating Homecoming with this brand-new event. Meet us at the plaza behind the press box for yard games, great food, and everything Saint Thomas Academy!

CadetWorks Internship Program

Over Christmas Break, the CadetWorks Internship Program completed its sixth successful two-day seminar, providing STA graduates with opportunities to interview for summer internships and relevant work experiences. Over 30 members of the Class of 2016 were in attendance to participate in this year's program. With our young alumni pursuing degrees from some of the nation's top educational institutions across the country, this program aims to expand and enhance the professional careers of our young alumni by providing the significant advantage of a quality work experience before their junior year of college.

The Alumni Office thanks the following people and organizations for helping put together this year's program:

Networking and Interview Skills Day Training

Director, Talent Acquisition & Selection Services at CHS,
Claire Giancola-Belmares

Internship Planning Committee

Jeff Tolke: Father of **Jackson '13**

Dave Carlson: Father of **Brock '14**

George Turner '79: Past Alumni Association President

Stephen Miller: Father of **Andrew '17**

STA Internship Program Business Partners

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Interested in getting involved with the CadetWorks Internship Program?

To learn more contact **Luke Marks '11** at lmarks@cadets.com or **651-683-1572**

3A Club: Academy, Activities, Athletics

Our Purpose:

- Maintain and enhance Saint Thomas Academy Activities and Athletics
- Raise funds to supplement the school's activities and athletic budget

What We Support:

- More than 85% of the students participating in activities and or athletics

Updates:

- The club is off to a fantastic start and will offer much needed assistance to all athletic and activity programs
- The club will fund all Cadet broadcasts and video systems for teams

You can learn more about the club on our website,
www.cadets.com/support-our-cadets/sta-3a-club/



61 Pablo Escandon (left) and his wife Marina (middle) came to visit our campus to get a tour, and Pablo even had a chance to test his skill at the rifle range.

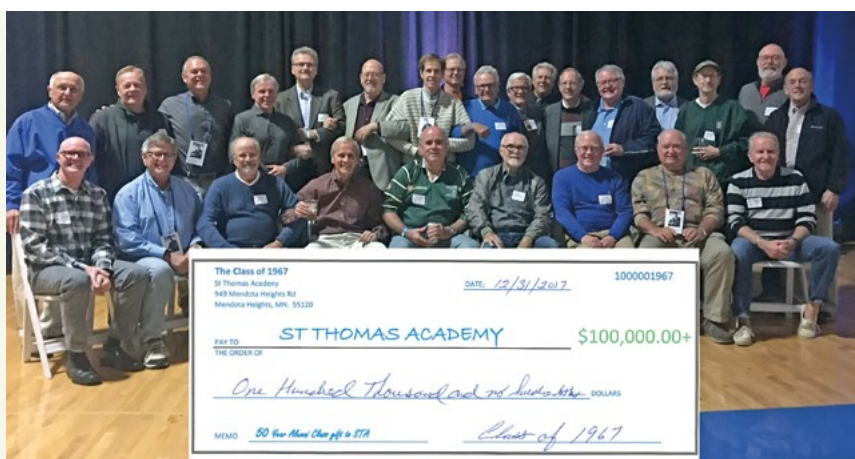
75 Dr. Mitchell Bebel Stargrove has been selected to receive NUNM and OANP 2017 Living Legend Award. The National University of Natural Medicine and Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians selected Dr. Stargrove for his demonstrated leadership, commitment to excellence and outstanding contributions to the advancement of natural medicine

77 Tim Murnane, CEO of Opus, and **Tom Emmer '79**, U.S. Congressman, were featured in the *Twin Cities Business* magazine's 2018 People to Know.

82 Gus Gaspardo, President of the Padelford Packet Boat Company, was elected Passenger Vessel Association (PVA) President for 2018 at the PVA Annual Convention at MariTrends 2018, held January 28-31 in Savannah, Georgia.



Paul Nitti, Dick Parnell, Paul Strong, and **Phil Eldredge** got together to play a round of golf at Highland National for their 35th Reunion.

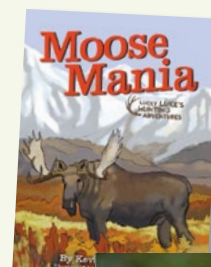


67 The **Class of '67** held their 50-year reunion in September and made a generous gift of \$100,000 to the Academy.

73 CAPT Matthew Norman MC, USN and **CDR James Lamm '74** by chance, have landed together in Columbia, South Carolina supporting the United States Navy Reserve sailors at Navy Operational Support Command Columbia at Fort Jackson. CAPT Norman is a Mayo Clinic trained ophthalmologist and CDR Lamm is a Emergency Medicine specialist who is Navy trained at Naval Hospital Balboa, San Diego, California.



87 Kevin Lovegreen published his ninth book in the "Lucky Luke's Hunting Adventures Series", *Moose Mania*. Kevin writes his books to educate and encourage kids to enjoy the outdoors.



Kevin is also excited to announce the launch of REV Advisory Group. REV provides professionally facilitated, monthly peer group meetings for up to twelve non-competing business leaders. In addition, there is scheduled integrated coaching and leadership development. REV is ideal for leaders who are looking to go beyond business success and focus on their mind, body and spirit to achieve the balance that will create extraordinary results.



85 **David Reiling**, CEO of Sunrise banks was featured in *The Financial Brand* story "How One Community Bank is taking Its Fight National". The article discusses Sunrise Bank's belief that a bank can be a champion for the underdog and still be profitable.

89 Congratulations to **Brian Steel** on being named Chief Executive Officer of Tenere Inc., a full service provider of complex metal and plastic components and assemblies for fortune 500 companies. Brian steps into this role after serving as Tenere's Vice President of Global Sales & Marketing.

99 Thanks to Green Bay Packers coach **David Raih** and his brother **Chris Raih '96**, two veterans were able to see the Super Bowl live and in person at U.S. Bank Stadium. Every year the two brothers donate Super Bowl tickets to Veterans so they can enjoy the game.



02 Classmates **Blake Arnold** (right) and **Rick Fryklund** (left) took time to introduce their newborns, and future members of the class of 2036, Logan Arnold, and August Fryklund.

04 **Mike Rice** was featured in the *Pioneer Press* article "Caryn Sullivan: A young man's life saving gift". The article investigates what drove Mike to become a stem cell donor, and how his willingness to give, helped save a life.

98 Supervisory Special Agent **Anand Arockiasamy** completed successful tours in Afghanistan, Colombia, and Pakistan as well as received his Masters of Military Studies from the United States Marine Corps. After marrying Jennifer Kooyoomjian of Virginia in July 2017, he serves as the principal advisor to the U.S. Ambassador to Burundi and the senior U.S. law enforcement official in the country. His State Department honors include two Superior Honor Awards, three Meritorious Service Awards, and FBI Director James Comey Honor Award.



07 **Spencer Smith** came to STA as a part of the Young Alumni Speaker Series. Spencer spoke to our seniors on how to be successful as a young professional and reflected on the information he wishes he would have known prior to college. Spencer is excited to start a new chapter of his career with the advertising agency Bold Orange.



07 **Matt Joyce** and **Ryan McManus '11** stopped by the Innovation Center to show Mr. Westlake and some of our students the MVP: Mobile Virtual Player. The MVP is the first ever self-righting mobile training device. Controlled remotely and powered by a motor, it's an innovative training partner that allows athletes to get real world training without human to human contact.

Class Notes

10 Tim Mannuzza has embarked on the journey of a lifetime. Tim, a previous Honor Guard Commander, recently departed on a 2-year hike called the Silk Walk Expedition. This unbelievable adventure travels along the Silk Road, the oldest trade route network in the world that stretches from Istanbul, Turkey to Xi'An, China.



12 Paul Brunkhorst is in his second year at Georgetown Law in Washington, D.C.

15 Alec Broetzman has committed to play hockey for Michigan Tech starting in the fall of 2018. Alec has been playing in the USHL since graduation and will be joining former teammate **Seamus Donohue '15** with the Michigan Tech Huskies.



We want to hear from you!
Please send your contributions to Class Notes via e-mail to alumni@cadets.com, via the Internet at CADETS.COM (Alumni Online Community), or by mail, attention Alumni Office.

11 Professional hunting guide, **Lewie Casper**, had the opportunity to take Philadelphia Eagles Quarterback Carson Wentz out for a successful day of hunting in Arkansas.



12 Lou Colasanti was sworn in on January 4, 2018, as an active Police Officer with the PPB, the Portland (Oregon) Police Bureau. In Portland, Lou will be working "in the city" where he hopes to have a meaningful impact on the homeless community. Lou is also interested in gang culture, and better ways to serve and solve the problems that arise from struggling, inner-city communities



14 Michael Smilanich participated in the Polar Plunge on October 18, an event benefitting the athletes of the Special Olympics.



17 Brothers **Tommy Steveken** (left), and **Johnny Steveken '19** (right) met up with cousin **LTJG Charlie Steveken '11** (middle) while in San Diego. Charlie is a member of the U.S. Navy and has recently accepted a job at the Pentagon.



We apologize for our error

Due to a reporting error, several donors were inadvertently omitted in our most recent Annual Report. We deeply regret this mistake. Our supporters are of utmost importance to us and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributes to Saint Thomas Academy.

The following benefactors should have been listed in their respective classes in the Alumni Honor Roll of Donors for the 2016-17 fiscal year:

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 Norman Hansen '49
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 James and Mimi O'Connell '70
 Gregory and Peg Palen '73
 Stuart and Margery Pihlstrom '59
 Mark and Karen Rauenhorst '71
 Erick and Elizabeth Reim '89
 Patrick and Peggy Wier '79



16 Members of the **Class of 2016** came together to show their support for classmate **Woody Hubbell**. Woody was recently diagnosed with cancer, and his classmates brought a "Woody Strong" sign to a Minnesota Wild game to show their support as he undergoes treatment in Boston.

On December 30, a group of over 60 alumni from classes spanning over 25 years showed up to Sjöberg/Flynn Arena to compete in the 2nd Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament. The **Class of 2016** brought home the title with a 4 – 1 tournament record.



In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers these classmates and friends of the Academy who recently passed away or of whose death we were recently notified. We have made every effort to present an accurate list.

Robert Jeub '38
(October 2017)

Ken Heimbach '59
(October 2017)

Charles Meyerding '44
(October 2017)

Tim Welch '44
(October 2017)

Jim Wubben '56
(November 2017)

William Dolan '51
(November 2017)

James Sullivan '12
(November 2017)

Brother Michael McGovern '59
(November 2017)

Justin Randall '52
(November 2017)

Jim Daniel '58
(November 2017)

Stanley Malmon '45
(November 2017)

Larry O'Shaughnessy '39
(December 2017)

George Dorsey '45
(December 2017)

Pete Wilhoit '85
(December 2017)

Dick Collier '43
(December 2017)

John Thury '59
(December 2017)

Ronald Wallraff '48
(December 2017)

Jim O'Neill '53
(January 2018)

John Lethert '60
(January 2018)

William H. Moore '44
(January 2018)

Ed Gibbs '49
(January 2018)

Emmet McGinty '44
(January 2018)

Tim Marrinan '63
(January 2018)

John Eibert '43
(February 2018)

Chuck Holmes '44
(February 2018)

Bill Jackelen '64
(February 2018)

PATRICIA STURDIVANT ABBOTT
Mother of **Joseph Sturdivant, Jr. '77**; Widow of **Howard Abbott '43** and **Joseph Sturdivant '48**; Stepmother of **Kevin '74**, **Stephen '76**, **David '78**, and **Timothy Abbott '80**, and Wendy Abbott, former faculty/staff member; Grandmother of **Thomas O'Neill '20**; Step Grandmother of **Michael '08**, **Daniel '10**, and **Thomas Abbott '12** and **Robert Donovan '12**; Sister-in-law of **Roy Sturdivant '43**, **James '44**, **Eugene '49**, and **John Abbott '51**

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Grandfather of **Kenneth '01** and **Christopher Raway '05**

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Grandmother of **August Horner '12**

DARRYL HORSMAN
Father of **David Horsman '92**

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In Memoriam, continued

CHARLES HOUTKOOPER
Grandfather of **Maxwell Barcelow '06**

CHARLOTTE JANUSCHKA
Grandmother of **Christian Pilhofer '05**

PETER KELLY, JR.
Father of Timothy and **DeDe Kelly '80**;
Grandfather of **Coleman '12** and **William Kelly '17**

BERTON KETTLER
Grandfather of **Christopher '15**, **Matthew '17**,
and **Nicholas Kettler '20**

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Father of Patty Spahn, former faculty
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JULIE LITECKY
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MARIE MALLINGER
Grandmother of **Kenneth Lawrence '07**
and **Luke Mallinger '12**

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Mother of **Mark Peppin '94**

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Joseph '15, and **Daniel Riehm '17**

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Grandfather of **Robert Scarrella '14**

JAMES WOODS
Father of **John Woods '96**

Calendar of Events

APRIL

3/23-4/2

Easter Spring Break

1

Easter Sunday

5

Brigade Formal Inspection

6

Father/Son Mass/Fellowship/
Banquet

20

Community Auction Family Fun
Night

21

Community Auction Gala

27-29

VISTA Productions Spring Musical

MAY

4

Archbishop Review

4-6

VISTA Productions Spring Musical

6

Mother/Son Spring Mass
Luncheon

11

VISTA Band Concert

12

Military Ball

16

Awards Convocation

18

VISTA Pops Concert

21-25

Senior Service Projects

22

Military Awards Night

JUNE

4

Senior Eagle Awards

6

Graduation at Cathedral of
Saint Paul

11

Alumni Golf Tournament



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SABER

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Saint Thomas Academy Fathers' Club Presents...

2nd Annual STA Trivia Night!

Join us for a night of fun!

- Guest emcee Frank Vascellaro
- Ten questions per category with ten categories
- Special events and guests
- Cash prizes awarded
- Special events:
 - Priest raffle (priest sits at your table during Catholic Trivia questions)
 - Mulligans for sale
 - Prizes for best table decorations

- Organize your table of eight or come meet **NEW FRIENDS!**
- Food and beverages:
 - Pop, water and popcorn with admission
 - Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share

Fathers' Club proceeds will benefit the Ciresi Atrium and provide new lounge furniture.



Trivia? ?NIGHT?

April 14, 2018

Holtz Gym inside Flynn Hall

6:00 p.m.

Registration & Social

7:00-10:00 p.m.

Competition

**Tickets are \$20 in advance,
no door sales** (No Refunds)

Adults only event!

Register at: cadets.com/trivia