



St. Eugene SPIRIT

For the family and friends of St. Eugene School

Fall 2017

Guiding Hearts, Growing Minds Since 1959

What evokes the spirit of St. Eugene School for you? For alumni, is it a memory of Fr. Mackin or the impact of a teacher such as Sr. Monda, Mrs. Briski, or Mrs. Stahl? Maybe you've run into a grade school classmate recently and reminisced about First Communion, the May Crowning, or phy ed taught by Mr. Weyda. Perhaps you've reconnected on Facebook and swapped stories about playground shenanigans. You might have learned that Mrs. Tulley still keeps middle schoolers in line and that Mrs. Webster's approach to technology pays off in high school and college. "Guiding hearts, growing minds" is a fairly recent tagline for our school, but it conveys the spirit of St. Eugene's people from the very beginning through today.

If you're a parishioner or school parent, you know that the people who form today's St. Eugene community are innovators who create a climate emphasizing both faith and academics. Our Worship Circle is a one-of-a-kind, Bible story and faith sharing experience. Our Panther Way character trait program and service projects are tied to the tenets of Catholic social teaching.

The 1:1 iPad program, the first offered in the archdiocese, and recently added tech-books inspire students to greater achievement. Our expanded Learning Resource Center offers both support and challenge, to better identify and meet the needs of all learners.

To prepare for higher education and the multi-cultural workforce of their future, students are learning to think like global citizens. They study Spanish and connect with children from our Ugandan twinning parish through technology and service projects. Our school population identifies as 28% diverse and we've hosted 8th grade students from China for the past three years.



We can point to specific accomplishments as evidence of success – such as winning 1st place at the 2017 Dominican Academic Challenge or sending a team to "state" for MathCounts every year. Exemplary Recognition Awards are given to about a dozen grade schools out of 92 total across the archdiocese – and St. Eugene has earned this honor three times, for mission and Catholic identity, academic excellence, and innovative programming.

In the end, however, it's the people who make the difference – the adults who guide the learning process while surrounding the students with love and acceptance – and the children who are truly gifts to be treasured. We hope this issue of SPIRIT delivers good memories along with pride in today's St. Eugene School.



Please Join Us! Open House

**Sunday, January 28, 2018
9:30am - 1:00pm**

3K - 8th grade

**Registration for 2018-19
will begin at this event**

**Take a tour, meet the
teachers, learn about
St. Eugene School**

SES Welcomes New Priests, Faculty, and Staff

Fr. Paul Hartmann is the new parish administrator for St. Eugene and St. Monica parishes, and a priest of 23 years. Fr. Paul is also the Judicial Vicar of the archdiocese, dean of the Ozaukee-Milwaukee Northeast deanery, and past president of Catholic Memorial High School in Waukesha. Our students respond enthusiastically during his homilies at school Masses.

Fr. Andrew Linn became the associate pastor for St. Eugene and St. Monica parishes following his ordination in May of 2016. Our students eagerly anticipate his classroom visits. Fr. Andrew graduated from the University of Notre Dame and served in the U.S. Navy prior to entering the seminary.

Mrs. Lisa Badran joined our faculty in 2016 and serves as associate director of learning support.

Mrs. Badran earned undergraduate and master's degrees at Cardinal Stritch University and has 21 years of teaching experience.

Mrs. Alissa Turner brings 14 years of teaching experience to her new role as the music teacher at St. Eugene School. She previously taught at St. Matthias Parish School in Milwaukee and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Carthage College.

Mrs. Marcela Mejia became our school administrative assistant in 2016, and offers a warm and bilingual welcome to all office visitors. She served in this role previously at St. John Kanty School in Milwaukee and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Pontifical Xaverian University in Bogota, Columbia.

St. Eugene School Class of 2017



Third row: Associate Pastor Fr. Andrew Linn, Johnny Albrightson, Sean Moore, Jeremy Kobe, Ronaldo Siy, Mason Sammarco, Pastor Fr. Jerry Herda.
Second row: 8th Grade Teacher Karen Prendergast, Ray Mao, Mary Kate Denton, Lily Stebnicki, Audrey Ferrero, Maddie Mahalick, Sean Johnson,
Principal Rebecca Jones. First Row: Callen Siwicki, Maria Richmond, Chloe Quinn, Josefina Gehrke, Jack Johnson

Excited graduates, proud teachers, and beaming parents and friends filled the pews for the Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation on June 3rd, 2017. The graduates now carry the spirit of St. Eugene with them to their high schools: Brown Deer, Divine Savior Holy Angels, Dominican, Grafton, Homestead, Marquette, and Nicolet.

VALEDICTORIAN AWARD *Johnny Albrightson*

Presented to the student with the best overall grade point average during 7th and 8th grade.

MACKIN AWARD *Mary Kate Denton and Johnny Albrightson*

Presented to one female graduate and one male graduate in honor of founding pastor Fr. William H. Mackin. The recipients must demonstrate positive attributes in the areas of academic effort, athletic skill, and overall attitude.

FR. KROLL AWARD *Ronaldo Siy*

Presented in honor of Fr. Robert Kroll, S.J., a 1979 graduate of St. Eugene School, to the student who best exhibits a respect for our Catholic heritage, takes an active role in the parish community through service to others, and exemplifies Christian values.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP *Ronaldo Siy*

Council 6646 offers a two year \$250 scholarship to a student who will attend a Catholic high school, with selection based on character, leadership, service, and academics.

Keep Up With St. Eugene School News

Bookmark www.steugene.school as one of your favorites. Our website has a new design, thanks to the creativity of alum Alicia Cardenas Haugen '05. Thanks also to alumni parent Tami Sweeney and Life Productions, Inc. for the banner video capturing a day in the life of St. Eugene students.

“Like” and follow us on Facebook at Saint Eugene School (note that Saint is spelled out) to keep up with all the latest happenings.



Everyone loves art with Mrs. Ricker

Annual Fund Exceeds Goal in 2016-17

Our 2016-17 Annual Fund donors include: current St. Eugene parishioners; parents and grandparents of our current students; alumni and their parents and grandparents; and friends of families who designate St. Eugene School as the recipient of memorial gifts. We sincerely thank all of our donors for being invaluable partners in our mission.

The 2016-17 Annual Fund raised \$123,793.00. Of this total: \$16,735.00 was designated for tuition assistance; \$3,175.00 was designated for the school endowment fund; and \$103,883.00 was designated for the operating budget.

We greatly appreciate the leadership of our 2016-17 co-chairs: current school parents Liz and Jeff Mark; and alumni parents Diane and Ed Braza. Together, we exceeded our goal and contributed to another successful year of “guiding hearts, growing minds” at St. Eugene School.

Thank You 2016-17 St. Eugene School Annual Fund Donors

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St. Eugene School Mission

Within a Catholic community, St. Eugene School helps children grow in faith, character, and service, builds a foundation of academic excellence, and promotes the development of the whole child.





Sooo...what's love got to do with it?

There's a movement afoot to revive St. Eugene's musical revue tradition. The roaring successes of the 70s & 80s spark fond memories for the hundreds of parishioners who performed and participated in the past. Many St. Eugene School alumni will remember their parents performing and taking to the stage themselves! Joan Armbruster, author and director of the past shows, has written a fabulous new script, "What's Love Got to do With It?", featuring love songs from each of the decades of the 20th century.

St. Eugene's considerable talent pool has been tapped and will be rehearsing over the winter. Plan to take in one of the shows at "Club Mackin", on the 8th, 9th, and 10th of June, 2018. If you would like to join the fun of planning and production, by all means c'mon along!

Contact: Mary Anne Wawrzyn [414-352-1990](tel:414-352-1990); mwawrzyn@gmail.com.



St. Eugene School Class of 1962



Standing left to right: Bill Groeschell, Nancy Jacobsen, Christine Gahn, Candy Dondero Ben Hur, Janeen Schneider Doleschal, Cathy Fetherston Harrison, Bonnie Fredrickson Bloomquist, Seated left to right: Jeannie Smith Burke, Cassy Brooks Curtwright, Mary Fransee Springer.

Jeanne (Smith) Burke '62 and Mary (Fransee) Springer '62 shared this photo of ten classmates from the first graduating class of St. Eugene School. They were gathered at the 50th reunion of their Dominican High School class in the summer of 2016. Can you match them to the 8th graders in the composite photo?

Seeking Alumni Updates!

We are updating our records. Please send us your email address. And can you share email and home addresses for your siblings or other alums? Will you send news about your life events for sharing in future issues of SPIRIT? Please reply to Susie Desmond Nettesheim at nettesheims@steugene.school, or 414-918-1120, or 7600 N. Port Washington Rd, Fox Point, WI 53217.



Upcoming Special Events

Christmas Concert	December 19
Open House	January 28
Catholic Schools Week	Jan. 28 - Feb. 2
Grandparents/Special Friends Day	February 1
Trivia Night	February 10
Parish Dinner Auction	March 10
Living Stations of the Cross	March 27
First Eucharist	April 28
Middle School Musical	May 4-6
Spring Concert	May 16
Business Fair	May 24
Junior Olympics	May 25
Awards Assembly	May 31
Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation	June 1
Final School Day of 2017-18	June 8
Parish 2018 Arts Revue	June 8-10

Alumni Updates

Don Drees '77 is president of Seton Catholic Schools in Milwaukee. Seton is a newly formed collaborative network of 26 urban, Catholic, elementary schools serving over 8,000 students.

Mia Jaekels Vlaar '77 will serve as the new economic development director of the town of Vail, CO beginning January 1st. She has served in corporate, government, and nonprofit marketing and management roles since moving to Vail Valley in 1988.

Christin Cilento Ladky '87 founded City Tins to encourage support for locally-owned restaurants, bars, and performing arts venues. Learn more about this popular holiday gift at citytins.com, and shop for coupon tins for the Milwaukee, Madison, Cedarburg, and Fox Valley areas. Christin and her business partner have donated \$300,000 to nonprofits over the past six years. St. Eugene Home & School Association is a recent (and grateful) fundraising partner.

Nyama Sillah '97 is a surgeon with Aurora Health Care in Milwaukee. She provides plastic and reconstructive surgery as well as cosmetic and aesthetic treatments.

Conor Sweeney '99 serves as public affairs analyst for Elliott Advisors (UK) Limited in London, England, where he now lives with his wife Ruth and three daughters.

Matt Kees '02 recently joined von Briesen & Roper law firm's Green Bay office. His law practice focuses on litigation and risk management.



In Memory

St. Eugene School community extends our sympathies to the family and friends of our alumni...

Katherine (Denton) Almond '83

Michael Briski '79

Christopher Gahn '63

Carson Remington '76

Katherine Slattery '04

Susan (Schmitz) Jensen Tavolier '78

Frederick Young '74

St. Eugene SPIRIT is honored to publish memorials. Please send notices to nettesheims@steugene.school or St. Eugene School SPIRIT, 7600 N. Port Washington Rd, Fox Point, WI 53271

Catie Lane '04 lives in Los Angeles, and is employed as an assistant stylist for RandM. She helps create red carpet looks and music videos for Gwen Stefani, Carson Daly, and other Hollywood and media stars.

Kate Slattery '04 authored *Fly with Maya: A Story About Engineers Around the World* to inspire children to explore the world and the way things work. She hoped to show young girls in particular that they can grow up to be engineers. Learn more at www.flywithmaya.com and consider purchasing a copy for a child in your life.

Rachel Morello '06 joined WUWM-FM in January as the station's first education reporter. Previously, she covered education for public radio and television stations in Indiana.

Emma Logman '07 is working on a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling at Northeastern Illinois University and recently authored a chapter on siblings of individuals with disabilities for a psychology handbook.

Wyatt Veseth '08 is a four year football letterman and graduate of St. Norbert College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and a minor in Spanish. He also graduated from the Fox Valley Police Academy and is now a public safety officer with the Ashwaubenon Department of Public Safety.

Erin Fons '09 will graduate this month from Colorado State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in natural resource management and minors in restoration ecology and conservation biology. During the summer, she worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a certified wild land, type 2 fire fighter.

Jane Hudson '14 is a member of the combined robotics team of students from Divine Savior Holy Angels High School and Marquette University High School. Recently, she served as student director for the FIRST Lego League robotics competition attended by Milwaukee area grade school teams, including the award-winning St. Eugene team.

Ronaldo Siy '17 earned a merit-based high school scholarship from the Pompeii Men's Club of Milwaukee. He is a freshman at Marquette University High School.



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