



St. Eugene School
Guiding hearts, growing minds

St. Eugene **SPiRiT**

for the family and friends of St. Eugene School

Fall 2022



LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!

The 2021-22 school year was marked by a return to normalcy and the return of FUN in the form of our beloved St. Eugene traditions. Our students went on field trips, participated in sports, and sang in our musical.

While the previous two years showed that our students and teachers can handle anything, this past year reminded us what really makes our school special...our cherished community and all the varied ways in which we educate our students in mind, body, and SPIRIT. Read on for a glimpse of all the hard work we did and all of the fun we had.

***“And over all these put on love. Let the peace of Christ control your hearts.
And be thankful.” ~ Colossians 3:14-15***

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.



Back row: Fr. Jordan Berghouse, Principal Rebecca Jones, Rose Fleisch, Teresa Kenfack, Isabel Villarreal, Mrs. Sarah Johnston
Front row: Abe Ryan, Emma Picado, Eliana Igwike, Alyssa Pair, Isaac Tomczuk

Our graduates celebrated Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation on June 3, 2022. They were blessed to be able to attend graduation dinner following the ceremony for the first time since 2019. While a bittersweet day for our graduates, it was a beautiful celebration filled with the joy of being together. We wish them all the best as the venture forth to attend high school at Nicolet, University School, Divine Savior Holy Angels, and Moe and Gene Johnson High School in Austin, Texas.

Congratulations to our award winners from the Class of 2022.

MACKIN AWARD: Rose Fleisch and Isaac Tomczuk

The Mackin Award is presented in honor of Fr. William H. Mackin, founding pastor of St. Eugene Congregation and School. The recipients must demonstrate positive attributes in the areas of academic effort and achievement, athletic skill, and overall attitude.

FR. KROLL AWARD: Teresa Kenfack

The Fr. Kroll Award is 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: Rose Fleisch

Council 4706 offers a \$500 scholarship to a student who will attend a Catholic high school, with selection based on character, leadership, service, and academics.

***...and we cannot forget these little students!
The 5K class moved on to first grade!***





In sports news, our track team was very successful in three area track meets.

Our seventh/eighth grade girls volleyball team made it to the Seton Volleyball Tournament Championship.



4K Springtime Fun

Much like the plants they learned about, our 4K class has GROWN so much! They sang a song and made snacks for their parents at their spring garden party.

Musical Theater is Back

After not performing a musical since 2020, our middle school was overjoyed to perform Disney's *Aladdin Jr.* in April, 2022.



Thank You and God Bless

Mrs. Allene Ricker, art teacher here at St. Eugene School for 29 years, has retired. She will be fondly remembered by her students for her enthusiasm and creativity, as well as her "Arty Parties," annual Art Fair, and her belief that any student can be an artist.



We also said goodbye to Mrs. Debi Logman, our second grade teacher, after 25 years. She is known and loved for how beautifully she prepared her students to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist each year.



Finally, Mr. Chris Winge, our Phy. Ed and Health teacher of 24 years has moved on to another teaching opportunity. The students will miss his enthusiasm for sports and fitness and how he never passed up an opportunity to get in the game.



Living Stations of the Cross

The middle school students blessed us with a moving reenactment of Jesus' Road to Calvary during Lent.



Welcome, New Teachers

We welcome with joy four new teachers to our esteemed faculty. Featured from left to right, Ms. Jenny Grajek, third grade, Mr. Dakota Prozanski, P.E., health, and athletic director, and Mrs. Sherie Drees, art. Ms. Alexandra Vega (not featured) is our new Spanish teacher.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Meg Noyes '63 and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this summer. They have three children and ten grandchildren. They live in Mequon.

Steve Carter '66 is retired after 35 years in the tech industry and 10 years as a business administrator in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he lives with his wife, Joanne. He is currently doing pro bono work as a director on two non-profit boards. He recently celebrated the first birthday of his first grandchild.



Nicholas Melin '92 was appointed by General Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the U.S.A., as his Chief of Staff for Southeast Asia and Oceania. He was previously at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, India where he was engaged in planning India's defense strategy.

Nyama Sillah '97 has returned to St. Eugene, this time as a parent. Her son Jafara (JJ) is in 4K this year. She also has a daughter, Sienna who will enter 3K in fall of 2023. Following medical school and an Aesthetics fellowship at Harvard, Nyama and her husband Joe returned to settle in Mequon. She is a plastic surgeon with Advocate Aurora and Joe is a civil engineer with Vierbicher.



Sillah family featuring Nyama '97 and B.A. '04

Maggie Nettlesheim '03 is a senior associate attorney in King and Spalding's London office. She is both US- and UK-qualified with a global practice in government investigations and special matters.

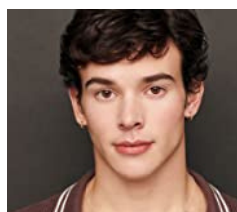
B.A. Sillah '04 is the Chief Operating Officer of Avesta76 Therapeutic and a partner at Brock Capital. He sits on the External Review Committee of Ben Franklin Technology Partners and the Investment Committee of the Penn Medicine/Wharton Fund for Health. He is also an Executive-in-Residence at the Drexel School of Biomedical Engineering. He currently resides in Philadelphia after attending Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania where he earned an MD and MBA.

Michael Nettlesheim '06 and his wife Alyssa are living in Chicago where he is a vice president at private equity firm Madison Dearborn Partners.

Sara Nettlesheim '07 is a senior consultant at Kantar Consulting, advising global brands on consumers in foreign markets. She lives in Chicago and is also studying psychology in a post-graduate program at Northwestern University.

Aislinn O'Dwyer '09 works at the National Electrostatics Corporation designing and building particle accelerators for universities, research facilities, and companies around the world.

Luke Richmond and **Sarah Marowski**, both class of 2012, who were engaged last year, have set a wedding date of June 15, 2024. They plan to be married at St. Eugene with a reception at Discovery World. Sarah is in medical school at the Medical College of Wisconsin and Luke is pursuing a master's degree in computer engineering at Marquette University.



Jarred Manista '15 appeared in the Disney movie *Better Nate Than Ever* and in season 3 of the Disney series *High School Musical The Musical The Series*. He performed on Broadway from December, 2019 until March, 2020 in a modern version of *West Side Story*, which had to halt production due to COVID. He danced for the 2021 Video Music Awards as well as the Billboard Awards in 2022.

St. Eugene

**SAVE
THE DATE**

DINNER AND AUCTION
SHULLEY'S WATERMARK
THEINSVILLE

**APRIL 29,
2023**

In Memorium



We remember in prayer those members of our community we lost this year.

Jan Schmedeman - Music teacher from 1997 until 2014.

Nancy Carter - Mother of **Haley Carter Gerding '07**, **Ryan Carter '11**, and **Harrison Carter '16**.

Joe Zancanaro - Grandfather of **Joseph Prus '16** and **Jacob Prus**.

*Grant to them eternal rest. Let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Diego Beisser '18 was a finalist for the Multi Ethnic Parent Association scholarship at Nicolet High School. This is an advocacy group charged with creating and supporting academic achievement and social development in an evolving, culturally intelligent learning environment.

Paul Firsan '18 was named salutatorian of Dominican High School's class of 2022. He was also named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist.

Rose O'Keeffe '18 won a Jerry Award for Outstanding Lead Performance for her role in Dominican High School's musical *Xanadu*.

Sophia Kleinmann '20 won a Jerry Spirit Award for her performance in Dominican High School's musical *Xanadu*.

Emily Igwike '20 (featured below, far left) was selected as one of only five National Student Poets for her submission to the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. She received this award from Dr. Jill Biden at the White House for her poem entitled *how i met the sun*.



Students with first lady Jill Biden pose during an event in honor of the Class of 2022 National Student Poets Program on Sept. 27, 2022. CREDIT: AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Anastasia Finley '21 was chosen to receive the Knights of Columbus scholarship.

Nicholas Pienkos '21, a Marquette University High School sophomore, was selected to compete in two national forensics tournaments over the summer - the National Catholic Forensic League tournament in Washington, DC and the National Speech and Debate Association tournament in Louisville, KY.

ST. EUGENE SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

January 29, 2023
9:30 am - 1:00 pm

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