



St. Eugene SPIRIT

For the family and friends of St. Eugene School

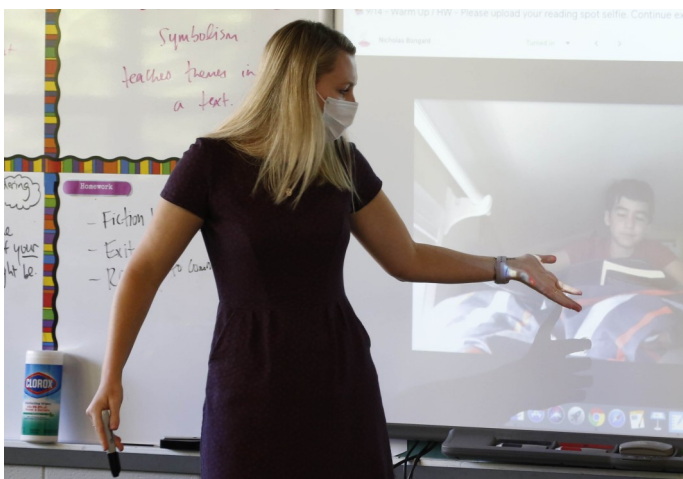
Fall 2020



2020: A Year to Remember

We know, we know, 2020 is a year many would like to forget. At St. Eugene School, however, we are counting our blessings during this time of Thanksgiving and Advent.

We are thankful for our teachers and administrators. Their innovation and dedication allow us to offer school in-person, five days a week, while also providing synchronous learning to the students who need to stay home. They teach in masks and behind shields. They involve synchronous students visible on whiteboards and they take specialty materials to classrooms on carts to avoid multiple cohorts using the same art or music room. They broadcast story time from the library and plan “at school” field trips. If they need to quarantine and are feeling up to it, they continue to teach remotely from home. Above all, they demonstrate, and therefore motivate our students to apply, a growth mindset.



We are thankful for our students. From the kindergarten cohorts to the middle school science lab, they wear their masks all day without complaint. (Hard to believe - but true, 99% of the time.) To limit their exposure, they sit 3-6 feet apart in assigned seats, they enter and exit the building in lines spaced apart, they study under a tent for outdoor classes, they eat cold lunch in their classrooms, and they sanitize, sanitize, sanitize. They apply their growth mindset and adapt with admirable resilience.

We are thankful for our school families. They live up to our safety protocols every day, using our Covid-screener on the new school app before 7:30 am. They share ideas on our Panther Way Facebook group, but also respect privacy when someone is sick or quarantining. They plan virtual Panther Olympics, virtual costume contests, and festive car parades. They offer spiritual bouquets and many other treats to encourage our teachers. They stay positive when disappointed about co-curriculars and athletics put on hold by the pandemic.

We are thankful for our community of believers, including parishioners, alumni and their parents, grandparents, and other friends. They join us in praying for a successful and safe year. They share expertise on medical matters, participate in our “virtual living rosary” and school Masses over Facebook Live, and contribute to our Annual Fund for the many unusual expenses this year.



As winter approaches, we recognize that community spread might impact our school. We are thankful for the employees of the North Shore Health Department. Their expertise, contact tracing, guidance, and moral support are exemplary. Please join us in praying for them in the months ahead, and in praying for all in our school family.

We will never forget 2020, the year of so many changes and challenges. Yet, our mission remains constant and drives us forward every day, thankful for all who join us in “guiding hearts and growing minds” at St. Eugene School.

St. Eugene School Class of 2020



Second row: Fr. Paul Hartmann, Fr. Jordan Berghouse, Anthony Smith, John Stebnicki, Principal Rebecca Jones
 First row: Sophia Kleinmann, Ryan Gould, Josh Gehrke, Emily Drifka, Dylan Rice, Sean Melloch, Emily Igwicki

The long anticipated Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation were held on July, 31, 2020. Photoshop magic created this composite picture from individual (socially distant) photos. Our newest alumni will attend these high schools: Dominican, Marquette, Nicolet, and University School.

MACKIN AWARD *Sophia Kleinmann and John Stebnicki*

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 academic effort, athletic skill, and overall attitude.

FR. KROLL AWARD *Ryan Gould*

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 *Ryan Gould*

Council 6646 offers a \$500 scholarship to a student who will attend a Catholic high school, with selection based on character, leadership, service, and academics.

Our 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.

ANNUAL FUND EXCEEDS GOAL IN 2019-20

Thank you to all of our 2019-20 Annual Fund donors for generously helping us to provide an exemplary, Catholic education at St. Eugene School. The 2019-20 Annual Fund raised \$137,045.00, setting a new record and exceeding our goal of \$105,000.00. The Annual Fund contributes to the annual school budget, tuition assistance, and the school endowment.

Congratulations and thank you to our 2019-20 Annual Fund Chairs, current school parents Tom and Beth Anderson, for guiding our campaign. In addition to current school parents, our Annual Fund donors include St. Eugene parishioners, grandparents of current students, alumni and their parents and grandparents, and friends of families who graciously designate St. Eugene School as the recipient of memorial gifts. Several corporations and foundations also donate, primarily through programs matching their employees' gifts to the Annual Fund. We sincerely appreciate the Andersons and *all of our donors*, especially during this time of pandemic, for being invaluable partners in our mission.

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...and "with thanks for the excellent education provided by St. Eugene School."

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Academic Excellence
Innovative Programs
Educating the Whole Student**



Middle school students presented The Lion King, Jr. on the last day before switching to virtual learning due to the pandemic, Friday, March 13, 2020.





Mrs. Katie Dewey, Ms. Toni Robaczek, Mrs. Debi Logman, Principal Rebecca Jones, Mrs. Danielle Santori, Mrs. Sharon Webster, Mrs. Cathy Bartkowski

Faculty Shine as Kohl Fellows

Last spring, the Kohl Education Foundation recognized 5K teacher Danielle Santori for excellence in the teaching profession. Our school now has seven Kohl Fellowship recipients - a testament to the talent and dedication of our faculty.

We Welcome New Teachers

Ms. Madison Aprahamian: Spanish teacher
 Ms. Hillary Schneider: guidance counselor
 Ms. Laurie Stephan: 3K teacher
 Ms. Christina Ortwin-Callender: 3K aide
 Ms. Mary Woytych: 3K aide, extended care
 Ms. Anna Wessel: middle school social studies teacher while Mrs. Conery is on maternity leave welcoming daughter Madison to the family

Who's Who?

Can you match these smiling faces to the alumni on the next page? Answers at the bottom of page 6.



St. Eugene School
 Guiding hearts, growing minds

LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW YEAR!



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

Julie Egner	Class of 1974
Thomas Meitner	Class of 1969
Arlette Platt	SES Librarian
Betty Jane Ryan	SES Teacher
Marjorie Feerick Schlosser	SES Teacher

Alumni Updates

John Kraniak '63 is the membership director for the Natural Resources Foundation of WI and hosts a radio program of classic jazz on WORT-FM in Madison. He has served on boards of several fine arts organizations and performed on guitar in a touring band.

Mike Mullaney '65 served as a Navy pilot, followed by 24 years as a Delta Airlines pilot, followed by civil service as a safety team program manager with the FAA. He retired last spring and with wife Blanche moved from the Atlanta area to Daytona Beach.

Terry Mullaney '66 spent his career predominantly in the insurance industry with the final chapter as assistant vice president/senior account executive with Willis Towers Watson in Dallas. While still adjusting to retirement, he enjoys time spent hunting.

K'Ann Mullaney Schnettler '72 and husband Kurt live in Appleton, WI and work together at Contract Converting where K'Ann is the controller.

Cathy Wolfe Bell '73 spent most of her 28 years in nursing as a RN in the post anesthesia care unit at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, MT. With husband Hunter, she has retired in Ely, MN. She creates handwoven items, wearable and for the home. Learn more at cbhandwovens.com.

Jim Jerskey '74 and his family enjoy living in the Twin Cities metro area where he is an attorney. He returns to Milwaukee periodically to look up old friends, including fellow SES alums.

Mary Beth Butscher Wisniewski '76 is a therapist and associate director of the Wellness Center at Cardinal Stritch University and serves the Franciscan Pilgrimage Program as outreach liaison.

Trish Jennings Ullrich '76 is carrying on a family tradition with her sister Maggie Jennings Beach as the owners of NexJenn, specializing in commercial real estate management, revitalization, and development in southeastern WI.

Jessica Klaver '92 is a clinical and forensic psychologist in private practice and senior director of behavioral health services at The Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment services in NYC.

Annie Klaver '93 is the creator and owner of River Queen Voyages on the Cumberland River in TN. Also, her on air persona is the "River Queen" DJ on Nashville's Lightning 100 radio station.

Annie Palmer McDermott '99 received her Doctorate of Nursing Practice from UW-Madison in 2016 and

works at Seattle Children's Hospital. She enjoys the Pacific NW with husband Drew and toddler Sophia.

Laura Gainer '02 earned a Master's in Architecture and Urban Planning from UW-Milwaukee and is now a designer for Zimmerman Architectural Studios. She lives on Milwaukee's east side and coaches a girls team at Heiligel Huegel Ski Club.

Philip LaRosa '03 and wife Anna live in Pittsburgh. Phil is a civil engineer with Traffic Planning & Design. **Elizabeth Mueller '04** spent three years as a traveling RN and now is an oncology nurse at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. She ran the Chicago Marathon in 2019 and serves on an alumnae board for Saint Mary's College, IN.

Greg Wisniewski '06 lives in Philadelphia and works as an intake specialist for Rogers Behavioral Health. He still loves basketball. Go Panthers!

Lauren LaRosa '07 is a RN at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago and travels the world with fellow nurse and SES classmate **Samantha Lautmann '07**.

Kevin Wisniewski '07 is deputy chief of staff for New York State Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi. He lives in NYC and will always love the Yankees and Mrs. Boyle's St. Eugene School library.

Zach Armstrong '09 earned a B.A. in international relations from the University of British Columbia in 2017. He is fluent in German and resided in Munich, Hamburg, and Berlin for internships and employment. He is now studying for an M.S. in applied economics at the University of Innsbruck, Austria.

Adam Armstrong '11 graduated from U of St. Thomas in 2019 with degrees in finance and real estate. He is a portfolio analyst in Minneapolis with Dominionium and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity.

Peter Ullrich '11 graduated from UW-Madison and is now working toward a master's in global health from Northwestern University. He works as a research assistant with a surgeon at Northwestern Hospital.

Tom Wisniewski '11 lives in Helena, Montana where he attended Carroll College and works at the Mediterranean Grill. He is ready for the snowboard season and gives a shout out to all his St. Eugene teachers.

Catherine LaRosa '13 is a senior on the Dean's List at Creighton University, double majoring in marketing and social entrepreneurship. She interns at Medica, a health insurance company, and is director of service and philanthropy for her sorority.

Isabel Ullrich '14 attends the School of Journalism at UW-Madison and will graduate in May of 2022.

Gabe Armstrong '15 is a sophomore in the Business School at Marquette University, focusing on sales and commercial real estate.

Peter Ying '16 was the first of several Chinese exchange students to attend St. Eugene School. He graduated with honors from Dominican H.S. and now attends Milwaukee School of Engineering.

Mason Sammarco '17 is a senior at Dominican H.S. and last year won the statewide Jerry Award as outstanding lead performer in the musical *Bright Star*.

St. Eugene SPIRIT is seeking alumni updates. Help us locate your siblings and classmates. We are also honored to publish memorials. Please share notices and information with Susie Desmond Nettesheim at nettesheims@steugene.school, 414-918-1120.