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## Dear SMHS family,

How does one follow up on the excitement of our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year? With an even more exciting 126<sup>th</sup>! This school year started with great energy, enthusiasm and several inspiring moments. Ninety-six freshmen and several transfer students joined the Pirate family and helped boost our enrollment to 356 students. The Swashbuckler in August welcomed the entire community 'back to school,' with a mass and barbeque for families, and dance for the students. And who in attendance will forget our opening pep rally with our new pep band, drum line, and the distribution of spirit shirts? It has been inspiring to see those shirts worn at various sporting events. We've even seen them pop up around town, clearly demonstrating Pirate Pride.

We are blessed with an amazing group of students, dedicated faculty, tireless administrators, and supportive parents and benefactors. Several times we have had the opportunity to catch up with alumni who have dropped by the school this fall. It is wonderful to have previous generations of St. Mary's students return and share where God has led them. We encourage all alumni to take advantage of our school website to report updates and special events in your lives. You continue to be important members of the Pirate family and we are proud of you.

Our new President/Principal leadership model, now several months old, is off to a great start, thanks in large part to our outstanding new principal, Mrs. Tammy Emerich. We are confident in her leadership and excited to have her guiding the education of our youth. Mrs. Emerich shares a common vision with the School Board and President and, together, we are all committed to uniting our individual gifts in service of St. Mary's. Learn more about Mrs. Emerich in the article on page 4.

While Mrs. Emerich will focus on continuing to enhance the academic and co-curricular offerings to our students, the President and the Board will work with the rest of the administration to raise the bar as we fulfill our mission to help our students grow in mind, body, and spirit. Catholic secondary education is unique. While other schools may offer great academics, and some may even offer 'values-based education,' we are the one school in Southern Colorado that has a mission designed to help each student become the fullness of the person whom God created. This is a Sacred Trust, and each of us is committed to doing our part to fulfill that trust. As the only Catholic high school in Southern Colorado, we will find ways to offer a St. Mary's education to a wider range of students. We will continue to enhance both our academic foundation and our formation of faith. We will enhance our financial security, so that as we improve our offerings, care for our dedicated faculty, and continue to make a Catholic secondary education



Wearing one of the new Pirate Pride shirts is Sophomore Curtis Torrence.



President Dave Camous greets former school and foundation board member Leroy Hoelting at the annual Golf Classic.

affordable for as many as possible.

Our goals are challenging. Yet, when we come together as the St. Mary's family, there is nothing beyond our reach. We are clear in our need to partner selflessly in the service of the mission of our school. None of us can do this alone, and we need every member of our community to join together to achieve all God will call us to in the years ahead. Parents, students, faculty, staff, alumni and benefactors, all have a critical role to play. Every Catholic in Southern Colorado should stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the St. Mary's family in support of the Church's mission of educating our youth.

We are united in support of this Sacred Trust and our next 125 years is off to a tremendous start!

Christ's Peace,

Deacon Dave  
President



Ky McCarty  
Chairman of the Board



Board members Ky McCarty and Paco Burrell share a cart at the annual St. Mary's Golf Classic.

Thanks to Dennis Giannangeli '75, Cheryl Loetscher '67, Kathy Moss Munson '62, Pam Schearer '69, Mary Griffin '69, Dave Pettina '70, Charlotte Hentges Bonham '70, and Susan Burke Griebel who helped us identify the people in the Reading Honors Seminar that was sponsored by Susan and Garitt Griebel '61.

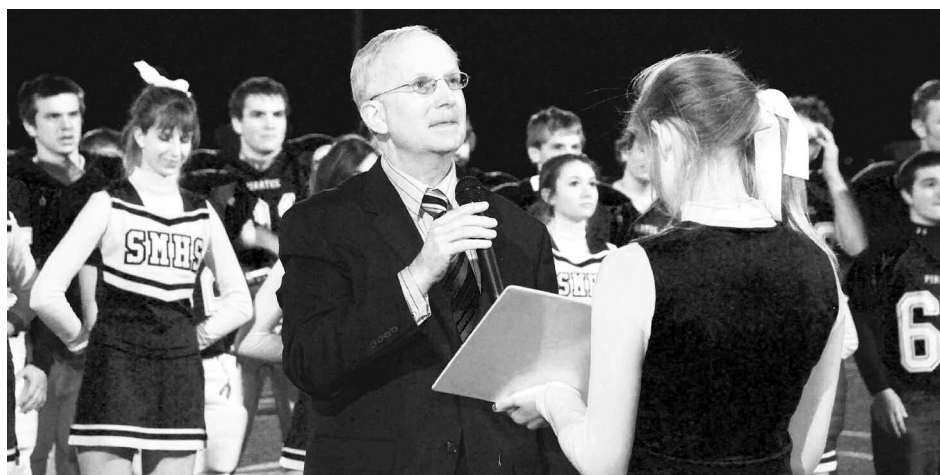


Front row: Richard Karcich '70, Charlotte Bonham '70, Grace Whiteley '69, Rob Cochran '69, Jan Carle '69, Steve Clark '69, and Bob Rottman '69

Back row: Susan Burke Griebel (faculty), Linda Lamz '70, Charolette Hentges '70, Barbara Karcich '70, John McGrath '69, Sue Loetscher '69, Garitt Griebel '61 (faculty), and Mike Keaveny '69.

#### *On the cover:*

SMHS students can choose to participate in seven fall sports. Pictured: Back row (from left) Sydney Harris '11 (cross country), Kylie Cornella '11 (volleyball), Lauren Hemann '11 (cheerleading); Front row: Nick Cipoletti '11 (football), Joe Morales'12 (soccer), and Teja Rivera '13 (softball).



Dave Camous speaks at Homecoming during the rededication of the cross from the original school.

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# New principal appreciates SMHS community spirit

## SMHS begins 126<sup>th</sup> year with new principal

For Tamara Emerich, accepting the position as St. Mary's principal feels like coming home. A native of the San Luis Valley, a graduate of Centauri High School and Adams State College, Emerich is glad to be back in Colorado where she is closer to family. She has wonderful memories of growing up on her family's cattle ranch with her four brothers. Her parents are still ranching, and her brothers all live in Colorado.

"We were always outside working or playing," she recalled. "It was a good life."

At Centauri High School she played volleyball and basketball. Her third broken ankle ended her volleyball career. Disappointed but not deterred, she decided to become a coach as well as a teacher and returned to coach varsity volleyball at Centauri High after college graduation.

Emerich taught English and coached volleyball at Antonito for a year and a half before she and her husband Mike, who she had met at Adams State, decided to move to the Northwest where his family lives.

In Boise, Idaho, Emerich taught English and coached high school

volleyball and basketball at Centennial High School. During her career, she has taught English classes ranging from Title 1 reading, a class for children with learning challenges, to Advanced Placement Literature and Language, a college level class for high school students. While teaching and coaching, she also earned a master's degree in English from Boise State.

In 1999 Emerich was asked to join the design team for the Meridian Charter School. "We wanted to deliver education differently. We looked at best practices to develop a concept and project based curriculum. Integration across the core subject areas was a definite focus. Our target students were those who did well on standardized tests but were not necessarily getting good grades – they were falling through the cracks of the public school system," she explained. Emerich was tasked with writing the curriculum for the new school using the best practices the team studied. She found the most rewarding aspect of being on the design team was being able to impact students' education and being valued as a professional educator.

Being at Meridian confirmed her belief that setting expectations and giving students support allows them to meet those expectations. She taught at Meridian, whose enrollment is 200, until last spring. It was during this tenure that Emerich says she "learned the value of a small school." When she visited St. Mary's, she saw the same positive environment. "St. Mary's has a sense of community and great teachers who show incredible dedication



Principal Emerich helps Judy Mulligan (left) and Jo Morton at the St. Mary's Golf tournament.

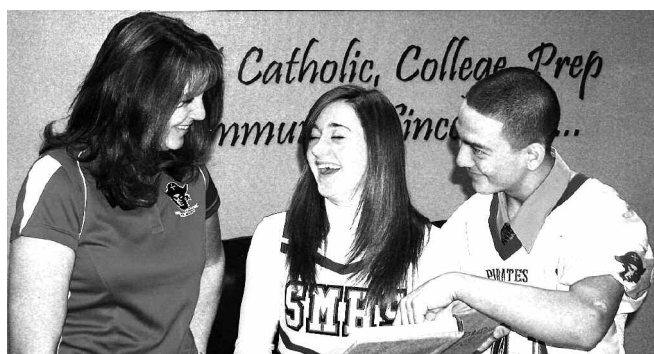
to their students. It's amazing," Emerich observed. The opportunity to share faith, she believes, also adds to the closeness of the school, and she is very happy to be in an environment where the expression of faith is a part of each day.

Emerich, who will complete the last three classes for her degree in Educational Leadership at the University of Idaho in 2011, sees the role of principal as part of a collaborative process. The principal should be supportive – "How can I help you do your job?"

Kathy Moyer, a school counselor who worked with Emerich for five years at Centennial High School, says, "Tammy will be an excellent role model for the girls at St. Mary's. She has grace and poise, and she is a skilled athlete who stays in good physical condition. She is comfortable with who she is."

Mike Biondini '66, SMHS counselor and part of the principal search committee, was impressed with Emerich's professionalism and cordial manner when she visited last spring and has seen those same qualities this fall. "It's obvious from her career path that secondary education is near and dear to her heart. She's introduced initiatives and ideas that will enhance the education students receive at SMHS."

Emerich is already working with the faculty on fine tuning the scope and sequence of the curriculum. More about this process can be read in her first column as principal which will appear in the next *Pirates' Treasure Magazine*.



Although much of her job involves meetings and office work, Tammy Emerich most enjoys opportunities to interact with students.



## On Campus

# New biology class heads for the fields and hills

Last year SMHS science teacher Mary Williams sat in the summer class Teaching the Environment Naturally, taught by the Division of Wildlife, thinking how much fun it would be to take students on field trips every day to learn about biology at a lake, or creek, or at Garden of the Gods.

"We have lots of ecosystems on the Front Range," Williams explained. "I thought it would be fun to take students to see them. It's so much better than just reading about them in a book or watching a DVD."

People who know Williams know that she isn't one to just think about a good idea. She takes action. So, she proposed a summer class to the administration, and last June St. Mary's added a new half-credit class, Field Biology, to the summer line-up.

"Summer is the perfect time for the class. You can't take students on field trips every day during the year. They miss too much school. We were able to be gone all day every day during the summer class. It gave us plenty of time to do in-depth study."

It's one thing to read about sedimentation in a textbook, but slogging through three feet of mud at Manitou Lake and seeing how sedimentation occurs and builds up gives students a real-life understanding of the process.

"I liked going someplace different everyday, hiking, and having hands-on-experiences," commented Kendra Tyboroski '11. One of those experiences was testing water samples for pH, temperature, iron, sulfates, alkalinity, oxygen, turbidity, and dissolved solids.

"We tested water in Fountain Creek, Sinton Pond, Templeton Gap Waterway, and Manitou Lake," explained Nick Cipoletti '10. Although that was interesting,

Nick's favorite field trip was the one to the quarry by the Florissant Fossil Beds where students successfully dug for fossils.

Cipoletti agreed with Tyboroski that it was a fun class. "I'd recommend it to underclassmen, especially if they're interested in science," Cipoletti commented. "Hands-on learning is more challenging than reading about things in the book where everything is laid out for you. When it's hands-on learning, you have to figure things out for yourself. You may think you know something [when you read about it in a book]. Actually doing it is more difficult than it seems, but you understand it more."

From calculating the quality of pasture land at Chico Basin Ranch by cutting and weighing an area of grass to determine how many acres of this pasture land would be required to support one cow to observing wolves at the Wolf and Wildlife Center near Divide, the students had a good time.

"Students visited four different ecosystems, tested water, learned to geocache, hiked, observed, photographed, learned scientific names, identified common species in each ecosystem, observed wolves, foxes, and red-tailed hawks, made casts of sand hill crane tracks, learned about Division of Wildlife careers, and even had some Popeye's sweet tea one day," said Williams. "It was just as enjoyable for me as it was for the students." One souvenir of the class, a cow head skeleton, resides in Ms. Hanshew's anatomy class.

"It was my favorite class at SMHS so far," said Tyboroski. "The hardest part of the class was the final exam. Remembering all the Latin names was really challenging."



Charlie Williams and Nick Cipoletti "graze," simulating a cow by cutting off grass and figuring how much grass would be needed to feed a cow for a year.



Colleen Walker learns how to use a GPS before beginning the day's hike.



Kendra Tyboroski studies the smell of sage.



From left Charlie Williams, Michael Flores, Kendra Tyboroski, Theresa Lachiewicz, Colleen Walker, and Nick Cipoletti hike through Garden of the Gods studying geology and biology.



Michael Flores, Colleen Walker, Kendra Tyboroski look for fossils in paper shale at a private quarry near Florissant Fossil Beds.

## On Campus

### Advanced Placement Students Score Well

During the 2009-2010 school year, 49% of the junior and senior classes took at least one of the seven Advanced Placement classes offered at SMHS. Seventy percent of those students scored high enough to earn college credit at most schools. Three classes did exceptionally well: 100% of the AP Chemistry and AP Language students scored high enough (three or better on a five-point scale) to earn college credit. In each of these classes ten students earned perfect scores of five on a five-point scale. In the AP Literature class 94% of the students scored high enough to merit credit at most colleges.

In addition, five students, **Catherine Cichon '10**, **Logan Flewellen '10**, **William Wheeler '10**, **Matt Bucher '10**, and **Amy Klopfenstein '10** were named Scholars With Distinction for earning an average score of 3.5 or better on all exams and a score of three or higher on at least five exams. Three students, **Lily Donelson '10**, **Lauren Heery '11**, and **Patrick Scally '10** were named Scholars With Honor for earning an average of at least 3.25 on all exams taken and a three or better on four exams. About 18% of the 1.8 million students worldwide taking the exams qualify for these awards. In addition, 19 students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with scores of three or higher. These AP Scholars are current seniors **Melissa Baldauff**, **Emily Murphy**, **Peter Rottenborn**, **Lauren Heery**, **Renata Bucher**, and **Jordan Burns** and from the class of 2010 **Lauren Cross**, **Brogan Barr**, **Madeline Francis**, **Rebecca Haile**, **Samantha Jung**, **Katie Loof**, **Melissa Matiatos**, **Sarah Palma**, **Zachary Peterson**, **Kathleen Raskob**, **Robert Rivera**, **Angela Shooner**, **Teresa Reilly**, and **Alice Wille**.

The *Jolly Roger* was awarded First Place-Best in Show for their September issue at the Autumn Colorado High School Press Association state conference at Colorado State University. Senior **Lauren Heery** garnered three first place awards for her news writing. Juniors **Liz Easton** and **Mercedes Santana** received first place awards for writing and graphic illustrations in an alternative story form. Senior **Nick Padrnos** won first place for a sports feature article and senior and senior **Jordan Burns** earned third place for a sports personality feature article.

The Environmental Club received a \$1,000 grant from Samsung for collecting used cell phones and accessories for recycling. SMHS was one of 50 schools nationwide, and the only Colorado school, to receive the grant.

SMHS has a new SMART Board Interactive Whiteboard and a \$500 digital grant won as a part of Discovery Education's Web 20.10 sweepstakes.

SMHS Forensics Coach Dave Camous received the National Forensics League Diamond Award which recognizes a coach's professional career that combines excellence and longevity. He and the other recipients will be recognized next June at the 2011 NFL National Speech and Debate Tournament in Dallas, Texas.



S. Harris '11



Sweeney '13



S. Harris '11



Z. Harris '11

• **Sydney Harris '11**, **Zoe Harris '11**, **Bria Sweeney '13**, and **Georden West '11** were named Colorado Springs Mayor's 100 Teens. It is a program to honor area teens who have achieved significant accomplishments or overcome challenges.

• **Melissa Baldauff '11** and **Jordan Burns '11** have each been named a Commended Student in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2011 competition by taking the 2009 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).



Baldauff '11 and Burns '11

• At the National Cheerleading Association summer camp SMHS Cheerleaders (from left) **Annemarie Nicieza '13**, **Rachel Hemann '14**, and **Lauren Hemann '11** were named to the NCA All Americans, the most prestigious award in cheerleading. Rachel and Lauren are the daughters of Mike Hemann '81.



Nicieza '13, Hemann '14, and Hemann '11

• Watching the television show "Everest Beyond the Limit" inspired **Eric Sanguenza '13** to climb mountains. He went online to learn how he might learn to climb. He trained through Alpen Quest, and became familiar with using crampons and other gear. As he learned more about the sport, he set a goal: climb all 54 peaks in Colorado over 14,000 feet. On May 17, 2007, thirteen-year-old Eric, with the help and guidance of experienced climbers reached the top of his first fourteener, Quandry Peak.



Sanguenza '13

"Getting used to the mental and physical pain was the hardest part of climbing," Eric, who is also a running back and outside linebacker for the Pirate football team, explained. "Climbing really takes a toll on your body."

But the pain did not deter Sanguenza. A few days before returning to classes at SMHS this summer, he reached the top of his 54th fourteener, South Maroon. In a little over three years he had achieved his goal. Oh, yes, and the day before his ascent of South Maroon to achieve his goal, he climbed to the top of 14,000+ foot German Peak for the third time. His next goal: skiing all 54 fourteeners in Colorado.

Photo by Tracy Hemann

Photo by Rebecca Sanguenza



## On Campus

# Cove is the Heart of St. Mary's

Colleen Wilkes has made the Cove a friendly center for 23 years

Most students agree that The Cove is more than a place to eat; it is the social center of St. Mary's High School. Since a few months after SMHS became an independent Catholic high school in 1987, Colleen Wilkes has been the force that has kept The Cove the special place it is.

Wilkes did not plan a career in food service. After high school graduation in Minnesota, she attended art school, and moved to Washington State where she met and married Norman Wilkes. On their honeymoon, they spent a few days in Colorado Springs and decided this was where they wanted to live, so they moved, found jobs, and started a family. Like most mothers of Catholic school children, (in this case **Nathan '92** and **Leah '93**) Wilkes volunteered often, and that led to her now twenty-three year stint in The Cove.



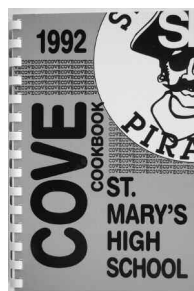
Colleen Wilkes counts change for Ryan Bell after his lunchtime purchase.

"I love the atmosphere at St. Mary's," Wilkes said. "Students continually make me laugh and surprise me. I look at them sitting around the tables and am amazed at how well-behaved they are. They are good kids. They joke and tease, but always respectfully. And the faculty is great, too. I couldn't ask for better people to work with."

Wilkes is quick to credit her volunteers for their part in the success of The Cove. "They are

an incredible group doing whatever I need them to do," Wilkes said. This year she has about forty volunteers during the three lunch periods. Some parents continue volunteering even after their children graduate. **Cheryl Grady Fitch '66** began volunteering when her son **Rory '00** was a student and still comes every Friday to serve pizza. Tonya Lewis first volunteered when her daughter **Teresa '06** was a student and still comes every Wednesday.

Students in the early 1980's recall the smells of simmering vegetable soup and baking bread wafting through the halls as the cooks prepared lunch. However, these "home cooked" meals lost money and were eliminated. The kitchen became a storage area, and packaged snacks and drinks were sold from a room that had been a classroom. Principal Andy Middlemist asked Wilkes to manage the snack area later that year. Students welcomed her first hot food entrée—hot dogs. They proved so popular that the kitchen was reopened, but without "home-cooked" meals. They did grill hamburgers with Charlie Martel, bus driver and custodian, manning the grill, but most items were purchased and reheated.



In 1992 the Cove volunteers and Wilkes gathered recipes from the SMHS community and compiled a cookbook of favorite recipes. The art department, under the direction of art teacher Truman Fox, designed the cover. The books were sold as a fundraiser.



A neon sign is part of the new cove's décor.

The move to the present Yampa Street campus was the next challenge for Wilkes and her volunteers. The new kitchen, the size of an average home kitchen, had been used by Rocky Mountain Rehabilitation Center to teach students to cook. Using this very small space, with one regular oven and two very small electric pizza ovens donated by Red Baron to feed 175 hungry teenagers, required much creativity. Because of limited seating, students with cars were allowed to go to the Citadel Mall or near-by fast food restaurants.

Wilkes was delighted to move into the current Cove in 1998 with its commercial stove and hood, deep fat fryer, commercial refrigerator and freezer. Since the dining area has ample seating, campus was closed at lunch time, not a popular decision. To assuage students, outside food vendors were contacted to bring in food, a practice that continues. This year Dominoes, Subway, Short Stop, and La Casita deliver on appointed days each week. A salad bar, potato bar, and Taco Tuesday are lunch favorites, but the most popular lunch item is still Wilkes' meatball sub.

In spite of the busy pace, Wilkes loves her job. "We have had moments when things haven't gone as planned, such as the first day we served lasagna and didn't realize how long it would take it to cook. We served it in bowls like soup," Wilkes laughed. But those are just small bumps in the road. "I like coming to work every day."

## Sports

195 students, about fifty-four per cent of the student body, participated in one of the six fall sports at SMHS. Pirate Pride filled the Grace Center and gym as these athletes continued the St. Mary's competitive tradition.

### Pirates Claim First 3A Boys Soccer State Championship



Photos by Beth Hunter



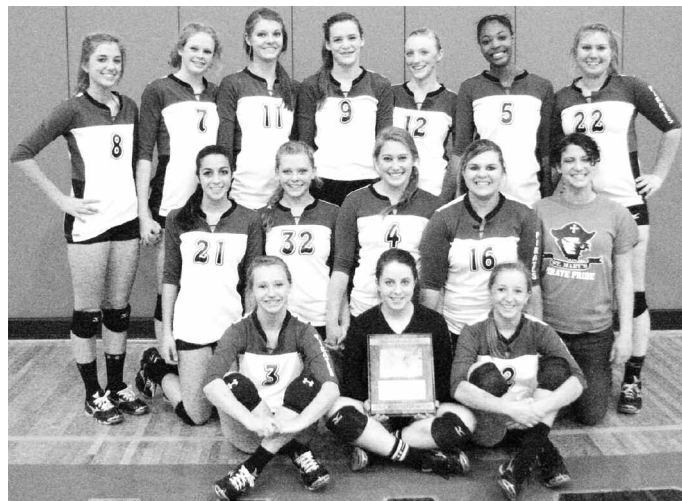
The original game was postponed for a week because of snow, but the wait was worth it when the St. Mary's Boys Soccer team defeated The Classical Academy 2-1 with a goal by freshman Blake McNelis that ended the double overtime game on a chilly night at Dick's Sporting Goods Park in Commerce City and earned St. Mary's their first 3A Boys Soccer championship. St. Mary's first goal was scored by junior Joe Morales in the second half. Coach Lou Sagastume said of his team, "I'm so proud of these boys and what they've accomplished."

### Football

"The team's strongest attributes were their focus to improve their performance at every game. At every practice they worked hard," said assistant coach Dom Luppino. Most of the 53 members of the squad were underclassmen. They won the homecoming game, beating Trinidad 19-12.

### Golf

Two Pirates, Ed Maton '11 and Andrew Cornella '11, qualified for the 3-A state tournament. Cornella was the 3-A Southern Region Champion for the third consecutive year and tied for 9th place at State. "It was a young, inexperienced team this year," said Coach Bill Percy, "but they continually improved throughout the year."



After garnering the title of East Tri-Peaks Division Champions, the SMHS volleyball team earned one of the eight spots in the 3A State Tournament. They tied for fifth place. "Team dynamics was really strong this year," said Kylie Cornella '11, one of the team's captains. "It was like ten best friends playing on the court."



Andrew Cornella plans to continue playing golf with a scholarship to the University of Nevada.

### Softball

"Our softball team was young this year," coach Dave Hyland said. The team had no seniors and only one junior. The pitchers, catcher, and infield, all either freshmen or sophomores, gained valuable experience for next season. They finished the season 10-10.

### Cross Country

The SMHS girls' team placed third in the Tri-Peaks League and the boys placed fourth. Three Pirate runners, Sydney Harris '11, Elena Slavoski '14, and Matt Kloenne '11, were named to the All-Tri-Peaks League team. Deb Hellman and her assistant coaches were pleased to have the team double in size this year. "The team clicked and hit it off beautifully, with everyone getting along well and enjoying the time together," Hellman said. A large group of talented freshmen bodes well for the team in the coming years.



Photo by Diane Torrence

Cross Country Coach Deb Hellman was named Tri-Peaks coach of the year.



## Homecoming

# Pirates return to SMHS

Three class reunions and alumni from all decades from 1950 to 2010 returning for the October Homecoming football game personified the motto "Once a Pirate, Always a Pirate."

At the Homecoming game, a cross from the original St. Mary's building was rededicated in its new place of honor atop the press box at the Grace Center. During the dedication President Dave Camous explained that the history of the cross had been lost and the plaque that had been attached to the back of the cross was missing.

Sitting in the stands that night was **Barbara Cannell Vaclav '42**. Her grandson **Zachary Tickel** is an SMHS junior this year. Barbara knew what had happened to the cross and the following in her words is the history that was once lost and now is found.

*During the demolition of St. Mary's school in 1971 our family drove onto the school grounds to get one last look at our Alma Mater. There on top of a pile of rubble was what we recognized as one of the three*

*crosses from the school's facade. We retrieved it and looked for the other two crosses but were disappointed that we couldn't find anything but crushed concrete. It had been our thought that the crosses were stone, and we were surprised to discover the material was sheet metal.*

*Although badly disjointed, the cross was restorable so we took it home to our garage at 712 N. Cascade where it stayed, undisturbed until 1982.*

*I had graduated in the class of '42. The class was planning our first reunion in 40 years and trying to find a gift to present to the school. The cross seemed to be the perfect solution.*

*It was taken to a trophy shop for repair and mounting. We dedicated it to Monsignor William J Kelly and Sister Mary Georgetta, Principal from the class of 1942.*

*The cross was presented to the principal of the school at our 40th reunion banquet in the Green Room of the Broadmoor Hotel in 1982.*

*We never knew what became of it for years until a postcard from the "new" St. Mary's informed us that Father Meyers was going to bless the cross at a student Mass and the*

*members of the class of '42 were invited to attend. Bob Zecha and I, accompanied by our spouses, Jean and Andy, attended. We were so pleased the cross had been "found" again.*

*The next appearance was atop the Grace Center. This cross was from the north facade of the old school. There was a larger cross on the West side over the main entrance above the school motto in stone: Pro Deo Et Patria (For God and Country).*

*I am certain we were guided to find the cross by Our Blessed Mother. I am just sorry we weren't able to save the others.*



Homecoming Week included the traditional Powder Puff game, in which the seniors were victorious.



**Lauren Hemman '11** and **Taylor McNeilis '11** were crowned Homecoming Queen and King. Lauren is the daughter of **Mike Hemann '81**; Taylor is the son of **Margaret Wisneski McNeilis '84** and the nephew of **Mike '82** and **Pat '83 Wisneski**.



The pep band added to the Pirate Spirit at the homecoming game.

## Class of 1960 reunion



## Class Notes

**Leah Wilkes Ramzy '93** and her husband Nader are the proud parents of Lucas Alexander born October 5, 2010. They reside in Colorado Springs where they have their own business.

**Shannon Finneran Gomez '95** is the principal of La Reina High School, an all-girls Catholic high school in Thousand Oaks, California.

**Clare Brewer Oldham '96** and her husband Vern live in Covina, CA. She is a member of 3KO Broadway Theatre Company and has been nominated for an LA Weekly Theatre Award for Best Performance for her role in the play "Bash." Clare works at Vroman's Bookstore in Pasadena. Vern is a Senior Server Analyst for Rowland Unified School District and is a musician and recording studio engineer and owner. Together, they formed Jet City Crawl, a musical duo that records power pop, retro-rock and country-inspired songs. They released an album "Colorfornia" in July 2010 and are busy recording their next album to be released next summer.

**Kristin Karr Mea '97** and her husband Timothy welcomed their second daughter Emily in October. Big sister Makayla is ten. They reside in Sierra Vista, AZ, where Kristin is a pharmacy tech at Target.

**Alexis Lueras '98** lives north of Los Angeles and works for AMGEN, Inc., a biotechnology company where she is an Associate Scientist.

**Michael Levi '98** and Michelle Hammond were married September 18, 2010, in Colorado Springs. They reside in Aurora, CO, where Michael works for Northrup Grumman.

**Megan Fitzgibbons '01** and her husband Yusuke live in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Megan earned her master's degree in library and information studies at McGill University in Montreal in 2007. She now works at the university as a librarian.

**John Lewis '98** and **Lisa Runyan '02** are the proud parents of their second son Dominic James born September 16, 2010. Big brother Jackson is four. They reside in Colorado Springs.

**Laura Walker Tait '01** and her husband Zachary live in Garfield, New Jersey, where she is a Public Relations Manager for Google.

**Jim Mulligan '04** earned his master's degree in chemical engineering from Colorado School of Mines last spring and is working for Multiphase in Houston, TX.

**Amy Turse Mayes '04** earned a master's degree in Social Work from the University of Denver in 2009 and is a therapist and case manager at a foster



### Letter to the Editor

As member of the class of 1972 I remember Mr. Middlemist as the boys basketball coach. Though I do not have any pictures or specific stories, I do remember the great respect he commanded by his personal demeanor. I know that Mr. Middlemist was fully committed to the service and education of students. He was more than a teacher, in how he was always an example, and a mentor to many. Though the years have dimmed some memories, I will always remember Andy Middlemist as one of the best at St. Mary's during my time there.

Kevin Beckwith

care center in Topeka, Kansas. She married Adrian Mays in June, 2009. Bridesmaids included **Dani Thompson '04**, **Katie Loring '04**, and **Mindy Duster '05**. Amy and Adrian reside in Lawrence Kansas where Adrian, an offensive lineman for the University Of Kansas from 2004-2008, is now a strength and conditioning coach for the team.

**Carrie Runyan '04** and Travis Collins were married June 12, 2010, in Colorado Springs where they reside.

**Mark Thieme '04** is a tank platoon leader with the 4th Infantry Division in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In August his platoon ran joint missions near the Iranian border with the Iraqi 10th Army Division.

In September **Jack Boyd '05** graduated from the Art Institute of Colorado in Denver with a BA degree in Photography and Commercial Videography. He is doing freelance photography and videography, primarily for sports.

**Jeff Elliott '06** and his wife Tara live in Spring Valley, California.

**Sean Mulligan '06** graduated from Regis last spring with a degree in business and economics. He is an accountant at Jacobs in Golden, CO.

**Julia Mulligan '06** graduated from Regis last spring with a degree in business and is taking classes at UCCS.

**Megan Tritsch '06** will graduate from the University of Northern Colorado December, 2010, with a Theater Arts (emphasis in Secondary Education) degree.

**Jordan Lueras '09** is attending the University of Portland Salzburg, Austria Center for the year. As a part of the program he is enjoying traveling throughout Europe.



#### Former teachers

**Barbara Freemeyer**, a Sister of Mercy and former SMHS theology teacher, is a licensed clinical social worker and state-certified addiction counselor in Colorado Springs. Nine years ago she opened Project STEP, a social transition, empowerment program. Sister Barb offers treatment to DUI and domestic violence offenders who cannot afford other court-ordered treatment. She finds the work interesting and challenging and is proud of her clients' 84% success rate.

Submit your class notes through the SMHS website at [www.smhscs.org](http://www.smhscs.org)

### In Memoriam

**Lucille Potter '38** passed away October 18, 2010.

**James J. Reilly '44** passed away in October in Colorado Springs.

**Kay (Dea) Bachigalupi McKernan '46** passed away in June in Reno, Nevada.

**Harold Foreman**, husband of **Theresa Aragon '56** has passed away.

**Theresa Roche Pettis '56** has passed away.

**Jerry Walters '56** has passed away.

**Larrie Ann Wiskirchen Theis '61** passed way in June after a courageous 13-year battle with cancer.

**Gloria Lira Charlton '61** passed away July 6, 2010. She is survived by her husband **Jim '61**, who lives in Monument.

**Cheddy Hart '72** passed away December 23, 2009, from a pulmonary embolism. He was a camera man, script writer, and producer of movies in California.

## From the Archives



Can you identify the cheerleaders in this picture and the year in which it was taken? If you can, please email [mwalter@smhscs.org](mailto:mwalter@smhscs.org) or submit your answer through the alumni section of the St. Mary's website at [smhscs.org](http://smhscs.org).



## Development

# Fall Golf Classic Is A Success

by Judy McCarty

It was a spectacular autumn day at the Kissing Camels Club for the 34th Annual St. Mary's H.S. Golf Classic held Friday, September 24. This year's tournament fielded 101 players including St. Mary's parents, alums, and friends, as well as local business supporters. Following 18 holes of golf, a delicious dinner was served for everyone at the Garden of the Gods Club. President Dave Camous and Principal Tammy Emmerich hosted the awards ceremony. After a scorecard tiebreaker on the second hardest hole, top prize was awarded to the team of Ryan Hettich (P '01 & '03) (Summit Cleaners), Robert Frates, Ben Hettich '03, and Mike Cafasso. Ryan and Mike are members of the championship team for the third straight year.

Best Family Team was awarded to the Raskob family, and BBVA Compass took the prize for the Best Business Team. Longest Drive for the men went to Cory Dennis, and Debbie Francis had the ladies' Longest Drive. Eric Ryan and Christina Baker shot Closest to the Pin.

Thanks to the tremendous support of the Tournament Sponsor and Dinner Sponsor, Roy Clennan of Freedom Financial Services; Dinner Sponsor, Chuck Murphy of Murphy Constructors; and Hole-in-One Sponsor, Jay Cimino of Phil Long Dealerships, along with 36 tee sponsors and 33 gift donors, this event raised over \$27,000 for tuition assistance. Thanks to all of the players, sponsors, and volunteers for an awesome event!



Robert Frates, Ryan Hettich, Ben Hettich, and Mike Cafasso were award top prize for their score of 60.

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May 23	Graduation
May 27-29	Reunions Weekend

*Please contact Matt Walter, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, by email at [mwalter@smhscs.org](mailto:mwalter@smhscs.org) for more details about any of these events.*



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