

# Pirates' Treasure



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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME  
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**On the cover:** Shirley '51 and Glenn '54 Plush started dating while they were students at St. Mary's High School and married after Shirley graduated. They are just one of the SMHS couples whose high school romances have been life-long. See the story on page 6. Tom Zecha '48 (lower left) was inducted into the SMHS Athletic Hall of Fame. He holds the plaque presented to him at the October 19th football game. (Zecha photo by Diane Torrence)

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# Catholic Passion...Academic Rigor: By the Numbers & In Our Actions

Numbers cannot illustrate the full story of St. Mary's High School, but some numbers do indicate the excellence and the mission of our Catholic school.

- 1:10** Faculty to Student Ratio, average class size of 17
- 8** Advanced Placement Options (AP Biology added this year)
- 7** Boettcher Scholars since 1966
- 1** Fulbright Scholar
- 1** Rhodes Scholar
- \$20** Million in Scholarship Offers over the past 3 Years
- 89%** Of Students Pass AP Exams with a score of 3 or higher (national average is 60%)
- 25.9** Average ACT Score for the Class of 2012 (national average is 21.1)
- 80%** of Faculty hold Master's Degrees or higher
- 104** Families receive Tuition Assistance (one-third)
- \$280** Thousand Given Annually in Tuition Assistance
- 12,054** Community Outreach Hours Given by Class of 2012
- 2** State Championships for Forensics in 2012 and 5<sup>th</sup> place in the U.S. in Public Forum Debate
- 44** Students Receiving Assistance through the Academic Support Center
- 100%** Acceptance Rate of SMHS students applying to college

No, the numbers cannot fully tell how we live *Catholic Passion* and provide *Academic Rigor*. Those who can really tell this story are the students and alumni. Students like junior **Kelly Heiniger** who spent last summer as a medical missionary, or senior **Amy Resman** who uses what she learned in AP Spanish to translate for her parish's Hispanic Ministry program, or alumna **Jordan Burns '11** (now at CU) who volunteers in Rwanda through Engineers Without Borders, or alumnus **Karl Schroeder '10** (now at USAFA) who donated stem cells to help a cancer patient he had never met (story in USAFA magazine). *Catholic Passion...Academic Rigor* means recognizing God's gifts in oneself and putting these gifts in service of one's brothers and sisters. I hope you join us in living this year's school motto.

As SMHS continues to nurture students into leaders, we evolve to meet increased needs and demands. This evolution is why we are studying the possibility of a 1:1 student-iPad initiative, why we are soliciting to remodel the Science wing, and why I traveled to China recently to tour schools, speak about St. Mary's, and create plans to expand our International Program while adding Mandarin language classes next year. I hope you join us in providing for these needs and demands.



**President John Kraus (right), pictured here with board member Andrew Tait, met many St. Mary's alumni, parents, and supporters at the Homecoming Tailgate at the Grace Center.**

Inside this edition of *The Pirates' Treasure* Magazine, you will be inspired by students, be impressed by alumni, and hopefully reconnect to St. Mary's in a deeper way. If you like what you read, please let us know. If you know of anything we can do to improve St. Mary's, please contact me.

By God's Graces,

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## Distinguished Alumni

# Debaters Are 5th in the Nation



The culmination of **Jake Keuhlen '12** and **Alexa Jakusovsky '12's** high school debate career was a grueling four days of fourteen rounds debating the nation's top 245 debaters at the National Forensics Tournament in Indianapolis. But it was worth all the preparation, worry, and effort. They earned fifth place in the nation in Public Forum Debate, the highest finish ever for any SMHS debaters.

Jakusovsky and Keuhlen teamed up as debate partners in the middle of their junior year and placed fifth in Public Forum Debate at the State Forensics tournament. As seniors they honed their skills and placed at or won tournaments throughout the year, earning third place at State. Then

they qualified for the National Tournament along with teammates **Cameron Hickert '12**, **Rosie Wayne '12**, **Micaela Heery '12**, **Colton Calandrella '13**, and **Eliana Wackerman '14**.

Learning to work with a partner is one of the challenges of Public Forum Debate. "[After working together for a few months] we knew each others' strengths and weaknesses. He would calm me down when things got stressful. I would tell him when he was giving a speech too fast or was coming across as overbearing," Jakusovsky said.

"Most things I did bugged her," Keuhlen said, "yet we are still very good friends. We also seemed to match each other perfectly in our debates. I spoke fast, analyzed everything and tried to create the strongest possible arguments. Alexa spoke slower, was calm, and allowed us to hammer home every argument."

Jakusovsky and Keuhlen agree that they appreciated the support from their team members. "We were a family," Keuhlen said. They both also agree that forensics was the best thing they did in high school. It not only allowed them to meet people and develop long-term friendships, but also helped them develop skills that benefited them in other classes and prepared them for college academics.

Jakusovsky is a freshman at Lewis and Clark College in Portland and Keuhlen is a freshman at the University of Colorado in Boulder.



## Sangueza Awarded Bronze Star of Valor

SPC Nick Sangueza '08, who has been in the army for three years, was awarded a Bronze Star of Valor for heroic deeds in Afghanistan while serving with the 3/73rd Calvary, 82nd Airborne, out of Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. Serving as an assistant gunner for a mortar team, he single-handedly emplaced his team's system, helping to repel multiple enemy attacks, and he prevented his unit from sustaining further casualties.

"The most challenging aspect of [my tour in Afghanistan] was the physical part," Nick said. "Most of our missions were dismounted [walking], and we packed our rucksacks, which weighed at least 70 lbs and often more than 100 lbs, with everything we needed." He was under fire most days, but he said, "once you learn how to operate without fear, you become the kind of person we want protecting our country. [Then] you can put 100% focus on your job, and that's exactly what our platoon did. It was go, go, go all the time 24/7," he explained. Nick will report to his next duty station, Fort Carson, in April.

## Burns Volunteers in Rwanda

**Jordan Burns '11**, a sophomore at the University of Colorado Boulder, spent two months last summer in Kigali, Rwanda, as a part of Engineers Without Borders (EWB), an international organization that implements engineering solutions with communities in developing countries. She and five other students, working with local officials and the Rwandan Orphans Project, did land surveying for a community school EWB is building in Kigali. It will serve 300 children, including 100 street boys.

Jordan is now the Rwanda Project Manager at CU, overseeing budget and timeline, and coordinating the 40 people working on the project. Her team's duties include

fundraising, building design, and coordination with Rwandan officials. She is also secretary of the board that oversees the entire EWB-CU chapter, which also has projects in Peru and Nepal.

"My involvement in EWB changed my life path. I transferred [from aerospace engineering] to civil engineering last spring. I'm also working on a certificate for international engineering with a focus on French."

*More can be learned about EWB's Rwanda project at [EWBRwanda.org](http://EWBRwanda.org).*





# WALDO CANYON FIRE AFFECTS ST. MARY'S COMMUNITY

"Where were you when the fire came over the ridge?" For Colorado Springs denizens in the summer of 2012, this will always be one of those time-defining moments. Etched in their memories are the Armageddon-like flames, the painfully slow evacuation on Centennial, Woodmen, and Rockrimmon, learning whose homes were destroyed and whose were safe, and the smoky smell that clung for weeks to what was left in Mountain Shadows and nearby neighborhoods.

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Fueled by dry forests and 60 mph plus winds, the firestorm burned through neighborhoods as Mountain Shadows residents fled.

"We are still dealing with insurance," Terri Wolfe said, "and we are in the process of cleaning up." "It will take years before the pine trees are tall,"

Wolfe noted, but the birds, deer, bears, rabbits, and squirrels have already returned to the ranch. This fall bits of green grass showed through the layers of ash and new gambol oak trees were poking up through charred branches. The family is still in the "thinking stage," deciding just what steps need to be taken. Mitigation and restoration will be a long process. Just reseeded grasses will cost a half-million dollars.

The Van Gampleares were able to return home. Other SMHS families were not as fortunate. Doris Ralston and her son **Robert '14** lost their home.

"When we left, the fire was already burning houses on our street," Robert said. "We saved our dog, computer, some clothes, and a few small electronics."

Doris has chosen not to rebuild. She sold her lot to a neighbor and purchased another house in a nearby neighborhood. "Robert is a junior, and I wanted to have a home where we could build new memories while he is still in high school," Doris Ralston explained. "We have received unbelievable support from the St. Mary's community," she said. Parents and

students went to the Ralston's destroyed house and sifted through debris, rescuing anything that was salvageable and taking it home to clean it. "**Cannon Wille '13** shoveled

debris and found our Christmas nativity set. The stable was burned, but the figures were all unharmed. It was a miracle."



The Ralston's nativity set was miraculously unharmed by the fire.

Ralston feels fortunate to be a part of the SMHS community. "People have been so generous and kind. Three SMHS moms took her to lunch

and presented her with a gift basket. Among the items in it were a Catholic Bible to replace hers that had burned and Corpus Christi Elementary School yearbook pages. "When we moved into our new home, people helped line shelves, shopped for groceries, or did whatever needed doing. And we've had so many people pray for us. It means so much to be in this caring St. Mary's family."



The Flying W sign greeted St. Mary's families at school activities.



The fire started in Waldo Canyon and burned east, west, south, and north to the Flying W Ranch and Mountain Shadows.

**Sam VanGamble '13**, whose family lives in Mountain Shadows, had been working at the Flying W Ranch for three months when the fire started in Waldo Canyon. On June 23, he and his co-workers moved the Ranch's antiques to safety.

"We were all pretty calm," VanGamble said. "We thought that we'd be moving everything back in a couple of days." But Monday evening as they ate dinner in a nearby restaurant, they realized that the fire was getting closer and the Flying W might burn.

Van Gamble had already started packing on Saturday for potential evacuation which came on Tuesday. "I wasn't sure if I'd be coming back to my house," Van Gamble said. "By the time we left, the fire was half-way down the mountain." The Flying W Ranch was already in flames.

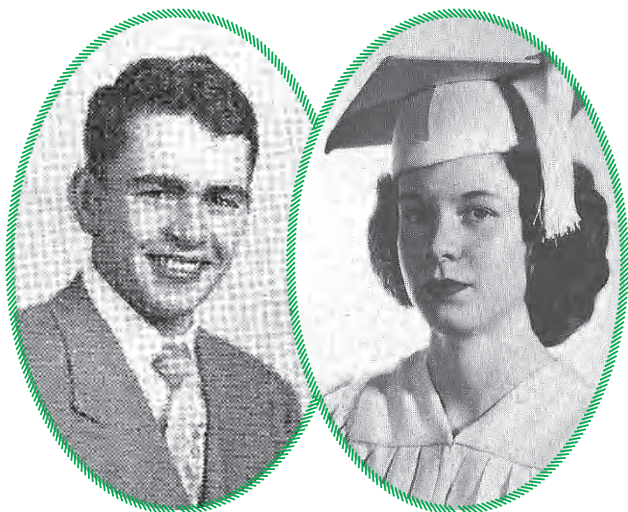
**Jeremiah Ahrens '94** was one of the SMHS alums battling the fire. Seeing the Flying W, which is owned by former SMHS board member Terri Wolfe and her family, destroyed was especially sad for Ahrens. "Mrs. Wolfe handed me my St. Mary's diploma, and her son **Jason '94** was a classmate. As I watched the ranch burn, I thought about the SMHS events that were hosted there."

The Wolfe family has spent the fall assessing damage, working on fire mitigation and flood control.



# High School Sweethearts

Some teenage romances do last forever.



In the 1951 Marilyn, Glenn Plush wished a sophomore named Frank "Good Luck," and left his dark curly hair to Joe Nolan in the class "will." Perhaps besides his curly hair, it was Glenn's good manners that impressed Shirley.

Girls took Foods Lab (Home Economics), majorettes led the band, and the melodrama *Hearts and Flowers* was one of the drama productions when Shirley Knowles was a senior at SMHS.

much in a rehearsal and he kicked her out of the cast. "He was kind, but he was very strict." Monsignor Kelly also taught senior theology, including a unit on marriage. Shirley and Glenn agree that the monsignor's class was good preparation for marriage.

Glenn entered the navy after graduation and served on the aircraft carrier The Philippine Sea during the Korean War. They corresponded. When Glenn came home on Christmas leave during Shirley's senior year, he proposed and Shirley accepted.

They married at St. Mary's Cathedral in January, 1955, and left for Glenn's navy base. Returning to Colorado Springs, Glenn became an electrician.

The Plushs' affection and respect for each other is apparent. "She's is very patient," Glenn said. "My job sometimes took me out of town, and she did the lion's share of raising the children."

"Glenn was a wonderful role model for our children," Shirley said. "He showed them how to have a good work ethic to take care of his family."

Glenn and Shirley were just one couple of many whose life-long romances started in the Cove or math class or at a school dance. And the tradition continues . . .

**Stephanie Clendenen '04** and **Scott Gendron '05** are one of the newest SMHS couples to marry. Scott was a freshman and Stephanie a sophomore when they met on the cross country team. Stephanie liked Scott's sense of humor. Scott thought she had a caring nature and was very pretty. They dated for the next three years in high school.

What both remember most about St. Mary's was the feeling of community. "It was more than just a school," Scott said. "There was so much support from everyone."

Then Stephanie graduated and left for college. Their relationship strengthened in spite of the long distances that separated them. Scott graduated the next spring, went to Fort Lewis College and joined the Coast Guard, becoming a helicopter rescue swimmer. Stephanie graduated from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. They married last August at Arapahoe Basin and now reside in Michigan. Scott is stationed at USCG Air Station in Detroit and Stephanie is a pharmacist in Harrison Township.



In spite of running long distances in cross country practices, Stephanie and Scott struck up a friendship that grew into something more.

*Do you remember the SMHS couples from your era who went on to marry? Does a name automatically connect with another—Ben and --; Kelly and --; Joe and --; Mary and --? Did you meet your spouse at SMHS? Are you celebrating your 10th, 15th, 25th, 35th, or 50th anniversary? The PTM would like to hear from you!*

## On Campus

### PSAT Results



►Based on his PSAT scores, which were in the top one per cent of the more than one million students who took the test, **Sean McGunigal '13** was named a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program and now moves on to the National Merit Finalist Scholarship competition. Seniors **Colton Calandrella, Ben Cloud, Paulina Menichiello, Kuran Mital, Amy Resman, and Sarah Tafolla** were named National Merit Commended Students based on their scores, which were in the top five per cent in the nation. More than 1.5 million students took the test; 16,000 were semifinalists and 34,000 were commended students.



### AP Scores

►SMHS Advanced Placement students once again did exceedingly well on the AP tests last May. Overall, 90 percent of SMHS students scored three or higher (out of a possible score of five). Most colleges give class credit to high school students who score at least a three on the AP tests.

AP Class	# of students scoring a 3	# of students scoring a 4 or 5	Total students
Calculus	2	12	14
Chemistry	2	14	17
History	10	14	27
Lang and Comp	7	29	36
Lit and Comp	7	14	21
Studio Art	2	1	4

### Heiniger Mission



►Last summer **Kelly Heiniger '14** spent two weeks in Jamaica as a volunteer for Projects Abroad. The first week of this medical mission was spent helping doctors and physical therapists, taking blood pressure, and helping in a pediatric ward. During her second week she was at a family clinic helping with physicals for day camp children and weighing babies who were brought in for a check up.

Heiniger, who is considering a career in medicine, learned that hygiene standards were not always what she was used to. At the open air pediatric ward she saw a baby with ants crawling all over her crib. "The nurses did the best they could with what they had," she said.

### Darrow Shares Choices

►In September **Leah Darrow**, a former America's Next Top Model contestant, now an international Catholic speaker, spoke to SMHS students about the importance of making good choices. She shared her story of a series of wrong choices that resulted in years of unhappiness before finally choosing to return to her Catholic faith and a life of purpose grounded in chastity.



### Football Team Brightens Children's Day

►Being a part of a football team was more than learning plays on the gridiron last fall. The SMHS players spent time at Children's Hospital talking to and playing the young patients. It was a part of their preseason teambuilding retreat.

### NHS News

►During the fall term National Honor Society members tutored students from Divine Redeemer, Corpus Christi, and Pauline Elementary Schools. In October NHS members volunteered at Boo at the Zoo at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. In November they sponsored a very successful Blood Drive in cooperation with Penrose Hospital, collecting 44 pints of blood. Senior TJ Sjobakken, pictured here, was one of the happy donors. NHS also worked with local parishes to supplement their Thanksgiving baskets for families in need.



### NAHS News

►National Art Honor Society made 22 bowls out of clay for the Imagination Celebration's October Soup for Education event, which raised funds for arts scholarships.





Kraus Visits China

►President **John Kraus** accepted the invitation of China Project Hope to speak in China about education in the United States. Kraus spent ten days last September in China visiting schools and speaking to students and educators, sometimes to audiences of more than 2,000. With six Chinese exchange students at SMHS, the trip was an opportunity for Kraus to learn more about the Chinese education system and to share what a St. Mary's education is like. He learned that Chinese high schools of 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades are often large with 4,000 to 6,000 students who live on campus and are in class from mid-morning through mid-evening. In classes that average 60 to 70 students, their academics focus on history, science, and math presented in lecture style. Some students take English languages classes. Kraus shared ideas about teaching styles, project-based learning, and developing student leaders. Before leaving for China, Kraus spoke with the Chinese Exchange students attending SMHS this year including Ricardo Huang, pictured here in chemistry class.



SMHS Faculty Earn Grants and Win Awards



Last year Kloenne won an AFCEA STEM Scholarship.



**Cynthia Storrs**, SMHS English and writing teacher, was awarded a Pikes Peak Arts Council Microgrant. She is using the grant to launch a Poetry-Out-Loud program, which promotes poetry memorization and recitation.

Theology teacher **Rick Champion** is a 2012 Boettcher Teacher. He was nominated by Boettcher Scholar **Cameron Hickert '12**. Champion worked with Hickert in Forensics and Student Senate and was his senior theology instructor. At the Boettcher Award dinner in Denver, Hickert explained that he especially appreciated the challenges Champion presented in class and the debate preparation discussions, which were thought-provoking. He also told the audience that he appreciated the way Champion treats students with respect and as capable young adults. Champion's recognition as a Boettcher Teacher also came with a small grant which he will use to enhance technology in SMHS classrooms.



►**The Youth Philanthropy Club (YPC)** volunteered at the One Nation Walking Together Warehouse loading donations on trucks and organizing and cleaning the warehouse. "The 21 YPA students did a wonderful job. The warehouse supervisors told me that they did more work in two hours than most volunteers do in a week," YPC advisor and theology instructor Christina Jelinek said.



►**Building Healthy Community** was the theme of this fall's freshmen retreat. Activities focused on the ideas encompassed by the saying "community plays together, works together, prays together." Held at Sacred Heart parish, the day was spent exploring how each person contributes to the mosaic that is our community.

AP Biology students Folding Proteins



►Students in **Rebecca Keith '99's** Advanced Placement Biology Class are taking part in Foldit, an International computer simulation. According to its web site, "Foldit attempts to predict the structure of a protein by taking advantage of humans' puzzle-solving intuitions and having people play competitively to fold the best proteins." Originally a computer game to teach students how to fold proteins and understand how the four types of folding determine the function of a protein, Foldit is now used by researchers internationally to seek help in folding proteins whose function is not yet known. These researchers may be seeking new treatments for disease or the protein folding can have a pharmaceutical purpose.

Once students have successfully completed 32 levels of the Foldit game, they are eligible to take part in international Foldit research with professional researchers from around the world. **Sean McGunigal '13** and **Eliana Wackerman '14** have completed the 32 levels.

"Sean finished 32 levels in two days, which is amazingly fast," Keith said. "He's very competitive and intuitive." McGunigal then worked on a folding project that 59 professional researchers and a few other students also worked on. McGunigal was one of ten of the 60 who came closest to folding the protein according to natural laws so it might function in a way that would benefit the research project.



Photos courtesy of Diane Torrence



►**Boys Thinclads Team Qualifies For State**

For the first time since 2007 the boys cross country team qualified as a team for the state race. They placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in their league and at the regional meet, they placed 4<sup>th</sup>. **John Kater '13** finished 4<sup>th</sup> in league and in the regional race. **Sam VanGambleare '13** was 9<sup>th</sup> in league and 14<sup>th</sup> in the regional meet.

"We were fortunate to have runners who trained at a similar pace, which helped in the team score at meets," said Coach Deb Hellman.

**Elena Slavoski '14** placed first at Regionals, becoming the first SMHS female cross country runner to do so.

"We had incredible team chemistry this year," Hellman said, "and the student athlete work ethic was remarkable."

►**Soccer Advances to State Playoffs**

It was supposed to be a building year, but the boys' soccer team forgot to read the predictions. They finished the season with a record of 7-7-2 and were second place in league. They advanced to the first round of the 3A state playoffs. "We had skillful players in almost every position, and they were particularly strong in goal tending, middle, and forward line.



Captains **Jacob Calhoun '12** and **Jacob Morales '12** were powerful leaders," said Coach Lou Sagastume. "They are relentless—they never give up, and they are very talented soccer players." Calhoun and Morales along with **Alex Thomas '12** were named to the 3A All-League 1<sup>st</sup> team.

►**Softball Has Winning Season**

"We hit well this year," Coach Dave Hyland said of his girls' softball team, "and we had consistently good pitching." The team season record was 11-9. **Teja Rivera '13**, **Taylor Boyer '13**, and **Brianna Medina-Martinez '14** were named to the Tri-Peaks All-League 1<sup>st</sup> team. The girls' toughest game was against Florence, a perennially strong team, according to Hyland, who is in his seventeenth year of coaching softball.

►**Freshman Golfer Qualifies for State**

**Jimmy Velten '16** qualified for the state tournament and finished 80<sup>th</sup>. Velten was 18<sup>th</sup> in the Tri-Peaks Championship Tournament, and the team finished 7<sup>th</sup> that day. In Regionals the team finished 12<sup>th</sup> and Velten finished 20<sup>th</sup>.



►**Elliot is Tri-Peaks Quarterback of the Year**

**Logan Elliot '13** was chosen the Tri-Peaks League Quarterback of the Year. Joining him on the Tri-Peaks 1<sup>st</sup> team were **Cannon Willie '13**, tight end and middle linebacker, and **Colton Wolf '13**, outside linebacker. **Ben Cipoletti '13**, **Aidan Tiernan '13**, and **Ben Breier '15** received honorable mention. The teams' season record was 4-5 and their Tri-Peaks record was 2-5.

►**Volleyball Advances to State**

With a league record of 10-0 and an overall record of 21-1, the Lady Pirate volleyball team earned the Tri-Peaks League Championship and went on to beat Arrupe Jesuit and Brush in the regional tourney and earn a berth at State. They won their first two preliminary matches at State, but in the semi-finals, after winning the first two sets, they fell to Valley who went on to win the championship.

Seniors **Bria Sweeney**, **Sarah Tentschert**, and **Emily Whitelaw** were named to the Tri-Peaks East Division All-Conference First Team. Tentschert and Whitelaw were the East Conference Co-Players of the Year and Coach Melissa Sweeney was named the conference's Coach of the Year.



Photo courtesy of ProActionFoto

New Athletic Hall of Fame inductees were honored at half-time of the Pirate's football game against Lamar. Pictured (from left) Athletic Director Edward Latimer; SMHS President John Kraus; John Barron, who accepted the award for his father Joseph Barron '34; Thomas Zecha '48; Lucille Ash Klee '53, Patricia Stecklein, who accepted the award for her husband Richard "Lefty" Stecklein '61; Mickey Elliot '63, representing his brother Richard "Bump" Elliot '61, who was unable to attend; Andrew Middlemist, former coach, business manager, and principal; Diana Huber Bliss '81, Oswaldo "Ozzie" Grenardo '91, Jay Hafemeister '99, and Melissa Hadfield '06.

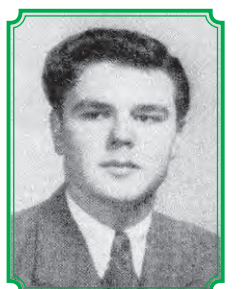


# ELEVEN IN 2012 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS



**JOE BARRON '34**  
BASKETBALL—1931-1934

- ▶ Single Game Scoring Record-19 Points
- ▶ Single Season Scoring Record For 12 Years-210 Points
- ▶ Career Scoring Record For 13 Years-350 Points
- ▶ Led Pirates to 1934 State Parochial School Championship (Posthumous)



**THOMAS ZECHA '48**  
FOOTBALL—1945-1948

- ▶ 1st Team All-Parochial League-1947
- ▶ 1st Player To Rush For Over 750 yards
- ▶ Record For Touchdowns In a Season-9
- ▶ Record For Touchdowns In a Game-4
- ▶ Record For Longest Touchdown On a Punt Return-65 yards
- ▶ 1st Team All-Southern Parochial School League

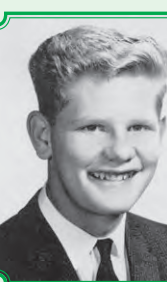


**LUCILLE ASH KLEE '53**  
ICE SKATING—1950-1953

- ▶ 1950-4th in U.S. Nationals Junior Pairs
- ▶ 1951-3rd in U.S. Nationals Junior Pairs
- ▶ 2nd-1955 and 1956 U.S. Nationals Senior Pairs
- ▶ World Ice Skating Championships-8th-1955, 6th-1956 (Pairs)
- ▶ 1956 Olympics-7th-Ice Skating Pairs



**FATHER ROBERTO FREUDENSTEIN**  
FRIEND OF PIRATE ATHLETICS—1947-1957 (Posthumous)



**RICHARD "BUMP" ELLIOTT '61**  
FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, TRACK—1958-1961

- ▶ 1st Team All-State Parochial League
- ▶ 1960-1st Team-Denver Parochial League-Denver Post, Rocky Mountain News & Denver Catholic Register
- ▶ Most Valuable Player Runnerup in Denver Parochial League
- ▶ 1960-1st Team All-City-Gazette Telegraph/KRDO
- ▶ 1961-6th Man on State Parochial Championship Team
- ▶ 1961-Member of School Record Mile Relay Team



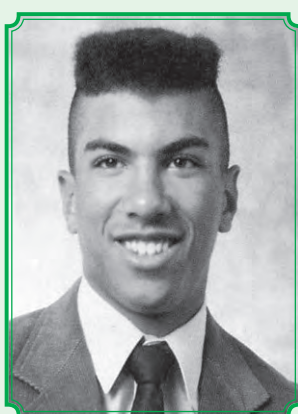
**RICHARD "LEFTY" STECKLEIN '61**  
FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, TRACK—1957-1961

- ▶ 1960-1st Team All-State Parochial League
- ▶ 1960-Most Valuable Player-Denver Parochial League
- ▶ 1960-1st Team Denver Parochial League-Denver Post, Rocky Mountain News & Denver Catholic Register
- ▶ 1960-1st Team All-City-Gazette-Telegraph
- ▶ 1961-All-Tournament Team- State Parochial League
- ▶ Key Player on 1961 State Parochial Basketball Championship Team
- ▶ 1961-Member of School record 880 yard and Mile Relay Team (Posthumous)



**DIANA HUBER BLISS '81**  
BASKETBALL—1978-1981

- ▶ 1981- 3rd Team High School All-American
- ▶ 1980, 1981- 1st Team 2A All-State
- ▶ 1981-Colorado Sidelines 2A All-State Team
- ▶ 1980, 1981-City scoring Leader
- ▶ 1981- Gazette 2A Player of the Year
- ▶ 1980, 1981-Gazette All-Area 1st Team
- ▶ 1981-Colorado Women's Coaches Association All-State Basketball Game
- ▶ 1981- 2A State Tournament Record Holder for Career Points, 3-Game Scoring, and Single Game Scoring
- ▶ 1980, 1981- 2A All-Tournament Team
- ▶ 2-Times All-League 1st Team
- ▶ Holds School Record for Most Points in a Season



**OSWALDO "OZZIE" GRENARDO '91**  
FOOTBALL—1987-1990

- ▶ 1990- 1st Team 2A All-State
- ▶ 1991-Colorado Football Coaches Association All-State Game (All-Classifications)
- ▶ 1990-1st Team Gazette 2A-All-Area Team
- ▶ 3-Times- 1st Team All-League
- ▶ Holds 2 School Records in Football and 1 School Record in Track



**JAY HAFEMEISTER '99**  
TRACK—1996-1999

- ▶ 1998-3A State 800 Meters Champion and Record Holder
- ▶ 1998-3200 Meter Relay State Champions and Record-Holder
- ▶ 1998-Gazette All-Area 1st Team-800 Meters
- ▶ 1997-3200 Meters 3A State Champions and Record Holder
- ▶ 1997-1999-Regional 800 Meters Champion
- ▶ 1997-1999- All-Denver Metro Conference 800 Meters and 3200 Meters Relay Champion
- ▶ Holds School Records in 5-Events



**MELISSA HADFIELD '06**  
TRACK—2003-2006

- ▶ 2006- 3A State Long Jump Champion
- ▶ 2005- 3A State Long Jump Champion and Record Holder
- ▶ 2005- 3A State Triple Jump Champion
- ▶ 2004-2005- Regional and League Long Jump and Triple Jump Champion
- ▶ Holds School Records in Long Jump and Triple Jump



**ANDREW MIDDLEMIST**  
ADMINISTRATOR—1971-2001

Eleven athletes spanning eight decades of Pirate sports were inducted into the St. Mary's Athletic Hall of Fame in October to the applause of former teammates, friends, faculty, and current students. This second Hall of Fame class brings the total Hall of Fame honorees to twenty. As Master of Ceremonies Edward Latimer explained, "The school is 128 years old. We have some catching up to do, so we have another large class."

Each of the eight hall of famers in attendance and the representatives of those who could not attend reminisced about their time at St. Mary's. Tom Zecha recalled wearing leather helmets when he played football. Bump Elliot, in remarks read by his brother Mickey, remembered the camaraderie of his teammates. A common theme of all the inductees was the support and friendship of the SMHS community, especially teachers and coaches who went the extra mile to help them be successful.

Four new Hall of Famers still hold one or more school records. Bliss holds the record for the most points scored in a girls' basketball season (529 in 1981). Hafemeister holds five track records—800-meters (1998), and as a member of the teams that set records in the 1600-meter relay, 3200-meter relay, and 1600-meter medley relay (all in 1998), and 1600 relay (1997). Grenardo's records in track and football still stand—most receiving yards (647) in football in 1990 and most career receiving

yards (793). Grenardo's 1991 400-meter relay team's time is still unbeaten. Hadfield's 18 foot 1 ¼ inch long jump remains the school record for girls as does her 36 foot 3 inch triple jump in 2006.

*Nominations for the 2013 Hall of Fame class can be submitted via the school web site at [www.smhscs.org/halloffame](http://www.smhscs.org/halloffame).*



Opening Day Mass



Mike '81 and Tracy Hemann and children Emily '15, Ryan '13, and Rachel '14



Rita Seeley, Daniel Raskob '16, and Kathryn Raskob



Don Mersman '71



Joe '84 and Veronica '84 Nuvolini



Sean Mersman '05



Steve '71 and Paula McCann

Homecoming

Golf Tournament



Scott Ross '78



Ben '93 and Scott '88 Hoelting



Mickey Elliot '63 and former principal Andrew Middlemist



Jean Moomaw Zecha '46, Tom Zecha '48, Helen Zecha '52, and Bob Zecha '42

Hall of Fame

Jay Hafemeister '99 and Mike Suggs '99



Science Department Chair and former volleyball coach Kathy Hanshew, Anne VanMatreWhitelaw '81, Sandi Middlemist Stockton '80, and Shari Middlemist Silva (Benet Hill '81)



From the Archives

Are you in this picture? Can you identify any of the SMHS students? Do you know the teacher? Do you know when it was taken? This black and white picture in the archives has no notation. We think it might be a class photo. If you can identify when it was taken or any of the people please email [1chance@smhscs.org](mailto:1chance@smhscs.org) or [mwalter@smhscs.org](mailto:mwalter@smhscs.org). Help us solve the mystery!

1940s-1960s

Barney Lanz '49 would like to hear news of his classmates and people who graduated about the time he did. He hopes Pirates from that era will contact the *Pirates' Treasure*.



William T. Gleeson '63 recently published his second novel *Indomitable Spirits of 43C*, an historical novel whose characters are based on medical personal treating US soldiers wounded in Vietnam.

Dr. Reginald Washington '65 is Chief Medical Officer at Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children. In September he was interviewed on NBC Nightly News concerning the effects in children of increased salt intake.

1960s-1980s

Attention all athletes from 1971 through 1975! Kathleen Friel '83 will be nominating her father, Coach John Friel, for induction into the St. Mary's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2013 and is in need of your support. Please contact Kathleen at [kfriel115@msn.com](mailto:kfriel115@msn.com) no later than February 1, 2013 with memories, stories, letters of support, etc.

David Tryba '73 served as jury chairman for the American Institute of Architects

of Colorado, south chapter's 2012 architectural design contest. David resides in Denver where he owns Tryba Architects.

Rock McCoy '77 and his wife Dolores live in Monterey Park, CA. Rock is the In House General Counsel to TAPATIO FOODS, LLC, Vernon, California, which manufacturers Tapatio Hot Sauce.

Dave O'Sullivan '82 has moved to Fleming Island, FL where he teaches chemistry and AP calculus at St. John's Day School in Orange Park, FL. He and his wife Rae Ann have four children: Kelly 21, Lauren 18, Morgan 12, and Ryan 7. Dave still appreciates the classes taught by his SMHS chemistry teacher John Guariello.

Lisa Mayhew Davis '87 and her husband Whit welcomed their third child, Caitlin Grace, on January 5, 2012.

Yolanda M. Fennick '83 is the president-elect of the El Paso County Bar Association. She will serve as president in the 2013-2014 term.

Richard Gowen, alumni parent and former board member in the 1970s, has been inducted into the South Dakota State Hall of Fame. Gowen served as president of South Dakota State University and South Dakota School of Mines. Most recently he was head of the Homestake Conversion Project.

1990s

Leah Wilkes Ramzy '93 and her husband Nader welcomed their second son, Jonas, on October 9, 2012.

John '98 and Lisa Runyan '02 Lewis welcomed their third son, Issac, on September 11, 2012.

John English '94 and his wife Amber welcomed their first child, a son whom they named Liam, on June 13, 2012.

Jason Wolfe '94 is the in-house attorney for a health company in Windsor, CO. He and his wife Tara have a three-year-old daughter Emerson.

Brent Waller '99 and his family live in Westminster, CO. Brent is the Director of Housing and Residence Life at Colorado School of Mines and is studying for his PhD in Educational Leadership at Colorado State University.

Brad Evans '99 and his family reside in Richmond Hill, GA. Brad is assigned to the 15<sup>th</sup> Air Support Operations Squadron as an Air Liaison Officer, working with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division at Ft. Stewart, GA. He is pursuing a master's degree in human relations through the University of Oklahoma. (Beat Manitou!)

2000s



Carolyn McGrady '01 and fellow native Coloradoan Levi McKay were married at Holy Rosary Chapel in Cascade, CO on June 16, 2012. They reside in Colorado Springs.



Class Notes

**Wendy Trimboli Roberts '01** received her MFA in creative writing from Vermont College of Fine Arts in July. Her short story "Madeleines" was selected by guest editor Lauren Groff for publication in the 2012 edition of *The Masters Review* showcasing the year's best work by masters' level creative writing students nationwide. Wendy teaches writing at Pima Community College. She and her husband Matthew are currently stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, AZ.

**Ben Gallegos-Pardo '04** is the Diversity outreach Coordinator at Corpus Christi Catholic Elementary School in Colorado Springs. He and his wife Katherine have two daughters, Eva age 5 and Mia age 2. Ben, Katherine, and his mother also own Cafe Corto Coffee Gallery in downtown Colorado Springs.

**Jesse Driller '04** earned his doctorate in physical therapy from Regis University in Denver May, 2012. He lives in Midland, TX, and works as a physical therapist at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, TX.

**Stephen G Wheeler '05** is an on-site projects supervisor working as a civil engineer for Shimmick Construction in Orange County, CA. He wed Ruth M. Miskimins of Fort Collins on September 29, 2012, in Estes Park. **Anthony X. Marriage '67** officiated.

**Ozzie Grenardo '91** is mentoring **Lindsay Heuser '05** during her first year at CU Med School.

**Sam Udell '06** resides in Tampa, Florida. He is under contract with the WWE to become a professional wrestler.

**Caitlin Madden '06** lives in Los Angeles, CA, and works at Fidum Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising.

**David Hyland '07** is a mechanical engineer with General Dynamics Electric Boat. He lives in New London, CT.

**Kristen Bunecke '08** is a senior at the Air Force Academy and is captain of the women's rugby team.



**Amanda Everlove '08** competed in the London 2012 Paralympic Games in five swimming events. Amanda finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the 100m butterfly and 200

IM, 13<sup>th</sup> in the 50m freestyle, 14<sup>th</sup> in the 100m backstroke, and 17<sup>th</sup> in the 100m freestyle. Amanda also competed in the Paralympic Games in Beijing in 2008.

**TJ Bench '08** is working for FOCUS, a Catholic college ministry organization.

**Erin Udell '08** graduated from Colorado State University in May and works as a journalist at *The Coloradoan*, Fort Collins' daily newspaper.

**Joe Woodrum '09**, USAF, attended Cyber Dominance/Electronic Warfare School in Pensacola, FL, and is currently stationed at Buckley AFB in Aurora, CO. He will be deploying to Afghanistan in 2013.

2010s

**Allie Wille '10**, a junior at Tulane majoring in psychology and public health, is co-captain of the Tulane Cheer squad. She is a staff instructor for the National Cheerleaders Association



Greg O'Donnell '11

Photo by Pueblo Chieftain

and coaches at cheer camps throughout Texas and the West.

**Greg O'Donnell '11** is a redshirt freshman placekicker for the ThunderWolves of Colorado State University-Pueblo. In September his record was 6 of 9 field goals, the longest being 49 yards. That month he was one of 31 college placekickers in the nation (and the only freshman) recognized by the Fred Mitchell Foundation for outstanding placekicking and community service.

In Memoriam

**Barbara L. Kloer Thomas '47** passed away July 14, 2012 in Colorado Springs. She and her husband operated a metal finishing business and Wonderland Ranch Picnic. She was also a bookkeeper before retiring.

**William I. Israel '49** passed away on July 7, 2012 at his home after a long illness.

**Margaret R. Sanchez Almeida '50** passed away August 14, 2012 in Colorado Springs.

**Geraldine Patricia Ripley Gattis '52** passed away in Texas September 27, 2012.

**William Sargent '55** passed away December 20, 2011, in Las Vegas, Nevada. He is survived by his son John.

**Judine Anselmo Carkner '72** passed away in June in Colorado Springs.

**William Monson**, basketball coach at SMHS in the late 1980s passed away July 12, 2012.

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Winning golf team.

"The golf tournament is another example of our donors and community's commitment to Catholic education," Principal Mike Biondini said. "McCarty and Betty [Betty Faricy who chaired the event for many years] are just two of the countless people who work to make events like this a success. Without our partners' support, our school couldn't achieve the great outcomes we do."

SMHS Counselor Rick Wilson, who played on the winning corporate team, was impressed by the players' willingness to step up and make a difference for St. Mary's High School. The school, he believes, is one of Colorado Springs' hidden jewels and the golf tournament is a way people who understand the school's value to the community show their support.

The players on this year's overall winning team (pictured above) were Dan Stapleton, John Stapleton Jr., Art Charqualaf, and Ken Mills.

—Amy Partain contributed to this article.

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Kraus-Kraus-Krause-Swiekatun

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