

# Pirates' Treasure



## Colorado Springs Mayor John Suthers Receives Marian Award

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## From the President

As the first semester winds down, there are innumerable reasons that I am thankful. From being entrusted to serve St. Mary's High School as interim president to learning of and sharing with you the successes of our recent graduates as they embark on the next leg of their journey, I am overwhelmed with gratitude to have the opportunity to give back to the community that has given my family so much.

I also continue to be humbled by the amount time and treasure that the incredibly generous St. Mary's family contributes to ensure that all students receive the finest Catholic college-preparatory education available (please see "The Annual Report on Giving" beginning on page 9). But, arguably, no one has given more of himself to St. Mary's over the past four years than has our principal, Jim Felice. Hired as athletic director in the fall of 2013, Mr. Felice graciously accepted the challenge of leading our school as principal in 2014. However, as Jim will acknowledge, we all have to do what is best for our family, and Jim has, regrettably, announced his intent to retire at the end of this school year. Please take time to share with Jim your appreciation for all that he means to our community as we owe him an enormous debt of gratitude for his stabilizing leadership that helped St. Mary's to be the premier high school in southern Colorado.

There are others for whom I am thankful—the tireless faculty and staff, the dedicated families and alumni, the benefactors who regularly remember St. Mary's, the volunteers who give so much to our community, the coaches and faculty advisers to all of our extracurricular activities, and, most importantly, our students. Our students meet the rigorous challenges daily and continue to amaze in their ability to perform in the classroom, in the athletic arena, and on every other stage imaginable as they fulfill hour upon hour of service to our community and as leaders of their generation. For all of these things, I am truly thankful.

And, yet, what follows Thanksgiving but Christmas—a season to rejoice and acknowledge our Catholic virtues! And the fact that we can, in 2016, celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in school is an amazing reason to be thankful!

Along with Christmas comes the season for giving, and I will make a plea on behalf of the St. Mary's community that you consider remembering St. Mary's in your year-end contributions. Our We Believe! campaign is rolling along with more than \$1.5 million in pledges made (see [www.smhscs.org/donate-now/we-believe-campaign](http://www.smhscs.org/donate-now/we-believe-campaign) for details on the capital campaign and ways to give), and we are midway through our 2016-2017 Annual Fund drive ([www.smhscs.org/donate-now/annual-fund](http://www.smhscs.org/donate-now/annual-fund)). We had an enormously successful Golf Classic this fall (see page 23), and we are looking forward to our annual Gala on April 29. So, please, if you can, help us maintain the highest possible standards for Catholic education. I know that, without students, a school is just a building. However, we have a lot that we can do for our building to enhance the education experience of our students. I thank you for considering St. Mary's this season.

And, we are always looking for ways to be more frugal with your generous contributions. As such, you are reading the final mass-produced printed mailer from St. Mary's! We are stepping into the 21st Century and utilizing technology to "go green" (kelly green, of course!). We will still print a select number of *Pirates' Treasure Magazines*, but the vast majority of all future editions will arrive electronically. Please go to [www.smhscs.org/alumni-association/pirates-treasure-magazine](http://www.smhscs.org/alumni-association/pirates-treasure-magazine) to view the electronic version of this edition of *Pirates' Treasure Magazine* and supply us with your



preferred method of delivery for future issues. We will ask that you update your contact information as you supply your preference so that we can best serve your preference.

Finally, I would like to assert that Pirate Pride remains high as we look forward to our 132nd graduating class taking their next step in life's journey as they join the esteemed ranks of St. Mary's High School alumni. Every class is special, but we are all Pirates for Life!

Many wishes for a most joyful and peaceful Christmas,

Patrick Carter

## Family Prayer Rotation Started

St. Mary's started a Family Prayer Rotation this year after learning of similar efforts used in Catholic parishes and schools. The Family Prayer Rotation works like this: families sign up to commit to one week of praying for St. Mary's while at the same time hosting the Prayer Rotation crucifix. Each week families pray the Prayer for St. Mary's asking that God provide for all of St. Mary's needs. At the end of the week, the crucifix is passed on to the next family in the rotation.

All St. Mary's families, alumni, and supporters in the Colorado Springs area are encouraged to join the Family Prayer Rotation. Signing up is simple. The Prayer for St. Mary's and the online sign-up form can be found at [www.smhscs.org/prayerrotation/](http://www.smhscs.org/prayerrotation/). For more information on the Prayer Rotation, contact Joe Trechter at [jtrechter@smhscs.org](mailto:jtrechter@smhscs.org) or by calling 719-635-7540 ext. 38.

## Senior Premieres Documentary Film

Isabella Recca '17 created and directed a documentary film addressing the issues of self-image in our society, sharing her own story and struggles with self image, as part of the Youth Documentary Academy (YDA). The premiere of YDA films was Wednesday, Oct. 26.

"Self-image is something that pretty much everyone struggles with at some point in their life. Society creates this idea of what men and women should look like and act like, and that affects everyone, whether they realize it or not. The main point of my film is that even though we all put on a face of confidence, almost everyone is struggling underneath it all, and they are not alone. I hope my film reaches out to people and helps form a discussion in our community," Isabella said.



## Club Attends Respect Life Dinner

Twenty-seven members of the St. Mary's Students for Life club attended Bishop Michael Sheridan's annual Respect Life Dinner with His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan on Oct. 17. Not only did they meet Cardinal Dolan and hear his inspiring message on the sacredness of human life, but they also had the opportunity to interact with many pro-life individuals. Mary Simmons, parent sponsor of the club, said she believes it is essential for the club members, the self-proclaimed "Pro-Life



Generation," to be inspired and encouraged to live their faith out loud and promote their dedication to the dignity and sanctity of all life with their peers.

## Ugandan Priest Speaks to Theology Classes

Fr. Anthony Bingi from the Hoima Catholic Diocese spoke to theology classes in early October. Father Bingi told about his life in Bulindi, Uganda, and how young people can make the world a better place.



photo: Colorado Public Television

## Seniors Featured on PBS Debate Program

Colton Barta '17 and Cole Ricke '17 were featured in September on "Both Sides of the Story," a high school debate program on Colorado Public Television. Barta and Ricke, here on set with moderator Alan Gionet from Denver's CBS station, debated each other in the first round of the program. Debaters from Cherry Creek, George Washington HS, and Denver East HS joined St. Mary's in the round robin-type of tournament. Ricke won the match and went on to face a debater from George

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## On Campus

Washington HS. The episode featuring Barta and Ricke is available at [cpt12.org](http://cpt12.org).



photo: Diane Torrence

### Drama Club Presents 'Look Who's Laughing'

The Drama Club produced its fall play in early November, presenting John Randall's comedy "Look Who's Laughing." The production follows Henry Crocker, a man with a legendary temper, who attempts to go one week without throwing a tantrum after making a bet with his friend Jeb. The audience watches as everything goes wrong that week and waits to see if Henry will win the bet as he endures problems that would make anyone blow his stack.



### Pirates for Life Support Relay for Life

Six St. Mary's students and four Pirate parents represented the school in a stellar way at the Tri-Lakes Relay for Life on Aug. 6. Of the 17 teams entered, the "Pirates for Life" relay team came in second for funds raised. More importantly, the team added an amazing amount of spirit and energy, cheering on the survivors and caregivers during their laps, and helping set up the luminarias for the Remembrance Lap. They braved the rain and were one of the last of the teams to leave the stadium.



### NAHS Draws as Part of Festival

Members of the National Art Honor Society drew chalk art outside Pioneer Museum as part of the "What if... Festival of Innovation and Imagination" in downtown Colorado Springs in early September. The festival celebrates lifelong learning through innovation, creativity, and the entrepreneurial spirit of the Pikes Peak region.

### Student Wins Training Session

Taylor Wallau '17 was one of two students to win an extra training session with root9B during a GenCyber camp hosted by STEMSCO over the summer. Wallau was the first student to complete a Caesar cypher.

### Two Seniors Attend Leadership Conference

In July, Nelson Hogan '17 and Natalie Godec '17 represented St. Mary's at the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference at CSU-Pueblo with about 100 other students from Colorado Springs and Denver.



### Junior Attends Engineers Camp

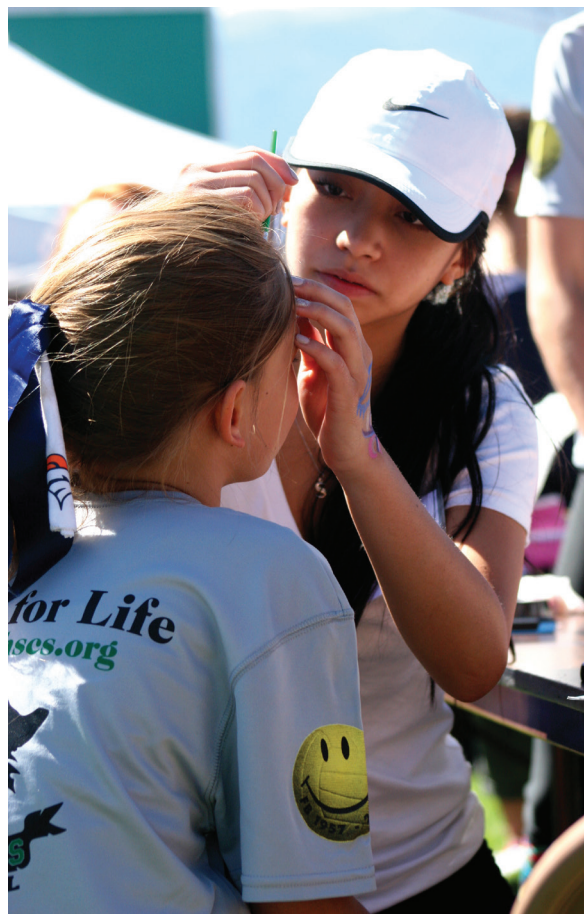
Brennan Zill '18 attended the Society of American Military Engineers Construction Camp at [Marine] Camp Lejeune, NC, in June. Campers completed multiple engineering and construction tasks after starting each day at 6:30 am with Marine-style physical training.





# Second Red Rose Run Held in September

St. Mary's second Red Rose Run was held on Sept. 25 with the St. Mary's family gathering to celebrate Catholic education and kick-off Respect Life month. This year's event was held at The Grace Center and included a 5K fun run, a kids' carnival, food trucks, and a dunk tank featuring St. Mary's teachers and students. (Balloon Photo: Yearbook Staff; All Others: Amy G. Partain)





# Suthers Honored

## Mayor Receives 2016 Marian Award in November Ceremony

During the course of his career, John Suthers '70 has held many government posts. Currently he is mayor of Colorado Springs, elected in 2015 by an overwhelming majority. He has also served as the district attorney for El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado Attorney General, and U.S. Attorney for the District of Colorado. Over the years he has received numerous awards, and this November he added to that number when he was presented with St. Mary's Marian Award.

Each year the St. Mary's High School Board of Directors honors a person or couple in recognition of unselfish service to others and outstanding contributions to the community. The award has been presented annually since 2001. Suthers said he was humbled by the recognition.

"I win some awards, a couple every year, and some are more meaningful than others," he said. "This is very meaningful to me. I think it's a recognition of the way I've balanced my Catholicism with public service, which is not an easy thing to do."

### EARLY INFLUENCES

Catholic education played a big role in Suthers' becoming the man he is today. Suthers attended Pauline Memorial Parochial School and St. Mary's High School in Colorado Springs, then continued his education on a full scholarship to the University of Notre Dame. In fact, Suthers said the only career advice he ever received was in the sixth grade when a nun told him that he should become a lawyer because she liked the way he argued.

Suthers said he encountered some limitations in his high school education, such as not having the option to take calculus. But, he said, over time he realized that his Catholic education was very good at developing his writing skills and oral skills, which laid a foundation for his career as a public servant. Even more importantly, he said, were the values he learned through his elementary and secondary education.

"St. Mary's was clearly a value-laden education and I just think I'm a much better person because of it," he said. "I believe that I think about the purpose of life and the meaning of life more than I would have if I had not had that kind of educational background. It

got me focused on why we're here."

He had only been at St. Mary's High School for one year when his father passed away. As a result of that loss, when Suthers returned to school as a sophomore, he grasped the fleeting nature of life better than many of his classmates. Early that year, Latin teacher Sister Georgetta told a story about the "Triumph" ceremony held to honor Rome's conquering heroes; a story that would stick with Suthers the rest of his life.

She explained that for this ceremony, the conquering heroes of each campaign were positioned on chariots by themselves except for one slave standing behind them. It was the slaves job to whisper in the hero's ear '*sic transit gloria mundi*,' which means 'quickly passes the glory of the world.' This was to remind the heroes that fame is fleeting, life is short, and the interests of Rome were paramount.

"I was very close to my father. I was 15 years old and had my first stark confrontation with mortality," Suthers said. "I think it was during the first or second week back of our sophomore year and this mortality was very present on my mind. I realized that life was relatively short. Sister Georgetta would go on to talk about making sure you take advantage of your short time on earth to live a meaningful and purposeful life. And that had a huge impact on me. I credit her with a lot of my notions about people's obligations to live their lives in a way that makes them a



John Suthers '70, fourth from left, was Student Council president his senior year. He said the value-focused education he received attending Colorado Springs Catholic schools help him become the person he is today.



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good ancestor.”

Graduation night was the last time Suthers saw Sister Georgetta. He said as he was leaving the building, Sister Georgetta saw him and said, ‘Remember John, *sic transit gloria mundi*.’ Over the years, Suthers told that story to family members, and when he was sworn in as district attorney for El Paso and Teller Counties in 1988, which was his first public elected office, his sister gave him a needle point of the saying.



photo: Diane Torrence

**John Suthers, left, and his wife, Janet, pose with Bishop Michael Sheridan after the Marian Award Mass on Nov. 2.**

“It’s hung in every office I’ve had since, which is an indication, I think of the influence that my St. Mary’s education had on me,” Suthers said. “I take it seriously. You have to force yourself to realize that you’ve got to do the right thing. Character is all that endures; that’s the essence of the message. You’ve got to suffer the slings and arrows day to day but never take your eye off the ball of what has to be done regardless of the criticism that you get.”

Another teacher that Suthers said had a profound impact on him was Tom McCeney. McCeney was a history teacher and faculty adviser for student council. Suthers served as student council president his senior year said he loved history, which McCeney made interesting. McCeney was inducted into the St. Mary’s Athletic Hall of Fame in October. Read more about the man and the ceremony on page 16.

“He was a very steady figure,” Suthers said. “He wrote incredible letters for me that helped me in getting into colleges and in getting scholarships.”

## HUMBLE SERVANT

Suthers has built on the foundation he received at home and through his Catholic education. Some might think it difficult to have religious beliefs and be an elected public official, but Suthers has found ways to stay strong in his faith while respecting that the separation of church and state is an integral part of our government.

“I’ve always tried to conduct myself consistent with my public service obligations and oaths of office,” Suthers said. “That means I don’t make those day-to-day decisions or apply the law from the perspective of my own religious beliefs. But on the other hand, I think my religious beliefs impact how I go about my day-to-day interactions with people and organizations. So the fact that St. Mary’s would take the time to recognize me, I’m humbled by that.”

St. Mary’s Board President Tom Resman said Suthers is an outstanding role model for St. Mary’s students and deserving of the Marian Award. In addition to his civil service roles, Resman said Suthers has also served in many Church ministries such as parish council, finance council, and marriage preparation.

“When I met John Suthers for the first time, two qualities stood out above everything else: his life of service and humility,” Resman said. “We see these same qualities in Mary, the Mother of God. Despite his prominent roles, Mayor Suthers takes a genuine interest in every person he meets. John is an ethical leader in our community and portrays the Catholic values that he developed as a student in our Catholic schools.”

Mike Kloenne, math and engineering teacher, has worked with Suthers on St. Mary’s Red Rose Run and Students for Life club. During Suthers’ time as mayor, Kloenne said he has watched Suthers build a great team, formulate strategy, and persevere through roadblocks to a successful end.

“Since John’s ascent to mayor, I have noticed what a great leader and unifier he has been for our city,” Kloenne said. “There is no doubt the biggest impact Mayor Suthers has on our community is through his thoughtful, faith-based leadership. Beyond his superb

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leadership, I see Mayor Suthers as a great unifier and peacemaker. Nobody leads by example better than Mayor Suthers.”

While there is much that Suthers has accomplished throughout his career, he feels his greatest accomplishment is that when he has left each position, the office he was responsible for was better off than it was when he arrived.

“That really has to be your goal. These are institutions that have been around long before you arrived and will be around long after you leave,” he said. “Your mission is to do what you can to improve it while you’re there. I’ve felt very good about that; that the organizations I was in charge of were better off when I left than when I started.”

## FINDING A PATH

When he was a child, Suthers could not have imagined where his career would take him. After his father died, he said his mother took him to Washington, DC, with her when she was organizing a conference there and they stayed a few extra days to see some of the sites, including the White House and the Supreme Court.

“I’ve had a very remarkable career. Sometimes I have to pinch myself. Who would have thought that I’d argue a case in the Supreme Court, that I’d be in the front row when some of the biggest Supreme Court cases were argued, that I’d have meetings in the Oval Office or the Roosevelt Room with the President of the United States, or that I’d testify before Congress,” Suthers said. “When you’re a kid, you just never think those are in store for you. I’ve had incredible opportunities in the course of my public service and I really do see it as an opportunity as opposed to a sacrifice.”

Suthers said he feels his public service has given him a broad perspective on the world, for which he is thankful. He knows that public service, especially going through the election process, isn’t for everyone, but he’s thankful that good people are willing to endure it and serve in those positions. And, he noted, elected office isn’t the only way to serve the community--there are committees and Catholic charities that need workers and organizers.

“I think a person’s primary obligation in life is to get the best education you can, get a job that takes care of you so you have a good sense of personal responsibility--you make sure that you always meet whatever obligations you have, when you take on family obligations--then in the context of that base of education and job, you look for opportunities for service,” Suthers said. “I think St. Mary’s, and Catholic education in general, does a good job of planting in people the notion of how important public service is.”

With many public accomplishments, one might think that Suthers would consider his career to be his greatest accomplishment in life. But, in fact, that title goes to his family, including his wife, Janet, and their two daughters, Alison and Kate.

“I made a great choice in marriage. My wife and I have been married 40 years; we’re great partners. We’ve really helped impact the things around us and we’ve given strength to each other in that regard,” he said. “We have two great kids, who, I think, are good servants in their own right. Our oldest, Alison, is deputy DA in Denver, and just had her first child. Kate is a lieutenant commander in the Navy Reserve, and also just had a child. I feel very privileged to have the joyful personal life I’ve had. I believe it’s allowed me to do what I’ve done. I couldn’t have done the public service things without my wife’s career. My family and personal life are my source of most joy.” ●

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2002

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2003

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2004

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John Suthers '70





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## The 1885 Fund

Established at the 125th Anniversary Gala in 2010, the 1885 Fund honors those whose leadership, commitment and dedication have ensured the school's continued success for its first 125 years and beyond. Honorees of the 1885 Fund include the Sisters of Loretto who founded the school in 1885; Monsignors Raber, Kipp, Kelly, and Hoffman, who guided the school as pastors, superintendents and principals; lay leaders such as [Leo Smentowski '54](#), Tom Kelly and Andy Middlemist and, of course, the hundreds of faculty, staff and religious, including Fr. Rawley Myers, who served the school unselfishly over the decades. The fund provides ongoing general operating support of St. Mary's High School.

## The Ertel Family Endowed Scholarship

On an ordinary Friday afternoon in the spring of 2002, [Patrick Ertel '68](#) walked into SMHS and made an extraordinary gift. "I want the school to have this for scholarships for those in need," he said as he handed over an envelope. "These are some investments I inherited from my family. I managed them for some time, but have lost interest in them and have decided that they would be best used for this purpose."

Upon graduating, Ertel entered the seminary, but ultimately discerned that he did not have a calling to the priesthood. His love of the Church and of SMHS, however, continued to grow as he spent the next 35 years in various forms of service to others, first in the Peace Corps and then as a community volunteer. Grateful for the education that he received SMHS, Ertel decided to create an endowed fund in his family's name. The Ertel Family Endowed Scholarship Fund provides a lasting revenue for financial aid. Ertel hopes to add to the fund in the years ahead.

## The Ernest J. Golobic Endowed Scholarship

Ernest J. Golobic moved to Colorado Springs more than 20 years ago upon retiring from the USPS in Chicago. Though he and his wife, Catherine, had no formal connection to

SMHS, they valued Catholic education and began to support the school with yearly gifts to the Annual Fund.

When Mr. Golobic's sister-in-law, Margaret A. Rick, passed away she left him a modest inheritance. To honor his sister-in-law for her generosity and his wife's commitment to Catholic education, Mr. Golobic chose to create the Margaret A. Rick Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund to support the school's financial aid program. This permanent fund provides the school with revenue to help ensure that SMHS will be available to those in need.

Shortly before his death in 2004, Mr. Golobic contributed some of his own assets to the scholarship fund and, with his daughter's encouragement, changed the name of the fund to The Ernest J. Golobic Family Endowed Scholarship Fund.

## The Ernster-Blichmann Family Endowed Scholarship

[Greg Ernster '77](#) and his wife, Suzanne Blichmann Ernster, parents of [Lauren '06](#) and [Paul '08](#), established the Ernster-Blichmann Family Endowed Scholarship to provide need-based tuition assistance to students, particularly those interested in math, the sciences, sports, and/or debate. When possible, the gifts follow the receiving students for their entire time at SMHS so long as their need is proven to the Foundation each year.

## The Tom Kelly Scholarship Fund

The St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation has established the Tom Kelly Scholarship Fund in memory of Tom Kelly, who faithfully served the St. Mary's High School community as a member of the school board, foundation board, and in advisory capacity for more than 25 years. The fund benefits scholarship and financial aid programs of St. Mary's High School."

## The Clergy Fund

The St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation established the Clergy Fund to assist with the funding of the clergy office at St.

Mary's High School, including the salary of a school chaplain and supplies needed to carry out the mission of the office.

## Anna Stevens Scholarship Fund

A local community volunteer and philanthropist, Anna Stevens desired to leave a lasting legacy through her estate. As part of her estate plan, she established the Anna Stevens Scholarship Fund to provide need-based tuition assistance to St. Mary's High School students.

## The Good Sisters Fund

Named in honor of Srs. Valerie and Ann Monica Pierce, the Good Sisters Fund supplements funding of the school's curriculum and teacher development. Each semester, the departments heads submit grant requests to the principal for funding of curriculum or programs that would not otherwise be available. The principal prioritizes the requests for the Foundation board which, pursuant to the Fund, awards \$1,500 per semester in grants.

In creating the Fund, Sr. Valerie hoped that it grow through additional gifts from SMHS families, friends, and alumni.

## The Tafolla Family Fund

Patrice and Jerry Tafolla established the Tafolla Family Fund endowment in gratitude for all SMHS has provided their family, including an excellent education for their daughter, [Sarah '13](#), and son, [Michael '15](#). Their association with the school is a lifelong relationship rooted in faith, community, and a sense of belonging.

The Tafolla Family Fund is a legacy gift, providing permanent funding for debt relief and tuition assistance. At the end of each fiscal year, 5 percent of the balance of the fund is available to the school for the following school year.

The Tafollas intend to be lifelong supporters of SMHS, through the Annual Fund and events like the Golf Classic and the Gala, and by adding to the endowment fund. They encourage other families to consider a gift that will provide for the financial future of the school.



# Exemplary Sports Teams Honored

## 3 Individuals, 2 Teams inducted to Athletic Hall of Fame

Each October, St. Mary's inducts new members into its Athletic Hall of Fame. The induction ceremonies are special as athletes, coaches, and supporters reminisce about what being a Pirate has meant in their lives. This year's ceremony saw not only three individuals inducted into the Hall of Fame, but also recognized the first two of four Exemplary Sports Teams to be enshrined as well.

The class of 2016 inductees were Thomas McCeney, teacher and Pirate supporter; William Mullane, coach and teacher; and Jim Smith '72, basketball. A total of four Exemplary Sports Teams will be enshrined this year with two honored at the Hall of Fame induction—the 1956 hockey team and the 1962 football team. The 1933-1934 and 1960-1961 basketball teams will be enshrined at the Pirate basketball games on Feb. 4. (Learn more about these exemplary basketball teams in our Spring/Summer 2017 issue.)

### Exemplary Teams: Hockey

After starting off the season with a loss, the 1956 hockey team went undefeated for the rest of the season to capture the Colorado Springs High School Hockey League title, which also served as the state title that year.

Representing the 1956 hockey team were Jerry Varrone '57, Ken Stwertnik '56, and Craig Hart '57. Varrone said the team attributes its success that year to being inspired. While coaches provided a lot of inspiration, Varrone said Father Freudenstein, who helped secure new uniforms for the team, served as inspiration as well.

"Father Freudenstein was an inspiration to all of us because he was so dedicated to the team," Varrone said.

Hart said the team proved it could still win on 50th anniversary of the game.



photo: Diane Torrence

The 2016 St. Mary's Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and the first two Exemplary Sports Teams were honored during half time at the home football game on Oct. 21. From left to right are: William Mullane, Jim Smith '72, Jerry Varrone '57, Craig Hart '57, Ken Stwertnik '56, Mickey Elliott '63, Jim Gillespie '63, and Mike O'Shea '63.

"We played a game against men in their mid-40s," he said. "We beat them 8-4 for our 16th win in a row."

### Exemplary Teams: Football

The 1962 football Pirates became the first team in the history of St. Mary's High School to win 10 games, capture a league title outright, and play in a state championship game. That season Richie Jewett '63 rushed for more than 1,330 yards, and Larry Peralta '63 rushed for more than 880 yards. The defense allowed only 117 points to be scored in 12 games; they recorded four shutouts and forced 50 turnovers.

Coach Chuck Haering said that year the team needed each and every player on the team to accomplish what it did.

"I've been a coach for 50 years now and the most devoted, most dedicated, most focused players I've ever had were at St. Mary's," he said. "Those St. Mary's players became the measuring stick by which I assessed all of my future players."

### Thomas McCeney

McCeney, known as Mr. Mac during his time at St. Mary's, was posthumously inducted into the Hall of Fame. Accepting for him was Garitt Griebel '61, who was both a student and colleague of McCeney.

Griebel said McCeney's dedication to St. Mary's students makes him deserving of the honor. Throughout his time at St. Mary's, McCeney taught, was student advisor, served as counselor, and served as administrator. He also co-founded the Men's Club for Athletics, which supported Pirate athletics and helped procure uniforms.

"Mr. Mac knew that students needed both scholastic pursuits and physical development," Griebel said. "He is richly deserving of this award for the kind, scholarly, generous, devoted, and humorous example of excellence that he set for all who knew him."

### William Mullane, Coach

Mullane, known for his fiery sideline

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photo: Yearbook Staff

## Cross Country

Coach Debbie Hellman said she saw tremendous improvement this season from meet to meet among all of the cross country athletes.

"There were progressive PRs and competitive performances throughout the season," Hellman said.

The girls' cross country team qualified to participate in the state meet, which was held at Bear Creek Park on Oct. 29. **Hannah McReavy '18** ran a solid race at the state meet, finishing fourth after winning both the Tri-Peaks League and the 3A Division 2 Regional meets. McReavy was named to the 3A All-State First Team for cross country.



photo: Diane Torrence

## Football

Thought it was another tough year record-wise, the Pirates continued to rebuild the program. Coach Archie Malloy saw many positives this season despite the team's record.

First, the number of players nearly doubled from last year (from 18 to 35). Second, Malloy felt that the feelings of "brotherhood" and "family" were very visible within the Pirate program. Third, Malloy said there is a high level of commitment from the staff to "teaching" the players, not just the game of

football but about the game of life as well. And fourth, the coach said that the unconditional support of the St. Mary's administration/staff/families and student body was evident each week and appreciated by the team and coaches.

That sounds like a win for the Pirate team in some very important areas and the team has a lot to build on in the coming year.

## Golf

Coach Grady Castle sees a positive future for the Pirates boys' golf team. He said this year the team finally had more players interested in golf than the program can handle.

"My first season we had six golfers, and this year we had 13 and actually had to turn one new golfer away," he said. "There's so much enthusiasm for the game and our team that we can build on for next season."

The team lost only one senior, and next year will have five to eight players vying for the four varsity spots.



photo: Yearbook Staff



photo: Diane Torrence

## Boys Soccer

The boys' soccer team had a strong season finishing 9-7-1 overall. As the No. 19 seed in the state tournament, St. Mary's upset No. 14 The Pinnacle 2-0 in the round of 32 before losing 3-0 to No. 3 Colorado Academy in the round of 16.

Pirates named to the all-league team included first team members **Thomas O'Connor '17**, **Jacob Gonzalez '17**, **Diego**

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# Sports

Zapata '17, Gabe Calhoun '19 and Dom Hartman '19, while Wyatt Barton '20 was an all-league honorable mention.

Goalkeeper Calhoun finished No. 9 in the state with 182 saves. This ranked him the No. 4 leader in 3A and No. 1 in the Tri-Peaks League. And Zapata tied for second in the league with 18 goals scored. O'Connor and Gonzalez, along with Calhoun are in line to be honored by the state coaches association with all-state status.



photo: Diane Torrence

## Softball

Playing in one of the most difficult conferences in the state, the Pirates softball team battled into playoff contention for the second straight season.

This season the Pirates picked up a key victory over conference powerhouse La Junta for the first time in program history. The win propelled the Pirates to a five-game winning streak to end the regular season. A heartbreaking 9-8 loss to Faith Christian in regionals ended the Pirates season.

Shortstop Mackenzie Pepper '19 and pitcher Peyton Richter '19 earned All-League honors, while firstbaseman Maddie Horsley '19 and centerfielder Morgan Trechter '20 were honorable mention.

## Volleyball

The St. Mary's volleyball had another great season, coming up just short of making it to the state tournament with a 20-5 record. The Pirates were second in league and had three all-league players. Making the All-League First team were Emily Broerman '17 and Tara Sweeney '17, while Jackie Delfeld '17 received an honorable mention.

Although several key players will graduate, the team's future looks bright since the Junior Varsity and C teams both had great seasons with only one or two league losses. Both teams also competed well in their tournaments.



photo: Diane Torrence

## Hall of Fame, continued from page 16

demeanor, played a large part in the success and expansion of the Pirate athletic program during the 1950s. He led the basketball team to three state parochial league titles and helped the 1956 football team to a second place finish.

During his six years at St. Mary's, Mullane coached football, basketball, baseball, and served as athletic director. Mullane worked with McCeney to establish the Men's Club for Athletics.

In receiving the award, Mullane thanked all of those he worked with at St. Mary's, including the priests, sisters, and faculty, more making St. Mary's great.

## Jim Smith, Basketball

Smith was the second leading scorer in basketball in the 1972 Will Rogers League and played in the Pirates football defeat of Harrison High School, which is considered one of the Pirates biggest upsets.

Smith said his love of Pirate sports started during his days at Divine Redeemer. Smith's older brother was already attending St. Mary's and in supporting the school Smith said he got to watch some of the finest athletes around.

"I knew I wanted to be a part of that," Smith said. "I received an excellent education and knew that everyone at St. Mary's had my best interests at heart. They

did everything to help you be successful."

Smith thanked his parents; Andy Middlemist, who was a head basketball coach and went on to help keep St. Mary's open in the 1980s; and all of the coaches he played for.

"St. Mary's was a very important part of my life," Smith said. "I'm proud to be part of the St. Mary's family."

Special thanks goes out to Mickey Elliot for all of his hard work on the Athletic Hall of Fame. Individuals and exemplary teams can be nominated year-round. For more information, visit the Alumni page on our web site at [www.smhscs.org/alumni-association/](http://www.smhscs.org/alumni-association/). ●

# Classes Celebrate Milestone Reunions

**F**our St. Mary's classes celebrated milestone reunions this year. Some visited the current campus, while others met in a classmate's home and started a new tradition. If your class is celebrating a milestone reunion in 2017, St. Mary's would be honored to support it. Contact Joe Trechter, director of advancement, at [jtrechter@smhscs.org](mailto:jtrechter@smhscs.org) or (719) 635-7540 ext. 38.

## Class of 1966

This year was a special one for the Class of 1966, which celebrated its 50th reunion. Larry Walters, Mary Kay (Baker) Iseldyke, and Jim Rogers organized several events around Colorado Springs for more than 50 classmates.

Of course, St. Mary's is blessed to have **Mike Biondini '66** working at the school as our lead guidance counselor. **Brig. Gen. (ret) Jim Mungenast '66** and his wife, Jeanie, came all the way from Tennessee to join the festivities and tour the new campus.

The school has changed a bit since the Class of 1966 graduated, but there were lots of remembrances about the school when it was next to St. Mary's Cathedral. Classmates enjoyed telling stories about the old "Green Latrine," and everyone had a wonderful time catching up.

## Class of 1971

**Donna Felton '71** hosted more than 30 former Pirates and their spouses for the Class of 1971's 45th reunion at her home in Colorado Springs. Everyone had a wonderful time renewing friendships and sharing grand stories that have only gotten better after 45 years!

This year the class also included a special Muster Ceremony honoring their classmates who have passed away. Fr. Ken Przybyla from St. Francis of Assisi Parish led a prayer service for the class that included reciting the names of classmates who have



The Class of 1971, above, met in Colorado Springs this summer at the home of Donna Felton. Their 45th reunion included at Muster Ceremony. The Class of 2006, top right, gathered to celebrate their 10-year reunion. Their gathering included a tour of St. Mary's campus. And the Class of 1966, bottom right, celebrated their 50th reunion this summer. Bob Furlong, Leroy Eckhoff, and Jim Mungenast were just three of the '66 graduates that enjoyed a weekend of activities around town.



died. If anyone is interested in doing a Muster for their class, contact Joe Trechter (contact information above).

## Class of 1996

The Class of 1996 celebrated 20 years since graduation, sharing their mid-June reunion weekend with the Class of 2006. **Dylan Owens '96** headed up the planning efforts with lots of support from Debby Brunette to pull off a wonderful reunion weekend.

## Class of 2006

More than 40 alumni from the Class of 2006 reconnected and caught up on each



others' lives during their 10-year reunion weekend in mid-June. **Melissa (Hadfield) Bichsel '06** organized the event.

The special weekend included visits to the St. Mary's campus and The Grace Center athletic complex. Classmates shared news about marriages and additions to families, which were great reasons for the 2006 graduates to celebrate during their reunion weekend. ●



# Class Notes

## ..... 1940-1959.....

Georgiana Smith '46 continues to reside in Salida, Colo. She would be interested in hearing about her classmates.

Sheila M. Murphy '55 is the co-editor of the book, *Restorative Practices: A Holistic Approach*. She is a retired judge, an adjunct professor at the John Marshall Law School, and the co-director of The Restorative Justice Project.

Dr. John Wickersham '57, professor of philosophy at Maryville University in St. Louis for the last 54 years, has recently published a novel, *Morning Is Always Nigh*. The novel is set in Colorado Springs, circa 1956-57. The story centers on three kids, two brothers and a sister, who are students at St. Mary's. References to St. Mary's are woven through the fourteen chapters, including the names of several Sisters of Loretto who were important to Wickersham's education.

## ..... 1960-1979.....

Margaret Manning Smith '64 is living in Callahan, Fla. A US Marine Corps veteran, Smith is also a retired special education teacher who has also served on the Nassau County Florida School Board. Widowed, Smith has three children and seven grandchildren.

Tony Merola '68 is based in Washington state and has been staying busy with some part-time, on-call work as a State Department contractor in Africa. He spent about nine months this year in Niger and Benin working with the military as a senior staff mentor.

Artwork done by Rosemary Lonewolf '71 is featured in the month of November on the 2016 calendar

for the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI/

Smithsonian) 2016 calendar. The work is a pot that she titled, "Wings, Machines and Other Flying Things."



Mary Weigel (nee Crowley) '72 lives in Monument, Colo. Weigel holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in management. She was widowed in 2010. She has one son and nine exchange students that she calls her children. She enjoys her five grandchildren from her son and eight grandchildren from the exchange students she has hosted.

Dorothy Boschert '77 medically retired from Army Civilian Nursing and CSFD Chaplaincy due to worsening lung disease after serving as a volunteer first responder fire chaplain at Ground Zero following the 9/11 attacks. She became a proud grandmother this past September to Luca Joseph.



The Class of 1977 is already planning their 40th Reunion. Anyone interested in your reunion details can touch base with Sue Duffy Schwall at [suduffy@msn.com](mailto:suduffy@msn.com) or Roger Hadix at [rhadix18@comcast.net](mailto:rhadix18@comcast.net)

## ..... 1980-1999.....

Wendy Young Reed '92 was elected as a Fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers this year.

John Lewis '98 and his wife, Lisa (Runyan) Lewis '02, celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary in August.

They also welcomed a son, Jonah Francis, on June 5 at 12:31 am. Jonah joins his three big brothers, Jackson, Dominic, and Isaac. Lisa is a stay-at-home mom and also is the assistant coach for Colorado Springs Charter Academy's fall and spring cross country team, Landsharks. John is a senior environmental technician in the Environmental Health and Services department at Colorado Springs Utilities. He also the co-creator, editor, and illustrator of *The Almagre Review*, a Colorado literary journal that is devoted to promoting the story experience through language and image, helping writer-artists to share their work with the Front Range community. The journal will release issue 2 on the theme of Leadership in December 2016.

## ..... 2000-2010.....

Amanda Waldmann '00 married Matthew Gehbauer on May 27, 2016 in St. Louis, MO. Amanda works as a Paralegal and Matthew is a News Producer



for the local Fox affiliate. They live in Webster Groves, MO.

Danielle Irby '03 got married on Sept. 27, 2015, to Travers Jordan. She now owns her own travel agency called The Travel Gal.

Ashton (Nuvolini) Shelton '06 recently promoted to captain in the US Air Force. After serving as an ICBM operator in Montana, Ashton currently oversees operations in the space surveillance network in Cape Cod, Mass. She and her husband, Matt, are also celebrating their

fourth year of marriage and are enjoying the east coast with their two dogs, Henry and Max!



**Hannah Olson '09** now lives in Tallahassee, Fla., and is working to build kits for K-12 education that allow schools to do 3D printing in their classrooms. You can learn more about her work at: <http://www.mysystemkits.com/index.php?route=pavblog/blog&id=19>

**Brogan Barr '10** is in her second year as an assistant coach of the Williams College Swim

Team in Williamstown, Mass. Barr assists in writing/overseeing practices, recruiting, and coordinating team travel.



Barr helped coach a number of national champions, and the women's team earned a third place finish and the men's team a fifth place finish at the NCAA Division III Championships last year. Additionally, she is working as a strength and conditioning coach in the Williams College weight room where she helps train a number of successful student athletes. She is looking forward to another exciting season, and is currently enjoying a beautiful fall in the Berkshires.

**Melissa Matiatos '10** married Nick Whitehill on July 30, 2016. After graduating Colorado State University with a degree in biology, she enrolled into Midwestern University's

inaugural Veterinarian School in Glendale, AZ. She is currently in her third year of veterinarian school and is scheduled to graduate in May of 2018.

**Patrick Scally '10** graduated from Indiana University with a degree in journalism in May 2014. He is working in commercial real estate in Washington DC and is on the Junior Board for Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School (Catholic).

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**Katie (Nicieza) Garza '11** attended nursing school at Bellarmine University, where she ran D2 cross county with a team that won a conference championship in 2012. She graduated with honors as a Brown Scholar in 2015. Garza is now proud to be an ICU RN, BSN in Nashville with plans to sit for her CCRN in 2017. In the future she hopes to go back to graduate school for her CRNA. A year after college graduation, she got married on June 24, 2016.

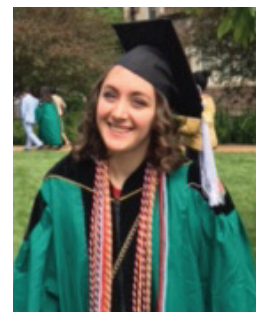
**Lauren Heery '11** will attend the University of Colorado School of Medicine starting in August 2017. Since graduating from Loyola University Maryland in May 2015, she has been working as a post baccalaureate at The National Institutes of Health in a lab funded by Bill and Melinda Gates for drug discovery research for tuberculosis. She is looking forward to coming home to Colorado after six years in Maryland.



**Sean Scally Jr. '12** is now a second lieutenant in the United States Army

after graduating from St. Louis University in May 2016 with a degree in accounting. He graduated from Quartermaster officer basic course on Nov. 18, 2016 and is now be stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

**Micaela Heery '12** graduated with honors from Washington University in St. Louis in May 2016. She is currently a first-year law student at New York University Law School.



She is enjoying her new surroundings in Greenwich Village and has mastered the NYC transit system.

**Cameron Hickert '12** is currently studying for a master's degree from Tsinghua University, in Beijing, China via the Schwarzman Scholarship. He will be in China until July.

**Jacob Resman '12** and **MaryKate Knapp '12** were married at St. Francis Church on Oct 8, 2016.

Earlier this year, **Quillan Edwards '15**,

won the title of 2016 El Paso County Fair Queen. To earn the title, Edwards completed successfully in categories that included public speaking, horsemanship and a personal interview.



**Matt Heery '15** is a sophomore at Villanova University. He had an exciting freshman year as he experienced the school's first national basketball championship since 1985. Go Wildcats! He is a midshipman in the Navy



## Class Notes

ROTC program, Marine option. This June he spent four weeks in San Diego, Calif., as part of his ROTC training.



**Megan Beaudoin '16** finished her Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award that can be earned in Girl Scouting. She spent 80-plus hours creating a video for middle school students with advice for high school students. She is very proud of how the completed project turned out.

### ..... In Memorium .....

**Larilyn (Kelleher) Wentz '44** died on Sept. 22, 2016. She is survived by her daughters, Carolyn Moon and Julie Eggen; son, Jim Wentz; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Rudy Cox '59** of Colorado Springs passed away on Feb. 13, 2016.

**Rick Robbins '69** died Sept. 29. services were held on Thursday, Oct. 6, at St. Francis Cabrini Parish Church in Littleton, Colo.

### ..... Submissions .....

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Send changes in contact information to **Joe Trechter**, director of advancement, at [jtrechter@smhscs.org](mailto:jtrechter@smhscs.org).

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## From the Archive

Who can help us identify the people in the picture at right? Are you in it? This 1940s confirmation photo was in our archives but didn't include any identifying information. If you can identify when it was taken or any of the people in it, please email [apartain@smhscs.org](mailto:apartain@smhscs.org).



Thanks to **Pat Warack '57**, **Annie (Stratford) Carter '56**, **Carol Gould '55**, **Mickey (Finn) Shumaker '62**, and **Ann del Regato Jaeger '58**, for helping us to identify the archive photo of the cheerleaders from the last issue. The photo showed: front row, left to right--**Dorothy Willet '55**, **Sheila Murphy '55**, and **Peggy Canty '55**; and back row, left to right--**Marjorie Gross '56**, **Theresa Trujillo '56**, and **Elaine Costello '56**.

# Golf Classic Proceeds Support Tuition Assistance

This year's Golf Classic was special. It was 40 years ago that the event started as a way to bring the St. Mary's family together and support the school. But sadly, three of the founders of the event passed away during the summer of 2016. So this year's event was held in honor of Bob Smith and Phil Eyen, and Andy Gambucci.

The tournament experienced unrivaled popularity as the 120-person event sold out weeks in advance. The weather was perfect and all enjoyed a great day of golf and fellowship at the Colorado Springs Country Club.

"We did a couple of things differently this year," said Mike Biodini '66, St. Mary's counselor who helped organize the event. "We held it on a Monday instead of Friday, and we had a new venue this year. I'm not sure if those things contributed to more golfers, but we're glad everyone turned out."

For the 16th consecutive year, Mortgage Solutions Financial served as the tournament sponsor. Biodini said St. Mary's is grateful for the support provided by Mortgage Solutions Financial for the event.

"The generous support of Mortgage Solutions Financial allows the Golf Classic to bring in a sizeable amount for St. Mary's Tuition Assistance Program," Biodini said.

While each year Murphy Constructors sponsors dinner for the golfers, this year they



photo: Diane Torrence

The winning foursome at this year's Golf Classic were Scott Blackmun, Chuck Delich, Ryan Hettich, and Rich Bender.

also sponsored a box lunch in honor of Smith and Eyen. Biodini said St. Mary's is blessed that Smith and Eyen took their love and support of the school and channeled that into starting the Golf Classic 40 years ago. Andy Gambucci, another founding father of the Golf Classic, passed away the weekend before the tournament.

"It was great to honor these guys," Biodini said. "Betty Faricy and Kevin Murphy both spoke about that the Golf Classic and mem-

bers of both of the men's families participated in this year's event."

Biodini was joined in planning the event by St. Mary's teachers Tom Harder and Dusty Campbell, fellow counselor Rick Wilson, and retired basketball coach Mark Beranek.

"It was a great day," Biodini said. "We'll do it again and do it even better next year."

The 2018 Golf Classic will return to the Colorado Springs Country Club on Monday, Sept. 18. ●

## In Grateful Acknowledgment of the 40th Annual Golf Classic Supporters

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## 2016 Prize Winners

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and Rich Bender

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:

Terry Madden, Rich Nagl, Jonathan Dron,  
and Greg Papineau  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team:  
Mark Beranek, Loren Lutz, and Dusty  
Campbell

Longest Drive:  
Margaret Raitt, women; Mike Scruggs II,  
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December 26 ..... Alumni Football Tournament & Christmas Social  
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March 1 ..... Ash Wednesday All-School Mass  
April 16 ..... Easter  
April 29 ..... Annual Gala  
May 22 ..... Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation  
June 2017 ..... 1885 Reception

## The 1885 Society Needs Your Legacy Help!

### What is the 1885 Society?

The 1885 Society is a recognition of the St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation (SMCEF, a 501c3 non-profit organization) given to benefactors who have remembered St. Mary's High School (SMHS) in their Last Will and Testament (Estate Plan).

### Why 1885 Society Needs Your Legacy Help.

Until recently in SMHS's 130 year history, our beloved high school had never sought an endowment to provide for tuition assistance for our students. Like most Catholic schools, SMHS had always depended on the Lord to provide through Diocesan and Parish Budgets, annual fundraising, and modest tuition. With the virtual elimination of Teaching Orders in our Church, and with the rise of State sponsored Charter schools (Government money used to open specialty public high schools competing with private high schools) tuition has increased putting our students' families in greater need for tuition assistance in order to attend our Diocese's only Catholic high school.

### What Can You Do for the 1885 Society?

By remembering SMHS in your Last Will and Testament (Estate Plan) with a gift of your assets, your after-death gift will help grow the St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation's tuition assistance endowment from \$250,000 to...you choose.

### How Can I Get Started and Help SMHS through the 1885 Society?

SIMPLE, Just call St. Mary's High School Development Office at 719-635-7540, ext. 38, and let them know you'd like to speak with the Foundation Board President, and I will call you back to discuss your desire to help our beloved St. Mary's High School!

Thank you for your help!

Gregory Garcia, President  
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Lee Madden, Treasurer

Note: SMHS is currently undertaking a Capital Campaign and a 2016-17 Annual Fund Drive to support the CURRENT needs of the school. The Foundation seeks not to detract from your current giving, but asks you to prayerfully consider remembering SMHS in your Last Will and Testament today.

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