BRINGING IT ALL BACK HOME TO St. Francis

KUHN MEMORIAL STADIUM
AN OPPORTUNITY TO KEEP OUR STUDENTS CLOSE TO HOME

SPARTAN AVIATORS
BRING US AND OTHERS HOME SAFELY
Dear Members of the St. Francis High School Community,

St. Francis High School is delighted to announce a major leadership gift to the Bring It All Back Home campaign from Ronald J. ’65 & Theresa Franklin ’67 Kuhn of $1,000,000 for the purpose of upgrading our athletic complex and building Kuhn Memorial Stadium.

Ron and Teri Kuhn live a life of philanthropy holding onto the motto, “Give back from whence you came.” Inspired by the gratitude for the St. Francis experience that prepared them for success in college and beyond, Ron and Teri are committed to supporting their alma mater so that we can continue to encourage an attitude of service and give our students the spiritual and academic tools to stand out among their peers. Ron said, “We want St. Francis to be able to continue to provide the resources necessary for a well-rounded student.” Teri added, “We now have excellent drama and music facilities as well as state-of-the-art science and library wing. But, we also want to see the development of new outdoor athletic facilities for the school.”

Please join us in thanking Ron and Teri Kuhn for all they have done!

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Phase One entails the construction of Kuhn Memorial Stadium with synthetic turf, an all-weather track, and new bleachers to increase the seating capacity for home contests. The time is now to ‘bring it all back home.’

The Bring It All Back Home campaign will enhance the environment and improve the safety for our students who will be able to remain on campus for practices and home contests. ‘The time is now to ‘bring it all back home.’ With everyone’s help we will be able to provide an outstanding facility for our student-athletes, families, alumni, and friends participating in and cheering on the dance, football, lacrosse, soccer and track & field and wrestling programs.

May God bless you and your loved ones and your endeavors,

Thomas V. Rednar
SFHS President

KUHN MEMORIAL STADIUM: BRING IT ALL BACK HOME!
HELP US RAISE $5 MILLION FOR A NEW SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD, ALL-WEATHER TRACK, NEW BLEACHERS, PRACTICE FACILITIES, AND CONCESSION AREAS.

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

FIELD

Spartan Head Logo $50,000
End Zone $100,000
West End Zone 50,000
South End Zone 50,000
North End Zone 50,000
South Sideline 10,000
North Sideline 10,000
Press Box 10,000
Announcers Box 10,000
Visitors Bleachers 10,000
Parents Bleachers 10,000

TRACK

Track $250,000
Sprint Section $100,000
Long Jump Pit 10,000
High Jump Pit 10,000
Pole Vault 10,000
Discus 10,000
Field 10,000
Lane 1 10,000
Lane 2 10,000
Lane 3 10,000
Lane 4 10,000
Lane 5 10,000
Lane 6 10,000

BLEACHERS

Turf Field 250,000
Coach’s Box 10,000
Student Section 50,000
Press Box 10,000
Announcers Box 10,000
Coaches Box 10,000

AUXILIARY BUILDING

Auxiliary building 500,000
Visitor Restrooms 100,000
Locker room 50,000
Press Box 10,000
Referee Room 10,000

RMON AND TERI KUHN
Please join us in thanking Ron ’65 and Teri Franklin ’67 Kuhn for their continued support of St. Francis High School, bringing hope for the future of Catholic Education, and inspiring dreams for tomorrow!
SPARTRAN AVIATORS:
BRINGING US BACK HOME

Tim Farmer ’83, Director C-17 Globemaster III Sustaining Engineering and Fleet Performance at Boeing in Huntington Beach, CA, demonstrates aviation can include designing, testing and maintaining a fleet. After studying Aerospace Engineering at Iowa State University he began working at McDonnell Douglas engineering design upgrades to the Flight Controls System for the US Navy F/A-18 fighter. When Boeing acquired the company Tim’s focus eventually changed to the Boeing C-17 Globemaster III, a large military transport aircraft. It was developed for the United States Air Force from the 1980s to the early 1990s by McDonnell Douglas. With a current fleet of 217 aircraft delivered being used by the USAF and partner countries of Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, NATO, and India, a C-17 takes off approximately every 30 seconds on a mission to save lives including dropping tanks, troops, and aid such food or for instance water pump used to cool the reactor in Japan after the earthquake last year. Part of the job includes a crisis response team with a magic suitcase holding a “bat phone” to respond to any in flight emergency. Recently Tim visited us and participated in the Alumni Golf Outing as well as speaking to our athletic teams.

Brian Denny ’85 first became interested in flying during an eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C. Denny said that as his class took off in an Eastern Airlines DC-9 on a rainy day, he was amazed by how clear the sky was above the clouds. It was then that Denny realized that he wanted to be a pilot. Denny currently flies a Boeing 737 for Southwest Airlines. He currently has a side business coerveracausce.com and 25% of funds raised go to the Alumni Association which Denny’s mother Bobbi Bergeron ’62 Aschauer is a member.

Steve McGreevy ’79 decided to pursue a career in air traffic control. While McGreevy’s day job sees him working as an air traffic controller, the St. Francis alumnus also enjoys flying his own personal airplane, a 1953 Cessna 170B. This combination, being both a pilot and an air traffic controller, has served McGreevy well. In fact, on April 19, 2011, McGreevy assisted a pilot flying a Piper Seneca, a small, light airplane. The Seneca was experiencing bad weather and was having problems landing in Dubuque, Iowa. Through the assistance of McGreevy, the pilot was eventually able to land nearly 45 minutes later. Earlier this year, McGreevy received an award from the National Air Traffic Controllers Union in recognition of his accomplishment. McGreevy described receiving the award as the “highlight of my career.”

Capt. John “Rhino” Ryan ’99 has been serving in the U.S. Air Force since June 2003 when he graduated from the University of Illinois. While at the U of I, John was part of the Air Force ROTC program and finished the program in 2003 as a distinguished graduate. Since then he has earned a MBA from Indiana University in 2010. John is currently an F-16 Instructor Pilot stationed at Luke Air Force Base, AZ, responsible for pilot selection/hiring and promotion etc. Brian Denny was one of Radigan’s college flight instructors. Tim tells us, “The education that I received was second to none and paved the way for an easy transition to college”.

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PAT BONNAMY WAULET
THE 2012 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENT

The loss of individual life would be easier to reconcile if each death approximated one another. In life, Pat Bonnamy Wautlet’s impact on family, friends and themany she came to know, particularly through her continuous efforts in ministering to both abused and incarcerated women, was a defining emblem of a life fulfilled.

Originally from Chicago, Pat’s family frequently found themselves on the move with stops Franklin Park, Illinois; Fontana, Wisconsin; back to Franklin Park and eventually to Villa Park, Illinois in 1957 where she attended Saint Alexander’s school for the final two years of grade school. Entering Saint Francis High School in 1958, Pat excelled in academics, but with few opportunities for young girls in athletics at the time and mature beyond her tender age, Pat largely eschewed extra-curricular activities and remained industrious in a variety of after school jobs with the lone exception of her participation in the school’s variety show her senior year in 1962.

After briefly attending at Northern Illinois University, Pat accepted a teaching position at Saint John Catholic grade school in Lombard then met and married Mark Wautlet. The two departed Illinois for Georgia where her husband was employed by the computer giant, IBM and while in Atlanta, Pat raised two sons, Michael and Paul. Not long after her arrival, Pat continued to carefully balance parenting and a career as marketing director at Cotton States Insurance. By the mid 80’s, Pat’s career took her to her final professional destination at Datamark Inc., where she joined her husband and was employed as the firm’s business manager until her death.

Civic-minded and coveting a larger role to aid others in need in the 1990’s, Pat worked assiduously to mentor the homeless, and both abused and incarcerated women here and abroad for the remainder of her life. Through Landmark Church, Pat began mentoring to women inmates in Atlanta where she took the lead in Bible classes for dozens of women each week and co-authored a book The Power of a Dream, which was distributed through Spirit International; her tireless labor wielded fruit as she reached women experiencing unrelenting despair and in most cases, moved them to a place of hope. In Peru, Pat used her own craft of communication to heal the emotional wounds inflicted by physical abuse on penury-stricken Peruvian women and as a testament to the application of her duty, a woman’s shelter is named for her in Peru appropriately named Pat’s Place. Although Pat’s range of human experience did not include the toll suffered of her duty, a woman’s shelter is named for her in Peru appropriately named Pat’s Place. That is why she was chosen. The world was a better place for Pat having been here. —Bobbi Bergeron ’62 Aschauer

BUILDING A LEGACY
CONTINUING THE LEGACY OF THEIR ALUMNI FAMILIES

The Douglas P. & Margaret R. Colbeth Endowed Scholarship is available for incoming freshmen who demonstrate significant financial need and have maintained a “B” average in grade school. The scholarship may be renewed each year based on GPA and positive behavior.

(1st Row) Lily Spurt ’14 (Mary Cronin ’81), Tessa McKenna ’14 (Colette Billapando ’82), Justeen Read ’15 (Julie Savolo ’82), Taylor Van Thomson ’15 (Ann Dugan ’81), Anna Millik ’13 (Bill ’78), Andrew Brundage ’13 (Ann Dixon ’86), Alex Alcantara ’13 (Cathleen Cote ’80), Brent Jungle ’13 (Kevin ’88), Andrew Kimball ’13 (David ’84), Amanda Schmitt ’15 (Catherine Lynch ’78), Karlin Sokol ’13 (Kathleen Maguire ’80).

(2nd Row) Mikala Dougaherty ’13 (Michelle Auxlar ’83), Ryder Gates ’14 (Ted ’92), Michael Dorm ’14 (Jeff Gierdeman ’87), Joe Denney ’14 (Shannon Pierce ’84 & Brian ’84), Alexander Beron (not Legacy), Robert Dayer ’18 (Jim ’73), Jack Combrun ’14 (Thomas ’82 & Jennifer Ieransky ’84), James John ’14 (Mark ’79), Jamie Reandeau ’13 (Kathy Uplegger ’83), Elye Elizabeth ’13 (Eric ’87)

(3rd Row) Margaret Klielsen ’15 (Ted ’87), Madeline Verbeke ’15 (Amy Cleveland ’89), Evan Resuali (Robert ’86), Thomas Gittel ’14 (Rita Lowery ’74), Marc Ambrose ’14 (Steven ’78), Kevin Farmer ’13 (Scott ’82, Giovanna LeDonne ’83), Matthew Metzler ’13 (Rebecca Vanekrekon ’82), Josh Goddard ’13 (Greg ’88), Sarah Beth ’15 (Eric ’87)

(4th Row) Zach Palrang (Deborah O’Shea ’86 Acre), Thomas Peterson ’15 (Dan ’87 and Laura Duffy ’87), Thomas Brundage ’13 (Ann Dixon ’86 (hidden), Reid Connolly (Sean ’75), Ellye Colon ’15 (Linda Weeks ’80), Abigail Glonek ’15 (Laura Mirabella ’83), Rachel Pardis ’13 (Jamie ’83), Annyeke Kliban ’13 (Jeff ’82)

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(6th Row) Alex Beatt ’16 (Eric ’87), Corrine Wimb ’16 (Brian ’90 & Beth Ramirez ’89), Donna Reandeau ’16 (Kathy Uplegger ’83), Anthony Bichulch ’14 (Bill ’70), Mary Bichulch ’15 (Bill ’70), Shannon Donovan ’15 (Doris Brown ’77), Thomas Sulla ’14 (Michael ’75), Joseph Wise ’14 (Ras Zagaris ’82)

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Not Pictured: Arthur Alcantara ’16 (Cathleen Cote ’80), Steve Archer ’13 (Elizabeth Porter ’92), Jack Petando ’13 (Dan ’87 and Laura Duffy ’87), Kimberly Philhost ’15 (Lynn Mirabella ’80)
The freshmen, sophomore and varsity teams won the SCC conference. Both the sophomores and the varsity were undefeated in conference and the freshmen had only one loss. The freshman team completed the year by winning their last tournament and the sophomore team finished with an overall record of 32-2 and won 3 of 4 tournaments. Their two losses were to powerhouses Mother McAuley and Marist. Seventeen freshmen and nine sophomores competed as Spartan volleyball players. The varsity team, with a 38-5 record advanced to the IHSA State tournament and won the 3A title. Four players scheduled tournaments involving teams from other states and two other tournaments featured some of the top teams in Illinois. All of their losses came in 3-set matches. The freshmen fought their way to a 9-4-2 overall record, and sophomore team were SCC Champions with a record of 8-1, 6-1 in the conference, and the varsity team finished the season with an overall record of 5-4.

Congratulations to Jack Petrando on receiving the Chicago Bears Community Champion Award. Jack’s nomination form was reviewed by Teddy Greenstein (a lead college football sportswriter), select Chicago Bears and National Football Foundation Board Members. This committee recognized Jack as one of three elite candidates with excellent credentials on the field and off the field. Jack received his award in February at the National Football Foundation’s Annual Awards Ceremony. Kyle Bosh was awarded a scholarship to Michigan.

FOOTBALL

On November 14, senior Michelle McLaughlin signed to play volleyball at University of Tennessee-Martin. She was a senior leader for the State Championship volleyball team and finished her SFHS career with 162 kills, a 38% kill ratio, 20 service aces, and 143 service points.

Girls’ Cross Country team finished 5th at Sectionals and 14th at State! They were 2nd in the Suburban Christian Championship race. They won 4th place in the Regional championship after being seeded 5th. Kate Roback, Jenna DiValerio, Meghan McShea, Kate Vilimek, Katie Martin, Tessa McKenna, and Amanda Schmitz ran the state qualifying race at the sectional championships as well as the state final race. Kate Roback, Jenna DiValerio, and Meghan McShea earned all conference selections. Kate also earned all-state honors with her 16th place finish and is a candidate for the all state team to be announced in three weeks. Brooke Roback, Cynthia Lopez, Delany Carani, Grace Graunke, Maria Pena, and Lilly Spatz all helped the varsity earn this great season.

The state championship race they competed in, winning two. The MVP award went to Kate Roback; the most improved award went to Kate Martin, while the Spartan Award went to Jenna DiValerio. The frosh/soph team finished 1st in the Suburban Christian Championship race for the second year in a row. The JV/frosh/soph team placed 3rd in the Suburban Christian Championship race after being seeded 5th. Andrew Hallet, Nick Vilimek, Matt Lorish, Dan Krarup, Mike Deaton, John Lyons, and Scott Stiff were the team captains for the 2012 season. The team placed in the top three in all seven of the major cross country invitational meets they competed in, winning two. The team placed in the top three in all seven of the major cross country invitational meets they competed in, winning two. The team placed in the top three in all seven of the major cross country invitational meets they competed in, winning two.

Girls’ Cross Country team finished 4th at Sectionals and 23rd at State! They were 3rd in the Suburban Christian Championship race after being seeded 6th, losing 2nd place by three points. They won 4th place in the Regional championship after being seeded 5th. Andrew Hallet, Nick Vilimek, Matt Lorish, Dan Krarup, Mike Deaton, John Lyons, and Scott Stiff ran the state qualifying race at sectionals as well as the state final race. Nick Kolker and Dan Rezzak also helped the varsity earn this great season. Andrew Hallet, Nick Vilimek, and Matt Lorish earned all conference selections. Andrew is a candidate for the all area team announced in three weeks. John Lyons and Scott Stiff were the team captains for the 2012 season. The team placed in the top four in six of the seven major cross country invitational meets they competed in. The MVP award went to Andrew Haller, the most improved award went to Danny Cady, while the Spartan award went to John Lyons. The frosh/soph team placed 3rd in the Suburban Christian Championship race. They placed 3rd or higher in all seven of the major invitational meets they entered.
BOYS’ GOLF

Boys’ Golf team qualified five golfers for sectionals and sent Dan Mochel and John Stolte to the state tournament. The sophomores finished 2nd in conference and the varsity team finished 3rd. They had strong team and individual performances throughout the season. Some of the highlights include John Stolte, Dan Mochel, Jonathan Nociek, Dan Zarowski, and Andy Oleniczak qualifying for sectionals with John Stolte and Dan Mochel qualifying for the IHSA State Tournament. John Stolte, Dan Zarowski and Jonathan Nociek made SCC All-Conference. The Spartan Award went to senior captain Brad Riesenberg while Most Improved honors went to junior Dan Mochel and the MVP award went to John Stolte.

BOYS’ SOCCER

Boys’ Soccer team had a great season and finished with a 6-2-2 record in the SCC conference. The boys’ soccer program started the 2012 season with a record-setting turnout in participants. The team gained a class of 16 new freshmen and had to add a freshman level to accommodate them all. Both the freshman and sophomore levels played extremely well and this contributes to the bright future of the Spartan boys’ soccer program. The varsity was competitive all season despite losing great talent at many positions. They competed well against the top teams in the conference and finished with a 6-2 record. The only conference losses were to soccer powerhouses Wheaton Academy and Marmion. The team also finished with a very respectable 11-11 overall record before bowing out of the playoffs with a hard-fought 2-1 loss to Chicago Kennedy in the IHSA Regional.

GIRLS’ TENNIS

Girls Tennis teams were SCC Conference Champions at both the sophomore and varsity levels. The team had an overall record of 22-3 and were SCC Conference Champions at both the sophomore and varsity levels with varsity finishing 8-0 in the conference and sophomores finishing 7-0. The Spartans had a great showing at the SCC Conference tournament that we hosted right here at St. Francis. At the sophomore level, St. Francis won the brackets at 1st singles (Madeleine McNerney), 2nd singles (Shannon Donovan), 3rd singles (Samantha Robinson), and 2nd Doubles (Kamie O’Connor & Carlin Cernik). At the varsity level, St. Francis was in the final match in all five brackets, winning the 2nd Doubles (Genna Gruendeman & Kailey O’Connor) and at 3rd Doubles (Rachel Krisco & Katie Schiewe). The team also had a great showing at the IHSA Sectionals. A wonderful season had come to close with great tennis, great sportsmanship, and much-improved players.

GIRLS’ GOLF

Girls’ Golf team qualified 2 golfers to sectionals. Highlights from the year include a 1st place finish at the West Aurora Alternate Shot Invitational, a 3rd place finish at the West Aurora Twilight Scramble, a 5th place finish at the Glenbard East Invite, and a 4th place finish at the Johnburg Regional. Seniors Alyssa Fernandez and Sarah Pinns advanced to the Genoa-Kingston Sectional as individual qualifiers. The Spartan Award went to Caroline French, while Most Improved honors went to Alyssa Fernandez, and our MVP award went to Sarah Pinns.

CHEERLEADING

The Spartan Cheer team started their season by participating in a Cheer camp located in Whitewater, Wiscon- sin where both the JV and Varsity squads qualified for the national cheer competition. This fall brought foot- ball season and events like Homecom- ing, Paint the Stands Pink, and Senior Night. The cheer team also supported the soccer team, volleyball team, and football team with locker signs, treat bags, and cheering at games.

SAVE THE DATE!

5th Annual SFHS Spirit & Pride Golf Outing
May 20, 2013
White Eagle Golf Club
5300 E. Maple Road
Lombard, IL 60148
All proceeds benefit SFHS athletic programs
- $75 per golfer or $275 per foursome
- Shotgun start at 9 a.m.
- Cash bar
- Raffle tickets available

DANCE TEAM

The Dance team just began their competition season and have already qualified for the TDN state competi- tion in March. Team Dance Illinois (TDI) and the new addition to IHSA Athletics. The team had a successful fall season led by their Captains Emily Loughman (Jr) and Gina Parenti (Jr). The team has shown much determina- tion and growth from their time at the UDA camp this past summer and are currently preparing for their Winter/ Competition Season. The winter Team is led by Captains Gina Parenti (Jr) and Cali Rudge (Jr) with Co-Captain Savanna Roselli (Jr). Congratulations to the Spartannes Dance Team for taking 1st place at their 1st competi- tion this year Nov. 11 in Grayslake. The Team qualified for the TDN State Competition. The 2A Lyrical Division that will be in March of 2013.

GIRLS’ SWIMMING

Girls’ Swim team also had a great season and finished in the top two in at least one meet this year, the Maine East Relays. This is the 6th year for the SFHS girls’ swim program. Everyone on this year’s team, with the exception of Samantha Hilger, will be back next year. The 2012 Spartans consisted of 4 juniors, 5 sophomores, and 2 freshmen. The highlight of the year was the girls’ 2nd place finish overall at the Maine East Relays. The conference meet saw personal best times by all the girls.
Focus
FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

THE LARAMIE PROJECT
The week of October 22-26 was Red Ribbon Week for St. Francis High School students. This week supported the community efforts to bring awareness to the subject of bullying. On November 2-4 the school presented their fall play, The Laramie Project.

As Director James C. Wall told us, “The Laramie Project is a three act play exploring a community’s reaction to the violence and bigotry of a hate crime. In 1998, Matthew Shepard, a gay University of Wyoming college student was beaten and left to die tied to a fence on the prairie outside of Laramie, WY. The Tectonic Theatre Company from New York visited Laramie six times over the course of a year and a half and interviewed more than 200 people. This play is taken from those interviews”.

James Wall (in his 41st year of teaching...11 at SFHS) has been connected to the professional theatre scene in Chicago for more than 25 years. He served as Literary Manager and One Act Play Festival Producer for Circle Theatre (now in Oak Park) for eight years. Wall’s playwriting has won him many awards including the Julie Harris Playwright Award from the Beverly Hills Theatre Guild for his play, Auschwitz Lullaby. His comedy, Parlor Games has had more than 150 productions in the United States, Canada, Japan including this past fall in Pittsfield, IL and in Oregon.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM UPDATE
St. Francis High School is very proud to have hardworking students from China, Germany, and Peru studying here in the International Student Program. Their achievements in an out of the classroom are commendable and our entire community has benefited from their presence.

We are looking for families that would be interested in hosting an international student in their home for a ten month stay beginning in August of this upcoming school year. This is a great opportunity for your family to connect with hardworking students to help them achieve their dreams of a top tier education here at St. Francis High School.

FINE ARTS WEEKEND
The weekend of November 2-4, SFHS participated in a Fine Arts weekend of reflection and celebration which began with the Laramie Project, an Alumni Art Show and culminated in time of remembrance during the Alumni Memorial Mass.

MEET OUR NEW STAFF
St. Francis High School is proud to welcome our new staff members. We are excited to be adding these young, energetic people to our team.

IMEA DISTRICT 9 HONOR ENSEMBLES
Sadie Filipeci ('13) and Serena Harnack ('16) were selected to the Illinois Music Educators’ Association District 9 Honor Ensembles. Sadie and Serena participated in the IMEA District 9 Festival on November 16, 2012. Sadie sang alto in the District 9 Honor Choir, and Serena played violin in the District 9 Honor Orchestra. These prestigious positions were obtained through rigorous preparation and a selective audition process.

Follow St. Francis Visual Arts anytime! The legacy of St. Francis fine arts continues online. You can view some of the latest student pieces as well as a collection of alumni submissions by visiting the SFHS Visual Arts Online Live at www.sfhstudio.com.

All families are expected to provide a warm, secure and healthy home environment as well as a bedroom for the student. Host families should be enthusiastic about cultural diversity, willing to welcome international guests with an open mind and support the students in academic and co-curricular activities. Host families will receive a $1,000 per month stipend to help cover the costs of room and board.

If you would like to participate in the opportunity, contact Matt Abernathy at mabernathy@sfhsnet.org.

FIELD OF OPPORTUNITIES
The field that St. Francis High School uses for athletic events like football, soccer and track isn’t just a single-use facility. Events that gather the entire St. Francis community include groups from all areas of the school including the Performing Arts Department. Last fall, the Chamber Choir sang the National Anthem on the field before a football game.
ST. FRANCIS’ ACTIVITIES CONTINUE TO GIVE STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE DEPTHS OF THEIR CO-CURRICULAR TALENTS.

ADVENTURE CLUB
The Adventure Club led by Susan Fairhead offers many different events to both students and faculty/staff. They host yoga and zumba classes on campus, go canoeing at Blackwell Forest Preserve; and take in a show at the Chopin Theater in Chicago. There are plans for indoor rock climbing events and the group accompanied some from the International Club to see a production of Les Miserables at the Cadillac Theater.

ARTS & CRAFTS CLUB
Arts and Crafts Club is moderated by Angelika Rupp, and this year they learned new crafting techniques. In November they made jewelry with special guest jeweler, Mrs. Chris Konchel from the SFHS Business Office, and made fleece blankets and special crafts for the holidays.

BOWLING CLUB
Tim Reist moderates the Bowling Club every Wednesday at Fox Bowl in Wheaton. This year the competition has been pretty stiff with several students scoring over 150 regularly with one student averaging just over 180 each week.

CULINARY CLUB
Moderators, Tia Holgerin and Judi Rathi, made this the ‘year of the dessert’. The Culinary Club enjoyed their Fall Fest where they created cake pops, caramel apples, and doughnuts. Activities include a tour of the All Chocolate Kitchen in Geneva, IL., and their traditional Christmas cookie decorating party.

DRAMA CLUB/CLASS FALL PLAY
Drama Club moderate, Mr. Wall, our has been inviting bi-weekly with students to discuss all aspects of theater and the upcoming Theater Fest with the Drama Club. Under Mr. Wall’s direction, many of the Drama Club members participated in this year’s fall play, The Laramie Project.

EVERGREEN CLUB
This semester, under the guidance of Sarah Mannetto, the Evergreen Club came together to help maintain the Green Roof in our Science Wing, learned about pet rescue groups at the Bark-a-palooza event in October, and plant daylilies on the east side of our has been meeting bi-weekly with the group accompanied by students from the International Club to see a production of Les Miserables at the Cadillac Theater.

INTRAMURALS
Mike Lynch led the most popular event at SFHS through another exciting fall and crowned their tennis champions for 2012 in October.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
New moderators, Beth Brand and James Quinn, have continued the tradition of NHS tutoring for study hall students. They participated in Festive Pines and the Adopt a Family program as well as volunteered at Open House, Curriculum Night, and Parent Teacher Conferences.

SADD STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT
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GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS

NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALISTS
Cody Jensen and John Lyons have been named as Semi-Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. To become a Semi-Finalist the student must score amongst the top 1% of the 1.5 million juniors who entered the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2011 PSAT exam. Cody and John will continue in the scholarship competition. National Merit Finalists will be announced in February.

COMMENDED STUDENTS IN THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
The following seniors were named as Com- meded Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program. These students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2013 competition by taking the 2011 PSAT test. Our Commended Student for the Class of 2013 was Keller Dallinger.

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PEACH CARR
THE FASHIONABLE CAREER OF SHEILA ENZWEILER ’78 CARR

I actually didn’t start this business (Peach Carr Designs) until I came home from Project Runway. I had never made adult clothing until my audition for the show. I had a children’s special occasion wear business called Mousscakes from 1997 to 2010, which specialized in First Holy Communion and flower girl dresses. When business was slow, I would dress my daughter Molly in one of my best designs and go “shopping” along Michigan Avenue handing out business cards to those who inquired about the designer of Molly’s ensemble. This led to a trunk show in 1997 with a major retail store in Chicago, which was a great litmus test for my children’s line.

During my call back audition for Project Runway Tim Gunn and Zanna Roberts (Fashion Editor for Marie Claire Magazine) saw my two tennis looks and told me that tennis and sportswear was my niche. After filming wrapped I returned to Chicago to launch my tennis/daywear line, which was a great true north for my children’s line.

“I was very fortunate to graduate with the class of ’78! They were amazing friends and quite a cast of characters. I wish them all well and thank them for making my SFHS years wonderful. I have always said that if you have your family, friends and faith you have everything...and thanks to SFHS I do.”

During the past two years there have been so many life lessons...from competing on the show to launching my own label. Judging others by their actions, not their words or appearances has been a valuable one. I have made the most wonderful and interesting friends through this experience, all for whom I would crawl through glass if needed. I often think of Steve Jobs’ advice to “Do what you love.” That’s great advice; however, I believe that sometimes you do what you HAVE to and if you are fortunate, you may eventually have the opportunity to do what you love. My advice is to cast aside fear...it only holds you back. Life begins at 40, 50, or 60 but when you have the courage to say “Now”. So many doors have opened...fans of the show stop me every day to chat...even in Paris and Italy. I have met more wonderful people through this adventure. We have had a private tour of the American Embassy residence in Paris and attended the Jean Paul Gauthier and Valentino Couture Show all because of that opportunity. To receive this kind of validation at this time in my life? Amazing. I am so beyond thankful to have been given such an opportunity of a lifetime. The connections and friends I made from the experience are invaluable, I speak to most of them weekly. The Project Runway family is large and loyal and more fun than a ’bag of monkeys.’

We get together often. By the way...Tim Gunn is more wonderful than you hope and Heidi Klum is even more beautiful in person. I LOVE Michael Kors he is sweet and funny...a very kind man.
and shared memories at the home of Becky Cebrzynski, Kathy White Olson, Terry Recht (Front Row) Tim Cosgrove, Trisha Morris Davies, Sue Golden Jurisch, Patti Harte Naus (front), Annie McNellis (front), Cindy DeRosa Dave Shurtleff Hartzell (way back), Tim Recht, Randy Roberts, Cebrzynski, Gerry Welch, Gary Belniak (back), KEEPING UP WITH THE SPARTANS was held on Saturday, September 29 at The Bank Restaurant in downtown Wheaton. was held on Saturday, September 29 at The Bank Restaurant in downtown Wheaton.

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CLASS OF 1962 50th Year Reunion The Class of 1962 gathered to celebrate their 50th reunion October 6 at St. Francis High School; dinner was catered by Pal Joys.

CLASS OF 1972 40th Year Reunion The Class of 1972 gathered together on the evening of September 29 at Arrowhead Golf Course in Wheaton, for a wonderful night of reconnecting. About 50 people gathered to reminisce, laugh and catch up on what has been going on in our lives for the last two decades! The evening was a great success and drew classmates from all over the country.

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CLASS NOTES Dr. Glen Gabert ’62 has been President of Hudson County Community College since 1992. Under his leadership, the college has become one of the fastest-growing colleges in New Jersey with nearly 10,000 students. In a typical semester students come from more than 125 countries and speak up to 50 languages.

Glen received his Ph.D. from Loyola University, a master’s degree from the University of Notre Dame, and a bachelor’s degree from Benedictine University.

Melody Ann Ciboc ’02 (right) is a member of the Schweitzer Fellowship and teacher at the Arts of Life studio. This Fellowship site is a place where Melody teaches self-advocacy and relationship education to adults with developmental disabilities. In November, Melody and approximately 15 of her fellow Schweitzer fellows served Thanksgiving dinner to adults of the developmentally disabled community, participated in the IU Dance Marathon to raise money for the Riley Children’s Hospital. Samantha personally ended up participating in the 27th Annual Academic Bowl. Ferguson and the Spartans were 6-4 and closed out the 2012 season with a 36-24 victory versus Carnegie Mellon University in the 27th Annual Academic Bowl.

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27-28 Band & Solo Ensemble

MARCH
9 Under the Tuscan Sun Gala
11 School Board Meeting

APRIL
1 Easter Monday
13 Jazz Ensemble Concert
25 Senior Institute Day
30 Band Concert

MAY
2 Choir Concert
6 School Board Meeting
19 Graduation
20 Spirit and Pride Golf Outing

JUNE
13 Alumni Association Meeting

SEPTEMBER
27 Homecoming

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SPYGLASS ATHLETIC CENTER
5:00 p.m. Mass • 6:00 p.m. Auction
You are cordially invited to join us for an evening ‘Under the Tuscan Sun’
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For more information, please contact Auction Chair Frank Pecora at Fpec58@sbcglobal.net
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