



It's Been An Exceptional Experience

by Richard Bucci



Five years ago I began my tenure with the Catholic Schools of Broome County in a dual capacity as President and Principal of Seton Catholic Central. The system was experiencing a number of challenges and was poised for a new direction. At that time my intention was to serve for three years.

Last year we began the process to transition into a new leadership model. The existing position was separated into two distinct positions of President and Principal. Both require a full time commitment. We hired a new Principal at Seton and I began to set the parameters for the multi-faceted role as President. Now that this has been accomplished

I've notified the Catholic School Board of my intention to retire at the conclusion of the current school year.

Over the last several years we have worked to strengthen our instructional program coupled with significant investments in infrastructure. At Seton this includes a comprehensive upgrade of all four science labs, the replacement of all its computers and establishing a new engineering lab. Funds were also targeted to replacing roofs, installing security doors, mounting a state-of-the-art lighting and sound system in the gym and upgrading the library. Each of the elementary schools has also seen investments in their buildings.

At Seton we've expanded AP courses, established a pre-engineering curriculum and increased our language portfolio with courses in American Sign Language and Mandarin.

This fall we embarked on an exciting initiative of placing a Chromebook in the hands of every student in grades 3-12. This will significantly transform teaching and learning.

Most importantly the four schools in Broome County now interact as one system rather than independent entities. This has facilitated a coordinated plan for curriculum enhancement and professional development.

I have worked to get the message of who we are out to the media. Residents of southern and central New York as well as northern Pennsylvania are now more familiar with the impressive academic, athletic and artistic accomplishments of our students.

It has been a distinct privilege to work with a dedicated and enthused team of educators and administrators. These professionals are intensely committed to our mission, and work tirelessly to provide an experience that will prepare our children for the rigors of the 21st century.

I want to express my gratitude to the parents who have worked to improve our schools and want to especially thank the alumni for your continued generosity and support.

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CSBC Announce Board Membership For 2016-17 School Year

Richard Bucci, President of the Catholic Schools of Broome County announced the Catholic School Board membership for the current school year. The 13 member Board is chaired by John Mirabito, Chairman of the Board of Mirabito Holdings, Inc.

The Catholic Schools of Broome County is very fortunate to have a Board that represents a cross-section of our community. This dedicated group of volunteers brings an invaluable wealth of expertise to overseeing the operations of our system.

The primary responsibilities of the Board include Budget Development, Strategic Planning, Curriculum Development, Professional Development, Fundraising, Marketing and Enrollment for the four-school system.

In addition to Chairman John Mirabito the Board is comprised of the following members:

- Alan Ackerman - Director of Regulatory Affairs – NYISO, Customized Energy Solutions
- Kristine Cunningham - Owner of The Glass Slipper
- Michael Kukawa - Director of Operations & Construction at Binghamton University
- Monsignor Michael Meagher - Pastor of the Parish of Saints John & Andrew, Binghamton
- Karen Rattmann - Retired School Administrator with the Maine-Endwell and Glens Falls School Districts
- Dr. Jennifer Redmore - Dentist at Progressive Dental
- Jon J. Sarra - Assistant Managing Partner, Hinman, Howard & Kattell
- Brian Schmidt - Financial Planner, NFP Corporate Services, LLC
- James Silkworth - Vice President of Human Resources, United Methodist Homes
- Dr. Dennis Sweeney - Retired Superintendent of Schools, Union-Endicott School District
- Michelle Williams - Manager of Corporate IT, The Raymond Corporation
- Richard M. Woodruff - Program Manager, IBM Corporation

Introducing the New Vice Principal of SCC

Doctora Anchen Schulz recently took the position of Principal of Archbishop John Carroll High School in Radnor, PA, one of 17 high schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Doctora served as SCC Spanish teacher and SCC Vice-Principal for 14 years.

Patrick Monachino, SCC 2003 now serves as Vice-Principal of SCC. Mr. Monachino graduated from the University of Scranton where he majored in History and Political Science and minored in Theology. He earned a Masters in Secondary Ed-History from Providence College in 2009. He is currently enrolled in LeMoyne College Building Administration Certificate Program

Mr. Monachino taught at St. Michael School in Fall River, MA, and most recently taught US History, AP Economics, Theology I and II, Modern Legal Issues, and History of Baseball at Seton Catholic Central.

He has coached Baseball at the Modified and Junior Varsity levels from 2012 to present.

Mr. Monachino says, "I am a second generation Saint, my mom Cheryl was in the first ever graduating class at Seton Catholic Central and I come from a strong Catholic education background; my sisters graduated from Seton 2005 (Angela Jones) and 2007(Elizabeth Sopinski). At the age of 18 I said that my dream job would be a teacher at Seton, and to be named Vice-Principal is an honor beyond my wildest dreams. Seton is not just a school to me... it is something that I am very passionate about."

New Mascot Debuts at SCC

Presenting the new SCC mascot, "Sebastian", named for the Patron Saint of Athletes. The former mascot "Pat" is being retired because of wear and tear. Mrs. Beth (Grassi) Putrino, SCC 1977 spearheaded a drive to help create "Sebastian" through a professional mascot company called Keystone Mascots, LLC. For more information about mascot tee shirts, volunteering and the use of the new mascot for events, please contact Beth Putrino at bputrino@syrdiocese.org or 607.341.6394.





George Wieggers, St. Patrick's Academy 1954 was saluted with a celebratory recognition dinner in May 2016 and was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Science degree

from the University of Colorado the following day at CU's Anschutz Medical Center graduation ceremony for his outstanding leadership and contributions.

In 2008 Mr. Wieggers approached the University of Colorado (UC) with a profound idea to develop and grow a comprehensive center of excellence in mental health treatment, education, outreach and research housed at CU. His intention was to build a model to be replicated beyond the university and simultaneously seed fund the National Network of Depression Centers (NNDC), which has grown to 22 members.

Today, the Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Depression Center (as it is now known), is at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus and treats patients of all ages across the Rocky Mountain region and participates in leading-edge research. As a center of excellence, the Johnson Depression Center is playing an integral role in changing the national conversation around mental health.

Donald E. Smith, St. Paul's High School, 1956- Retired parole agent after 32 years with the California Dept. of Corrections.

Louise (Luanne Dougherty) Callender, Seton Catholic High 1961, reports that she and her husband George recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The couple was married at St. Ambrose Church, Endicott, on April 23, 1966.

Michael J. Gasper, CCHS 1969 was elected State Deputy of the Virginia State Council of the Knights of Columbus by delegates representing Virginia's more than 27,500 Knights of Columbus. Mike has lived in Richmond, Virginia since 2003. He is a veteran of 40 years in the field of transportation logistics, in New York City and Houston, Texas before moving to Virginia.

Bob Henninger, CCHS 1975- was named New York Rural Water Association's 2016 Wastewater Operation Specialist of the Year by the New York Rural Water Association. Mr. Henninger received the award from the association in May at its exhibition in Lake Placid, "in recognition



of his commitment to protecting the environment, his demonstration of leadership, and his dedication to the community he serves," the announcement said.

Rev. John Hogan, SCC 1988 is a recent graduate of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School and recipient of the Gene and Jean Bartlett Excellence in Preaching Award. Rev. Hogan graduated Cum Laude with a Master of Divinity. He also completed a graduate Diploma in Anglican Studies from Bexley-Seabury Federated Seminary in Chicago IL in May 2016. Currently he is employed with the Mental Health Association of Rochester. Rev. Hogan graduated from St. Alexis Toth Orthodox Seminary in May 2000 and ordained in June 2000.

Thomas Kline, SCC 2010 graduated cum laude and with honors from Oswego with a BA in Creative Writing. He wrote a weekly opinion column at Oswego called In-Klined to Speak. He will be attending graduate school at the University of Texas at Dallas in January 2017 where he'll pursue a Master's Degree in Arts and Technology. Thomas's goal is to work with narrative systems research lab: Literary analysis of games, and games in psychotherapy context.

Rose Bernier, SCC 2013, serves as an Assistant Drum Major leading the Notre Dame Band. Rose is a chemical engineering major and other than marching band, she has participated in University Band, Symphonic Band, Varsity Band, and Flute Choir, and has played on various band sports teams. Outside of band, she is a member of the Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society, and tutors first year students in Calculus.

REUNIONS

CCHS 1967 50th Reunion: Think back to the fall of 1963 and the excitement of starting high school on a new campus built just for us! As the first freshman class of CCHS, we forged new traditions and set standards for the years to come. Those four years flew by, and after graduation, we quickly scattered in our own directions.

Fast forward 50 years to September 29 – October 1, 2017, for a chance to recapture a moment in time when CCHS was the place where we started our journey to adulthood. The reunion committee has put together an entertaining weekend including various talents involving our fellow classmates.

As a warm-up to 2017, take a moment to share a favorite high school memory with us (and look for them in future mailings). If you have any high school memorabilia, please bring it to the event for display. And if you are in contact with any classmates who may not receive the newsletter, please keep them informed or send any information to Debbie Grassi at dgrassi1@yahoo.com, Kathy Zelesnikar Newberry at knewberry@stny.rr.com, or to Camille Muscatello at the Alumni Office at cmuscatello@syrdiocese.org. FB page: "Binghamton Catholic Central Crusaders 1967".

SCHS 1967- 50th Reunion Plans are in the making! If you have suggestions or questions, please contact Teresa Schlitsey at 607.239.2341 or email hts2nd@yahoo.com.

CCHS 1968 50th Reunion August 3, 4 and 5, 2018! Save the dates. Details will follow. Contact Bob McCabe at mccabe4@gmail.com or by phone at, 607-797-4172.



Seton Catholic High School Class of 1966 50th Reunion: Over the weekend of September 9 -11, the Seton Catholic High School Class of 1966 gathered together to celebrate their 50th class reunion. This special weekend brought together 48 members of the class and their guests to renew the bonds of friendship that were formed those many years ago while they attended that little catholic high school on Broad Street in Endicott.

The festivities kicked off on Friday night with a mixer at Jonathan's Restaurant in Endwell. On Saturday morning some members of the class toured the old high school followed by a lunch at Enfields Restaurant while others tested their golfing abilities with a tournament at Endwell Greens. The class then gathered together on Saturday night for an evening of dinner and dancing at the Binghamton Country Club. A Memorial Mass was celebrated on Sunday morning at the school chapel for the 14 deceased classmates, followed by a brunch, again at the Binghamton Country Club.

To say that the weekend was filled with fun and lots of memories and that everyone had a great time would be an understatement. In fact the planning to gather together again to celebrate our 70th birthdays in 2018 has begun. *It's Vegas Baby!!!*

CCHS 1969 50th Reunion! In preparation of its 50th class reunion, the CCHS Class of 1969 now has a group Facebook page: CCHS Class of 1969, Binghamton, NY. Please join our page and send in your memories, life happenings, and photos. A great way to keep in touch! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1600176530283107/>

SCHS 1972 Reunion, July 8 and 9, 2016: Friday, July 8- Golf Tournament and evening Mixer. July 9, Dinner. More details to follow. Contact Don Beach at Seton72@cyberton.com



CCHS Alumni gather to enjoy a short golf trip in Ocean City, MD in October 2016. From left to right: Bob Murphy, '64; Paul Hughes, '66; Dennis Sheehan, '67; Brian O'Loughlin, '69; Mark Perrault (Hall of Famer) '71.

Correction: It was stated in the spring 2016 newsletter that Mrs. Marie (Norris) Neylan was of St. Patrick's Academy Class of 1952, when she actually graduated from St. Paul's High School, 1952.

Alumnus Paves His Way to the Stars

Jon Donahue, SCC 1990 - As a freshman at Seton Catholic Central, Mr. Donahue joined the stage production of "Arsenic and Old Lace," playing the character of 'Mr. Gibbs', and cementing his love of acting and entertaining. He worked at several movie theaters around Binghamton, and later graduated to become a projectionist at Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood.

Jon subsequently moved to Orlando to work at Universal Studios. He then returned to the Southern Tier where he worked for WBNG as an entertainment reporter, writing, producing and hosting his own segments and interviewed actors Gregory Hines and Jon Stewart, among others.

In 1999, Mr. Donahue moved to Hollywood to pursue a career in acting. He honed his craft at the Playhouse West in North Hollywood, and later at the prestigious Upright Citizens Brigade Improvisational and Sketch Comedy Training Center. This led Jon to a television and film career where he has worked for some of the world's most renowned directors including Mike Nichols, Steven Spielberg, Paul Greengrass and Ron Howard.

Jon is a regular collaborator with Tom Hanks, and has appeared in many films including "Inferno" starring Hanks, the Academy Award winning "Bridge Of Spies", "Charlie Wilson's War"; and on the Emmy nominated TNT comedy "Men of a Certain Age", as well as the Cameron Crowe/Showtime original series "Roadies."

Jon lives in Los Angeles, and while not busy filming, he enjoys hiking in the local mountains, watching movies with his friends and adding to his vintage movie poster collection.



Jon Donahue, producer Brian Grazer, actress Felicity Jones, Tom Hanks with his wife Rita Wilson, and director Ron Howard.

IN MEMORIAM

"When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight."
Khalil Gibran

St. Paul's High School

- Harry F. VanDerbeck
- Elizabeth A. Noonan, 1943
- Patricia (O'Connor) Aronowitz, 1946
- Thomas F. Costello, 1949
- Clifford Rockwell, 1950
- Joyce M. (Watson) Quain, 1953
- Leo J. Fernan, 1962

Seton Catholic High School, Endicott

- Karen (Connelly) Norton, 1964

Catholic Central High School

- D. Michel Wheat, 1966
- Melinda (Weir) Clark, 1967
- Ellen (Murphy) Hahn, 1967
- Kathryn (Michalak) Ryder, 1971
- Sharon M. Meskowitz, 1974

Seton Catholic Central, Binghamton

- Matthew J. Murphy, 1990
- Carlos Giesecken, 1994

St. Patrick's Academy

- Francis Dvorsky, 1949
- Msgr. James Kane, 1950
- Edward P. Giblin, 1952

Staff/Faculty

- Josephine Barnum, retired cafeteria manager for SCHS, Endicott
- Mrs. Eileen Haley, St. Thomas Aquinas School teacher

Friend/Supporter

- Mrs. Phyllis Bowen
- Noel Brown
- Helen M. Grannan

Reflections of a St. Patrick's Academy Alumnus

Reflections of Michael Heslin, basketball manager and alumnus of St. Patrick's Academy 1954: Part III and final.

"Give the devil his due, St. Ambrose came into the CYO league with a good bunch of players, Norm English for one. St. Cyril's had Fran Heath and "Jug" Jones; St. Stan's had Ray Severance. St. John's had a coach from St. Patrick's, James "Red" Heslin. His players included Dick O'Boyle, Bill Mahoney, and Fran Geoghan. St. Anthony's had a roster that included the Battaglinis, Romas, and many other bread bakers on the Knob. One of the players I recall from St. Paul's is "Duke" Monaghan (he retired from IBM). After "The Duke", they had Bob Furman. There were no girl athletic sports during the 40's or 50's."



Mr. Heslin recalls Fr. William Morris, an Irish priest, who ended up at St. Paul's in Binghamton. He describes Fr. Morris as a very frugal man, who would go to large lengths to save on electricity and gas.

"On game day, for the JV team there were only three lights lit on the gym floor, one at center court, and one at each end of the court over the baskets. For the varsity game, he would turn on all the lights in the gym. The walls were the out-of-bounds markers which eliminated the need for players looking down to see if they were in-bound or out-of-bounds. If you bounced off the wall, you were out-of-bounds. Fr. Morris ran a parish that was out of debt and he did many great things for his parishioners. He helped families in the parish with groceries, rent and utility bills."

SCC STAFF AND FACULTY GOODBYES

Michele Wasser and Dr. Vanessa Ziegler have moved on. Mrs. Wasser worked in the Catholic Schools for 22 years, serving as a librarian at St. Thomas Aquinas School, and as Attendance Manager at Seton Catholic Central. Dr. Ziegler taught Spanish. They both served with grace and dignity, always with the students' best interest in mind.

RETIREMENTS

Mrs. Margaret ("Peg") Giblin, Administrative Assistant at SCC and the Catholic Schools Office

Mr. Grant Marshall, Maintenance Dept. for Catholic Schools of Broome County

Mr. James Wheeler, SCC Instrumental Teacher

Mrs. Mindy Swails, Mathematics



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THE TRADITION CONTINUES

Presenting members of the Class of 2016 whose parents and/or grandparents graduated from the Catholic Schools of Broome County



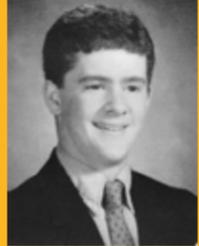
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SCC 1996



Brenna McGovern-Lind
SCC 1916



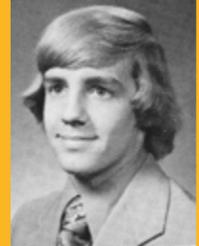
William Gallagher
St. Patrick's Acad. 1944



Terrence Gallagher
SCC 1989



Rachel Gallagher
SCC 2016



James Hranek
SCC 1976



Anthony Hranek
SCC 2016



William J. Berg
CCHS 1964



Sue (Matalka) Berg
CCHS 1964



Cynthia (Zemanick) Berg
SCC 1988



Emily Berg
SCC 2016



Monroe Grassi
St. Paul's HS 1957



Patricia (Caruso) Grassi
St. Paul's HS 1957



Bernadette (Grassi) Ogozaly
SCC 1977



Matthew Ogozaly
SCC 2016



Susan (Moriarity) Wendell
SCC 1979



Sara Wendell
SCC 2016



Diane (Doeflein) Shaheen
SCC 1978



Kevin Shaheen
SCC 2016



Bernard Syryca
St. Patrick's Acad. 1962



Maria (Giammichele) Syryca
SCHS 1963



Jeremy Cherevko
SCC 2016



Joseph Tiderencel
SCHS 1963



Heidi (Nye) Tiderencel
SCHS 1963



Elena Tiderencel
SCC 2016



Diane (Rehak) Topencik
St. Paul's HS 1959



Aaron Topencik
SCC 2016



Judy (Kelly) Lawrence
St. Patrick's Acad. 1960



Tracy (Lawrence) Wagaman
SCC 1987



Emelie Wagaman
SCC 2016



Mark W. Miller
CCHS 1964



Peter Kondrup
SCC 2016

Filling Brian Hyland's Shoes...

SCC's Former Track and Cross Country Coach, Brian Hyland, SCHS 1971 who now works in Oklahoma City, passed off the coaching baton to SCC's new Track and Cross Country Coach, Mr. Randy Will. In 1983 Mr. Will was a member of the US Ski Team and was named US Olympic Committee Coach of the Year. Randy then became a bobsledder. While in the sport of bobsled, he achieved six national championships, 1985 Rookie of the Year, four world track records and three U.S. Olympic team births. He competed in the Calgary Olympics (1988), Albertville Olympics (1992), and Lillehammer Olympics (1994).

He retired from the sport in 1994 and began coaching the national Bobsled team. When the bobsled track was built for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake, Will settled there and was named coordinator of US Bobsled's competition and training programs. In 1996, he was named in USOC Developmental Coach of the Year in bobsledding. In 2002, he coached Jim Shea, Jr. in the sport of skeleton which led to a gold medal.

During the off season, Mr. Will served as the cross country and track coach for Maine Endwell from 1988-1994.

Mr. Hyland also passed on the baton to former student Dave Jones, SCC 2001 who now serves as SCC's Latin Teacher. Mr. Jones holds a dual major B.A. in Liberal Studies and Classics at U of Notre Dame.

During his stint in Mississippi Teacher Corps, he taught Latin and English at Murrah High School in Jackson, MS while earning a MA in Education, and coached a state championship quiz bowl team. He taught Latin and mythology at the University of Notre Dame as part of a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature but did not complete the degree. He then earned a MA from St. John's College in Liberal Arts and taught Latin part-time. He taught Latin and mythology classes at Williamsburg Charter High School in Brooklyn NY, and Latin at Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School in Brooklyn NY where he served as head baseball coach for four years.

Former CIA Agent Infiltrates SCC

On the 15th anniversary of 9/11, former CIA agent/analyst, and peace activist, Mr. Ray McGovern who served as a CIA analyst for 27 years, from the administration of John F. Kennedy to that of George H.W. Bush, spoke to Mr. Thomas McDonough's (SCC 1995) Participation in Government class.

Mr. McGovern emphasized the message of faithful citizenship by participating in government issues. He said that as Jesus' disciples, we have a responsibility to confront evil. Mr. McGovern gave a captivating lecture about his own experiences challenging corruption, and encouraged each student to take a stance as well.

The Rev. Timothy Taugher (CCHS 1970) and Mr. Jack Gilroy helped facilitate the event.



Teacher Tom McDonough with former CIA agent Ray McGovern



The Northern District of New York again hosted the Mock Trial Competition sponsored by the Broome County Bar Association. This year, they honored Brian Hyland for 29 years of service as Mock Trial Coach for Seton Catholic Central (1987 - 2016).

SCC Students Excel in Engineering Competition

On October 20 Broome-Tioga BOCES hosted its second annual Engineering Day Competition. The contest involved 143 students from nine school districts. Participants had three hours to design a Rube Goldberg machine which is a contraption meant to deliberately execute a simple task in a more complicated fashion than needed using the materials provided. Engineering students from SUNY Broome judged the competition. At the conclusion of the competition Seton Catholic Central was awarded first and third place. This is a significant accomplishment when one considers that the Engineering program at Seton was initiated three years ago.

1st place - Maddie Williams, Finbarr Huff, Richard Ellsworth, and Colin Nally
3rd place - Wyatt Breese, Keith Tschang, Luke Redmore, and Fritz Huff

New Weight Room Dedication



Above, Maynard & Megan Fahs and Tim & Kim Myers, co-chairpersons of the campaign to renovate Seton's Weight Room and Fitness Center are surrounded by family members, members of the Varsity Football, Soccer and Cross Country Teams. The \$45,000 project was completed over the summer and dedicated in early September. Thanks to the Fahs and Myers families and co-chairperson Terry Gallagher and the Catholic Education Foundation of the Southern Tier for their generous support of this dynamic project. Photo right: Students enjoy the new weight room equipment



OLIVER!



Top photo: "Oliver", played by Jacob Donlin with the "Artful Dodger", played by Adam Ackerman. Bottom photo: Angela Klawiter, as "Nancy" and Peter Hatzinger, as "Mr. Brownlow".



Seton Catholic Central's History Club's 2016 NYC trip itinerary included a visit to Ellis Island, a stop at where the 5 Points used to be located (worse slum in U.S. history), Little Italy, and Times Square.

SETON ROCKS ROCKED!

Seton Rocks 2016, a concert starring alumni and current students, and retiring SCC instrumental teacher Mr. James Wheeler, accompanied by the Scott Freeman Band, took place on May 21 at SCC. The event served to benefit the SCC Music Department, as well as provide a scholarship for graduating seniors. The occasion also served as an opportunity to honor Mr. Wheeler, who was retiring after 40 years of instruction. Alumni came from as far as Georgia, North Carolina, and New Jersey to honor Mr. Wheeler, and experience Seton Rocks. (An RV from North Carolina sat in the parking lot at SCC during the event.) Current parents, parents of alumni, alumni, students, staff and faculty, all took part in the evening's festivities. A cake was created by one of the parents with Mr. Wheeler's image emblazoned on top in celebration.

Seton Rocks began when the Class of '85 was jamming with Mr. Wheeler at a reunion. The alumni wanted to give back to the school all they had gained from Mr. Wheeler's instruction. Paul Corrigan, SCC 1985 spearheaded the event's beginnings and has orchestrated the event for several years. Parent Mrs. Sonya Rundell has helped chair the event as well.

Mr. Wheeler's Final Concert

The final SCC instrumental concert on May 19th went off without a hitch. Mr. Wheeler was presented with a special gift by the 2016 SCC seniors- a guitar with their names, a photo of the students, Mr. Wheeler's famous quotes, and his "bad" jokes emblazoned on the instrument. The students said that he was not only their teacher, but served also as an uncle figure as he always had a good word and encouraged the students daily, providing a safe and accepting atmosphere where the students could grow, socially, emotionally and musically. One student shared that she wouldn't be the person or musician she is today without Mr. Wheeler's fine influence.

Former SCC Student is New Band Director!

Mr. Christian ("Kit") Kolpakas, SCC 2008 was passed the conducting baton from Mr. James Wheeler who retired after 40 years of service to the Catholic Schools of Broome County as School Band Director. As a student at Seton Catholic Central, Mr. Kolpakas was involved in music and athletics. "It was here at SCC among the influences of both instructors and fellow students that I began to consider a career in music." Mr. Kolpakas attended Broome Community College and SUNY Fredonia where he received his Bachelor's degree in music education. "For the past two years I have been blessed to work as a music and religious educator at All Saints Catholic School. I consider it a privilege and honor to work in such a caring community as Seton Catholic Central."

Golf and Tennis Teams Triumph

The SCC Golf Team captured the Section 4 Class B Championship. They are Central Division Champions second year in a row - (12-2 record both years)

All six Varsity team members qualified for Section 4 Individual Championship Tournament by achieving a +5.5 or better scoring average for the season: Tommy Davis (11th grade) - All-Conference; Andre Haykal (11th grade), Brendan Burtis (12th grade), Michael Bucko (7th grade), Finbarr Huff (11th grade) were All-Division; with Peter Hartrick (11th grade).

The team placed 2nd at the STAC Championship Tournament.

Seton Catholic Central's Girls Tennis Team won their second straight Southern Tier Athletic Conference tennis title, completed their second straight unbeaten regular season, and all three of their doubles team remained undefeated for the season. Katie (Mahoney) Loughlin, SCC 1982 is their proud Coach always inspiring the girls to do their best!

Seton Catholic Central Erects New Scoreboard

In time for the fall 2016 athletic season Seton Catholic Central purchased and installed a new state of the art scoreboard for the Field of Dreams thanks to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Boyea and Security Mutual Life. Mr. Boyea is the Chairman, President and CEO of Security Mutual Life. Security Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York was founded in Binghamton in 1886 has grown to more than \$2.7 billion in assets with \$31.9 billion of life insurance in force.



SCC Sports Schedule link- <http://66938.digitalsports.com/>



From left to right below: Three year olds at St. James celebrate the blessing of the stuffed animals in honor of the Feast of St. Francis. The Grade 5 students at St. James model appropriate behaviors for Transitional Kindergarten students regarding Mass, guiding the younger students up for blessings at Communion and read with them in the classroom.



Right: Up, up, and away with after-school fun at St. James! Students use perspective to create some fun illusions.



Looking for a great gift? Pint Glasses!

Alumni pint glasses, available with CCHS, SCHS and SCC logos can be purchased from the Catholic Schools Development & Alumni Office for \$10.00 each. To order, please call 607.348.0337, or email cmuscatello@syrdiocese.org. No mail orders available.



The glasses make great birthday, graduation, and Christmas gifts, and class reunion favors, as well!

Love Stories

Married High School Sweethearts Stories Wanted: If you met your husband or wife in one of the area Catholic high schools of Broome County, we'd like to hear from you! Please state your high school(s), how you met, where you've been since, family, etc. ...any information you'd like to share about your journey together. Was there anything interesting about the meeting?

Please limit your story to 100 words and add a photo if you'd like, (300 DPI preferred). Email a paragraph to: Camille Muscatello at cmuscatello@syrdiocese.org, or mail to: Alumni Office; 70 Seminary Avenue; Binghamton, NY 13905.

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CC Alumnus Serves as New Principal

Jim Fountaine, Catholic Central '68, emerged from retirement to become the new Principal at St. John the Evangelist School. After leaving Catholic Central he graduated from St. Bonaventure University with a B.S. in Elementary Education. He earned a Master of Science degree from SUNY Cortland.



As a lifelong learner he continued his studies at University of Scranton, Syracuse University and Binghamton University.

For 37 years Jim was employed by the Union-Endicott School District as a teacher and a Building Principal. Jim is a parishioner at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish and is involved in a range of community activities. His experience, insight and enthusiasm is enhancing the instructional program at St. John's.



Upper right: New principal Mr. James Fountaine and Father Seibt greet St. John School students on the first day of school.

Right: Principal Fountaine greets student at the St. John's Ice Cream Social that serves to welcome new students, and welcomes back old ones for the new school year.

Below: Students join in an activity at the St. John's Ice Cream Social.



Improvements Enhance All Saints Athletics

All Saints gym is getting a makeover. The restoration includes resurfacing of the gym floor, new bleachers, new electric backboards and stage enhancements. Major funding for this project was raised at last year's All Saints Auction.

The gym will be dedicated in memory of Sister Mary Ann Brawley, DC who served as a teacher, librarian and Vice-Principal at the former Seton Catholic High School. Details on the ceremony will follow.

Five Seton Catholic High School graduates took a walk down Memory Lane on a recent visit to the school. The five D's as they are known; Donovan, DeLuca, Drenzo, Dzuba and Denny (Lusht) walked the halls, said a prayer in the chapel and reminisced about their days playing under Coach Charlie Tarricone. Visit the Alumni website to view the letter sent to current Principal Angela Tierno-Sherwood highlighting a great afternoon of camaraderie and memories. We thank them for their generous donation to help make the gym renovation project a reality.



Left to right: The five D's- Charley Dzuba, Jim Donovan, Tom Drenzo, John DeLuca and Denny Lusht.

All Saints Catholic School Takes on the World! Odyssey of the Mind World Competition Participants

All Saints Catholic Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind team won at the regional and state levels and eventually advanced to Ames, Iowa to compete in Odyssey of the Mind's World Finals. This was a great opportunity for the six

3rd grade students and one 1st grade student, who had a great time representing our schools (and NY).

It was truly an international event as the team learned about and competed with teams from all over the world!

There were over 50 teams just in the division that All Saints participated in.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college.



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