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**Host families, international students, Amity Scholars and faculty make for a global society at BSM. Back row: Mary Murray, Greg Hood, Wiley Dotzenroth, Corrina Conley, Hyun Wook (Jason) Kang. Middle row: Caitlin Hood, Lorena Perellón-Calvo, Helen Lindsay, Louise Davigo, Rachel Conley. Front row: Kyoung Yeon Cho, Judee Arnstein, Makoto Noda, Hugo Lindsay, Blanche Ponroy.**





# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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"Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you. "

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Paul's letter to the Philippians (4:4-9)



Every year, the Benilde-St. Margaret's community adopts a scriptural theme. You'll recall that in the last issue of *Crown & Shield*, I reflected briefly on the scriptural theme for this year: Joy. Since last summer, we've been reflecting on Paul's letter to the Philippians (4:4-9) and the joy in our lives.

In the past few months, the BSM community has been buffeted by sadness. That said, I am so proud of how the community has pulled together to help students work through troubling events and to support the families and friends of Doris Christensen, Frankie Vochko and Jack Jablonski. The kindness and generosity of people close to and far away from home have been overwhelming. Our first concerns are for students and parents who are suffering. We continue to offer our prayers in faith that the spiritual and physical wounds will heal with God's grace and love.

Since Christmas, it has helped me to remember this excerpt from Paul's letter that has for several months illuminated this year's scriptural theme:

*Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ.*

Our students have been anxious. They've been asking serious questions and engaging in profound discussions. Our campus ministers, counselors, teachers, staff, and families have worked together as our students grow and learn from the full range of life's experiences, including those that involve sorrow and require comfort. Thank you for all you've done to help students through this time and to help the BSM community regain equilibrium and focus on a very busy school year.

Part of our routine includes welcoming the international students and Amity Scholars who grace our community every year. We are glad you are with us and grateful to the host families who have opened their homes to those who have come to us from other lands. You are the embodiment of an engaged community and are helping us realize our mission, which says, in part: We educate leaders for a global society.

Let's keep on going, knowing that the God of peace is with all of us.

Sincerely,

Bob Tift '71  
President

## Strategic Planning Community Input Session Online



As part of the BSM2020 Strategic Planning process, three community input sessions were held in

February. Our thanks go out to all of those who were able to attend and share their ideas. Your input was insightful and valuable. We appreciate your interest in BSM's continued success.

If you have any additional thoughts, please share them with us by e-mail, [BSM2020@BSMschool.org](mailto:BSM2020@BSMschool.org). If you missed the sessions and want to participate in the process electronically, please send us an e-mail and tell us you want to receive information about how to do that.

Many thanks for your commitment to Benilde-St. Margaret's School, now and in the future.

## Pioneers for Jack

The Hill-Murray School community rallied to support Jack Jablonski. H-M President Dr. Susan Paul and Assistant Principal Kelley Barbato visited BSM to present a donation of about \$17 thousand and a card signed by the Pioneers.



Dr. Bob Tift, Kelley Barbato,  
Dr. Sue Skinner, and Dr. Susan Paul

## Aim Higher

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis has launched a marketing campaign, Aim Higher, to promote the value and qualities of Catholic schools. Along with touting our high graduation and success rates, Aim Higher reminds current and potential families of three Catholic school assets:

- Academic Excellence
- Spiritual Enrichment – Forming Faith and Values
- Commitment to Service

For its part in this campaign, Benilde-St. Margaret's is displaying the Aim Higher logo on our website, in *Crown & Shield*, and at our doorways. We encourage current families and alumni to share their experiences and show their commitment to the success of all Catholic schools.

## New high school class combines English and social studies

Juniors in the high school traditionally take a full year of US History or AP US History and one semester of American Literature. They now have the option of taking American Studies, a two-period class that covers both required components of English and social studies. English teacher Anne Marie Dominguez and social studies teacher Megan Kern '86 came up with the concept that allows a natural blend of the two curriculums. In addition to reading novels, textbooks, and primary source documents, students study musical recordings, artwork, theater performances and photographs to understand the connection between historical events and the creation of



American culture on a deeper level than the usual literature or history class alone would allow.

## One-act play shares powerful message

During Black History Month in February, students were invited to see a performance of our one-act play, *And the Rain Came to Mayfield*. The play is set against the backdrop of racial tension in Mississippi in the early 1960s. A young man faces a crossroads in his life and finds the inspiration he needs in an unlikely source. Struggling in his own relationship with his father, and desperate to explore life at college and beyond, Carl has an unlikely meeting with Nathan, the first African American to attend the local university, and makes some dramatic decisions as a result.

This gripping story was adapted by one-act play director Maura Brew to fit into the confines of a 35-minute performance for high school league guidelines. The BSM group qualified for sections, and received rave reviews from audience members. All-Conference Award recipients were seniors Brenton Jayasuriya, Ned Meeker, junior Emily Kline, and sophomore Brandon Easter. Freshman Mary Pat Ross earned Honorable Mention.



Senior Brenton Jayasuriya and  
sophomore Brandon Easter

## Students for Human Life

On Sunday, February 12, some Students for Human Life group members attended a presentation at The House of Hope Presbyterian Church by Sister Helen Prejean. Sister Prejean is an anti-death penalty activist and the author of *Dead Man Walking*.



BSM Students for Human Life members posed for a photo with Sister Helen Prejean (center). BSM students: (l-r) Mary Pat Ross '15, Molly Eldevik '15, Luke Guidinger '15, Megan Haakonson '15 and Parker Breza '15

## ACT's Red Quill

BSM was given the Red Quill Award for 2011 by ACT Midwest Region, the organization that offers a range of assessment, research and program management services, including the ACT test. The award is given annually to recognize selected schools for analyzing and using data effectively to support curricular and instructional changes and enhancements based on the needs of students. Fewer than 25 percent of the schools vying for the award are honored.

## BSM on Facebook and Twitter

Stay on top of the latest BMS buzz. Check out our Facebook pages. Go online to [www.BSMschool.org](http://www.BSMschool.org) and click on the Facebook and Twitter icons on the home page. Then, "like" and "follow" us! Alumni, you can also get targeted messages from our Alumni Facebook page by clicking the Facebook icon on our alumni home page at [BSMschool.org/alumni](http://BSMschool.org/alumni). Be sure to "like" this page too.

## Catholic Schools Week Essay Contest

As part of the annual Catholic Schools Week celebration, BSM students in grades 7 and 8, 9 and 10, and 11 and 12, are invited to enter an essay contest. This year, the theme was "Joy." **Amanda Kautzer**, grade 8, **Rachel Zierden**, grade 10, and **Matthew Kloda**, grade 11, were prize winners. Here are excerpts from their essays:

### Amanda Kautzer, Class of 2016

Joy is a three-letter word. J-O-Y. I like to think of joy as Jesus, Others, and Yourself. ... Benilde-St. Margaret's helps me obtain the first and most important part of being joyful, knowing Jesus. ... Until really knowing Christ, God, and His followers, you cannot decide your true beliefs. ... Almost as important as Jesus, is Others. The amount of different extracurricular activities has led me to accept others' opinions and choices. ... BSM has brought me joy in knowing I am important no matter who I am, what activities I enjoy, or what my beliefs are. I know I am in a safe, fun loving, and nurturing environment that will help me become a person who is looked up to with respect and understanding.



### Rachel Zierden, Class of 2014



... Benilde-St. Margaret's ... consistently brings me joy. Starting from the amazing teachers and staff. ... The constant smiles and heart-felt support given by them couldn't mean more to me. ... Also, I can't forget to mention and appreciate the joy my fellow classmates bring me. As a sophomore class, and as a school as a whole, we have been going through a very difficult time. Despite these incidents happening, the students of BSM have really been there for

each other more than any other school I've seen. This school's students are so strong and supportive, and that really brings me joy.

### Matthew Kloyda, Class of 2013

... I feel joy from the connections with my friends, teachers, and staff on a daily basis. Their support and concern for me brings me much comfort throughout the day. ... I know my friends support me and always have my back through any situation. ... BSM strengthens me as not only a student attending school, but as someone [who is] a part of a community of faith and friendship in a common belief in Christ. We know that God is with us at all times, and we learn and grow from that. Our faith gets us through every moment and unites as one family in peace and love.





# Catholic Schools Week

## Catholic Schools Week blasts winter blahs

This year's Catholic Schools Week brought excitement and some humor to the halls of BSM. Pajama Day Monday was anything but a sleeper, as students and adults awakened their Catholic school pride. That pride was especially evident during the annual Hall of Honor celebration that evening.

On Tuesday morning, an all-school assembly featured talented students from each of the six grade levels. Essay winners were also announced, with writers receiving Taher or Spirit Shop gift cards. This day, students were asked to dress like teachers, and vice versa, with some amusing results.

The Common Basket collection during Wednesday's liturgy benefitted the Jack Jablonski Fund, raising more than \$26 thousand with matching funds.

Parents enjoyed donuts and coffee, handed to them during morning drop-off on Thursday. Scurrying around the building were students, faculty and staff, wearing animal costumes in recognition of Groundhog Day. A couple of live chickens were even spotted, bearing no connection to the chicken fried steak served at lunch that day.

A surprising faculty/staff flash mob was a highlight of Friday's pep fest, vaulting many participants to newly obtained YouTube status.

All in all, this year's Catholic Schools Week theme of "Joy" was aptly chosen.

Even our alumni took time during the week to express appreciation for their Catholic school education on our Facebook page. "The supportive community is second to none," said one. Others said that what they most appreciated were "an education centered on Christ and the Gospel," "good morals and values," and "the close friendships that I have 28, almost 29 years later."



## Our faith: A gift in troubled times

The Benilde-St. Margaret's community was rocked in December 2011. Just before Christmas break, the community hosted a memorial service for the late Doris Christensen, a long-time BSM employee. On returning from break, students and faculty were told of the death of Cheryl Vochko, mother of Francesca (Frankie) Vochko, grade 7, and the hockey accident involving Jack Jablonski, grade 10. While distressing, the news triggered a response that was awe-inspiring as well as predictable, especially for BSM.

"It all began with prayer," said Holly Hoey Germann, vice president of Faith Formation.

First thing in the morning, faculty and staff were sent an e-mail to alert them to the news. Then, junior high students and faculty met in the chapel to pray for Frankie and her family. The senior high met across the hall to pray for Jack and his family. The following statement from Dr. Bob Tift was circulated internally and externally:

*We extend our support and sympathies to the individuals in the Benilde-St. Margaret's community who have experienced sadness in the past several days. Our first concerns are for students and parents who are suffering. We offer our prayers in faith that the spiritual and physical wounds will heal with God's grace and love. We thank everyone, new and old friends of BSM, near and far, who have expressed concern for our community. Know that our students are supported by campus ministers, counselors, teachers, staff, and families. Please continue to stand with us as our students grow and learn from the full range of life's experiences, including those that involve sorrow and require comfort.*

The 13-member BSM student support team is comprised of principals, deans, counselors, campus ministers, chemical dependency and psychology professionals, and the athletics/activities director. The group meets weekly to address issues that are affecting students as individuals and as a group. According to Dr. Sue Skinner, senior high principal, "They are accustomed to observing behaviors and identifying ways to use the social capital of the internal and external communities so that students' needs are met. Nothing is too small for us, because who can say

what will trigger something in any of us." With this routine in place, the response of the support team in times of community-wide grief is natural and automatic.

Ms. Hoey Germann observed, "Grief often comes out sideways. Young people need to learn about that and be supported."

As a Catholic school, BSM can use many support tools that are not available to all educators. Dr. Skinner said, "Our friends in public schools have told us 'We wish we could pray. All we can do is have a moment of silence.'" She added, "At BSM, we can talk about meaning in adversity. We can invoke the saints – be in communion with the saints."

"We can use the language of our Catholic faith," said Ms. Hoey Germann. "We can talk about the Paschal Mystery and the reality of suffering. We can work with students when they raise questions about God's plan. We can open a sacred space for prayer and make rosaries, bibles and faculty available in the chapel all week as resources for the students."

As a partner with parents and guardians, BSM offers some practical resources to help parents as they take care of their children and themselves.

In his letter to parents, Steve Kahn, senior high psychologist, wrote: Know that the grieving process is a complicated and lengthy one. Many teenagers (and adults) go through five stages of grieving: denial, bargaining, anger, depression and then acceptance. All the stages are healthy, normal and needed. The bargaining stage sometimes involves promises to a higher power, perhaps promises that start with "if only." The anger stage might include a refusal to believe (for now) in a higher power that permits such a senseless tragedy.

Dr. Skinner reminds us, "For parents, it's been hard to see your children experience such intense emotions. It will be a long road, but things will get better. ... We are a strong community and being able to talk about these kinds of things in the context of our faith is such a gift."

# Citizens of the World

At BSM, “international” is a chain link of cultural awareness –  
creating acceptance, not just tolerance.

The Benilde-St. Margaret’s mission is to work together as a community to develop each student’s highest potential, provide a uniquely caring experience, and to educate leaders for a global society. Consistent with our founders’ charisms of bringing about right relationships, warm and generous welcome, and kindness, we bring international students and Amity Scholars onto our campus and, in the case of host families, into our homes.

This year, BSM’s mid-western United States school culture is enriched by links of cultural awareness to China, Spain, France, Colombia, South Korea, Mexico, Rwanda, and Japan. The presence of our international friends opens students’ minds and hearts to a world beyond local borders. It affects our diversity and leverages the effectiveness of our World Language faculty.

The BSM World Language Department consists of a dozen faculty members teaching 27 courses in French, Spanish and Latin. To graduate, each student is required to take two years of a world language. Students are encouraged to begin their language study in freshman year and take more than the minimum. Why? Colleges have world language requirements for acceptance and graduation. And, in keeping with our Catholic identity, knowing more than one language helps us be in touch with our brothers and sisters globally.

The languages studied at BSM reflect what’s happening in an increasingly interdependent global society. Currently, we offer Latin, French and Spanish. We used to offer German. Prospective families have asked about Chinese. And, we continue to look at the potential of Japanese immersion through our relationship with Kaisei Gakuin, a school in northern Japan.

Our graduates will need to understand and address global issues and know how to collaborate with people from differing cultures and religions in a respectful way. At BSM, we see that imperative as a call to provide the best world language experience possible.

For two dozen years, BSM’s world language curriculum has been enhanced by the presence of young scholars who are sponsored by the San Diego-based Amity Institute. The 45-year old Amity program promotes cross-cultural interaction and learning by placing exchange and intern teachers in schools across the United States.

Currently, BSM is hosting three Amity Scholars. Spain Native Lorena Perellón-Calvo and Columbia Native Iván Salamanca-Salcedo are making presentations and assisting in Spanish

classes. Caroline Bellet, a native of France, is serving in the same capacity in French classes. The Amity Scholars help our students speak and understand the new language, increase their confidence as they interact with native speakers, and gain a deeper knowledge and appreciation of another culture.

“Students connect with these young scholars because they’re closer to our students’ ages, and they’re not teachers,” explained Mary Murray, World Language Teacher and Amity coordinator. “The experience goes beyond the classroom because students often invite the Amities to their homes and to on-campus events. They’re making friendships that could last a lifetime.”

Megan Hansen, World Language Department chair, observed, “The Amity Scholars help our students discover that they know more than they thought they did.”

That knowledge goes beyond correctly speaking or reading French or Spanish. Said Ms. Hansen, “Students learn the skills they need to interact with people from a different culture. They learn new perspectives, make connections, and break stereotypes. That makes them better students.”

Dr. Sue Skinner, senior high principal, cited language acquisition theory and said, “The more that a person interacts with language, the richer the acquisition. When our students and alumni go abroad to study or work, that occasion won’t be their first exposure to a native speaker of a second language with all of its word choices, idioms and colloquialisms.”

The Amity Scholars benefit from their time on our campus, too. Iván Salamanca-Salcedo said he was attracted to BSM because the 1:1 Laptop Program is exciting and the Spanish program allows him to learn more about how to teach a second language. He added, “I hope my experience as an Amity gives me improved English skills, alternate teaching strategies, and the chance to learn about the USA and teach about it back in my homeland.”

Lorena Perellón-Calvo said she was drawn to BSM because, “I was interested in the variety of educational programs, the service trips, and the mission trips to the Dominican Republic and Guatemala.” She hopes to gain work experience and to learn new, engaging teaching techniques that will result in a job. She also wants to learn more about the culture of the United States.

This year, 13 BSM high school students call another country home. The students come to BSM for a variety of reasons. Hyun-wook (Jason) Kang, a South Korean in grade 9, says he values not only the excellent academics at BSM, but also

cross-cultural awareness



“all the extra-curricular activities and sports. I have played for BSM soccer and baseball teams, and I joined clubs like Math League, Knowledge Bowl, and Ski & Snowboard Club. Chicken fried steak is good too.” He looks forward to “meeting new people in a new culture, and spending time having new experiences that I couldn’t do back in Korea.” He plans to go on to a college in the United States.

Dr. Skinner acknowledged that our academics are excellent. The next challenge is to look at ways to adjust structural supports for host families and our student body to make the experience easier.

Jennifer Haag-Dotzenroth and David Dotzenroth, parents of Charles (Wylie), grade 11, are experienced hosts for international students. Jennifer has some ideas about how to support families and students in the program.

“It would be great if BSM had an ESL program for international students. It would help kids with their language skills, and the kids would have a built-in group of people with which they can identify,” she said. “Language can be a barrier, but it can be overcome in time. Some of the students who’ve lived with us have said they were locked into their own languages at first. Then, at about Christmas-time, something flipped. They even started dreaming in English.”

Jennifer also favors creating a network of parents who can help each other. “I would have appreciated a better transportation network for international students. We live in the boonies, so this is a bigger issue for families like ours. International students don’t drive. Host parents, especially those whose children don’t drive, are often called on to get everyone from place to place.”

Jennifer and David have always loved travel, eating the foods of other lands and meeting people from other cultures. When the Dotzenroth children were young, the family couldn’t travel as much; but, they wanted the children to be exposed to the things Mom and Dad loved.

So, 19 years ago, when their older child was two years old, Jennifer and David started taking in exchange students. Over the years, 10 students have lived with the family. They have come from Germany, Switzerland, France, Brazil, and England. Today, at Wiley’s suggestion, the family is host to Kyoung Yeon Cho, a BSM junior from South Korea.

Jennifer said international students and their host families learn to adapt to cultural differences that play out day-to-day in several ways. Students from some countries “have an easier time adjusting to our quirks than do students from some other countries. It takes time for someone who’s still learning the English language to understand that little joke” or give back mild teasing as good as he or she gets.

Kristen Gilbertson, learning specialist in the BSM junior high and host to Rongxue (Sherry) Sui of China, decided to be a host because, “there was a student in need and we had extra space. Compassion for others is a value we emphasize in our family.”

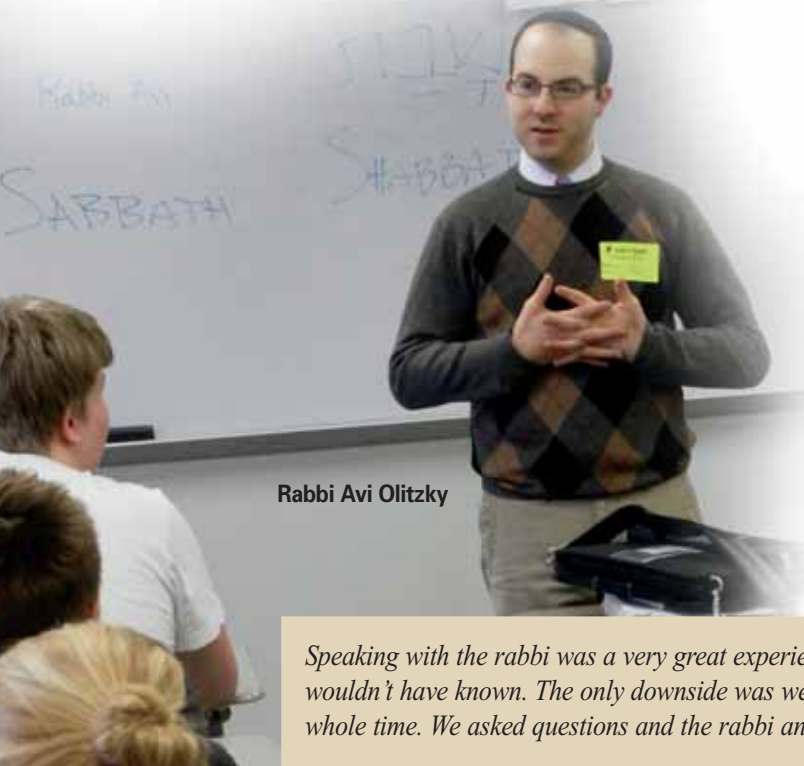
It may be the love of travel or the adventure of learning something new that motivates families to open their homes and students to open their minds to all things international. Maybe it’s the compassionate and generous commitment to others, or the appreciation of other cultures that’s behind their decision. For whatever reason, BSM families and faculty have opened their minds, hearts and homes to people from other lands. In return, our students and the entire community are the beneficiaries, now and into the future.

**Back row: Caitlin Hood, grade 10, host to Amity scholar; Lorena Perellón-Calvo, Amity scholar, France; Iván Salamanca-Salcedo, Amity scholar, Colombia; Mary Murray, World Language teacher, Amity coordinator. Front row: Greg Hood, host father to Amity scholar; and Oscar Cleveland, grade 8, host to Amity scholar.**



## INSIDE the Classroom

# Exploring our Judeo-Christian roots



Rabbi Avi Olitzky

The senior high theology curriculum begins first semester freshman year with an introduction to Scripture. Through this course, students encounter the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ. The course also gives students a general knowledge of, and appreciation for, the Scriptures. Students learn how to read the Bible. They become familiar with the major sections of the Bible and the books within each section studied.

For years, to put these studies into a context, the freshmen have visited our neighbors at the Beth El Synagogue during the fall harvest Festival of Sukkot, one of the most joyous of Jewish holidays. They would sit in a sukkah, a temporary structure which represents the huts in which the Hebrews lived during the 40 years of wandering in the desert. In January, Rabbi Avi Olitzky visited May Lane's class to talk about Judaism and to field questions from the students.

*Speaking with the rabbi was a very great experience. I learned a lot of things about Jewish culture that I otherwise wouldn't have known. The only downside was we didn't have enough time. It was fun and interesting. I listened the whole time. We asked questions and the rabbi answered. It was fun and engaging and I would gladly do it again.*

—Benjamin Appelhof '15

## OUTSIDE the Classroom

# For Jack Jablonski

On December 30, 2011, sophomore **Jack Jablonski** was injured during a junior varsity hockey game. He was taken to Hennepin County Medical Center for treatment and has now moved to the Sister Kenny Rehabilitation Institute. News of the incident sent the Benilde-St. Margaret's student body into action in support of Jack and the Jablonski family.

The community responded with a number of initiatives to lend financial and emotional support.

The girls' hockey team sold "Stay Strong, Jabby #13" wristbands. To date, those sales have generated over \$100 thousand for the Jack Jablonski Fund.

The BSM band, under the direction of **Paul Keefe '75**, was among the first groups to show support for Jack, wearing specially designed t-shirts at the first post-accident athletic contest.

Juniors **Mario Zattoni, Jake Szarzynski** and **Arthur Boyle** organized the Inaugural Jack Jablonski Junior Bronze Pond Hockey Tournament at the Bayview Event Center on Lake Minnetonka on January 22. Hockey players from across the state joined BSM students, parents, alumni and staff for a day of fun and fundraising. The effort resulted in a donation of more than \$50 thousand to the Jack Jablonski Fund at Wells Fargo Bank, presented to Jack's dad, Mike, and brother, Max.

Students staged a "white out" in support of Jack at a basketball game in Haben Center. The "white out" caught on in schools across the nation. At BSM, students, faculty and staff now wear white on the 13th of every month.



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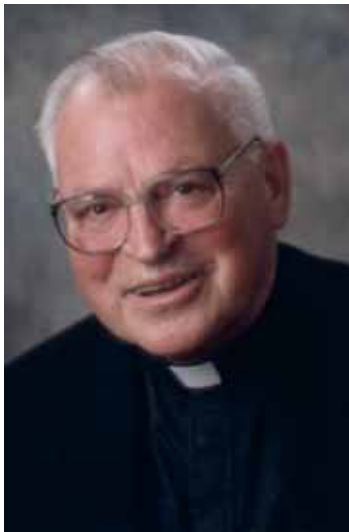


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# Remembering BSM Leaders

**Fr. Arnold Weber, OSB**



It is with sadness that we make note of the death of Fr. Arnold Weber, OSB, former president of Benilde-St. Margaret's School, on February 9 at the age of 86.

We are proud to have had Fr. Arnold, a Benedictine priest from St. John's Abbey, serve as our chaplain and chairman of the Religion Department at Benilde High School from 1970 to 1973. He then returned to serve as president from 1977 to 1981.

All who joined him in our school ministry are aware of the tremendous legacy of hospitality and faith he nurtured. Fr. Arnold was the embodiment of the Benedictine charism that calls each of us to be welcoming and to offer each other service, support and encouragement. James P. Shannon wrote of Fr. Arnold:

*One night some years ago a mother and her children, who had just been evicted from their home for failure to pay the rent, rang the rectory bell. The woman had already visited several other churches and had been turned down by all of them. Sensing that she might be turned down again, the woman brashly told Arnold, "Are you going to preach to me or are you going to help me and my children?" Whereupon he replied, "I am going to help you." He promptly called a nearby motel to arrange rooms for the family for the night. He then told the mother that he would take them the next day to an apartment where he would pay their first month's rent.*

James P. Shannon, Spring 2002, The Abbey Banner, Magazine of St. John's Abbey

As we were saddened by Fr. Arnold's departure from BSM 30 years ago to become the pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Community in Wayzata, we mark his passing with gratitude that he was our friend and leader. We believe God has welcomed Fr. Arnold into His everlasting community. We fondly remember Fr. Arnold's parting remarks decades ago: "I wish to thank you for your kindness to me. ... I leave with fond memories of many people working together to bring Christ's peace to all."

**Robert L. Speeter**



The BSM community is mourning the loss of Robert L. Speeter, a founder of Benilde High School, who also died on February 9. He was 97 years old.

A native of Eyota, Minnesota, Mr. Speeter moved to St. Paul with his family. He graduated from De La Salle High School in 1932, attended St. Thomas College and the University of Minnesota Law School. He practiced law in Pine Island before joining the FBI and moving to San Francisco during World War II. In 1946, Mr. Speeter left the FBI. He and Lucille, to whom he was to be married for 65 years, moved back to Minnesota, where they raised their family of six children and he resumed the practice of law. Mr. Speeter and Vincent Johnson formed the firm Speeter and Johnson in 1954. Today, three Speeter children and a granddaughter are working for the firm.

Mr. Speeter was a devout Catholic and supported many initiatives, especially education. He believed that strong relationships were nurtured through the connection of church and school. He and Minneapolis businessman Robert Short believed there ought to be a Catholic high school in the western suburbs of Minneapolis. So, they raised \$1 million and built Benilde High School, which opened in 1956.

The De La Salle graduate traced his support for Catholic education to the discipline that the Christian Brothers instilled in him. "They had report cards read in the gym every Friday," he said. "That made you study."

One Speeter son attended Benilde. Three daughters attended St. Margaret's Academy. The two schools merged in 1974 and opened as Benilde-St. Margaret's School. Mr. Speeter maintained his support for the schools throughout his life.

The Hall of Honor program allows our community to recognize and publicly honor the heritage of BSM, salute the dedication and service of the volunteer community, and reward the professional longevity of employees.

The 2012 honorees have made a significant contribution to the lives of many in the Benilde-St. Margaret's and greater communities.

# Hall of Honor



## Red Knight Leadership Award

Al Geiwitz and Mary McMahon  
Timothy Jump  
Frank and Randi Pintens

## Volunteer Service Award

Cathy Luther  
Geri Scherer  
Deann Speltz

## Distinguished Alumni Award

Barbara Corbett Kermeen '61  
Dennis Dale '63  
Mark Vande Hei '85

## Twenty-Year Club Inductees

Maura Daly '82  
Bob Tift '71



## Red Knight Leadership Award

(clockwise-top)

Al Geiwitz and Mary McMahon  
Timothy Jump  
Frank and Randi Pintens



## Volunteer Service Award

(left to right)

Cathy Luther  
Geri Scherer  
Deann Speltz



## Leadership Awards

### Al Geiwitz and Mary McMahon

The gifts of time, talent and treasure definitely describe the leadership of Al Geiwitz and Mary McMahon, who have shared all three while leading BSM to new levels of excellence. Mary's volunteer time and leadership with the Parent Association and the Spirit Shop has spanned countless projects, many of which have provided financial support for the school. The generous financial support that Al and Mary have shown will affect many Red Knights for years to come.

### Timothy Jump

Tim Jump has taken a dream and developed it into one of the most revolutionary academic programs around. The Advanced Competitive Science program has grown from six students in 1997 to 190 in 2012. Tim has set up NASA-level equipment in his classroom, given demonstrations to Science Museum officials, and traveled the globe with his students. Tim's ambition, time and intelligence have put BSM's ACS program on the map and his expertise in demand.

### Frank and Randi Pintens

Frank and Randi Pintens each shared their gift of strategic thinking – in two different and distinct ways. Frank's contribution came through financial planning in both mapping the road to debt-reduction and moving the school into a financially stable future. Randi offered her time and expertise to help draft a strategic plan for BSM. Her cutting-edge planning methods are in place today. Their contributions in two very distinct arenas have had a great impact on Benilde-St. Margaret's.

## Volunteer Service Awards

### Cathy Luther

For 12 years, Cathy Luther's dedication to Benilde-St. Margaret's manifested itself in many ways. Confident in the mission and vision of BSM, Cathy promoted the school to all who would listen. Her work with the admissions and development departments included everything from hosting neighborhood parties to assisting with menial office chores. With enthusiasm and efficiency, Cathy accepted challenges large and small. Her commitment to BSM was a great boon to the community.

### Geri Scherer

Grace, diplomacy, and calm characterized the volunteer contributions of Geri Scherer. Organizing the Brown Bag series and coordinating the Parent Ambassador Program and Knight School were her first projects. Then, community wellness and student/teacher recognition were the preamble to her term as president of the Parent Association. From the Spirit Shop to activities with student council and athletics, there was never a lack of opportunities for service. Her generous contributions were a gift to BSM.

### Deann Speltz

Deann Speltz's volunteer "career" was centered on hospitality. She was a parent ambassador, host for an international student, decorator, and planner for many community social events. The Career Center, the Parent Association and the Spirit Shop also benefited from her welcoming personality and dedication to the school. Deann and her husband, Joe, also contributed many banners which welcomed visitors to the school and advertised coming events. Her service was much appreciated.





### Distinguished Alumni Award

Barbara Corbett Kermeen '61  
Dennis Dale '63  
Mark Vande Hei '85

## Distinguished Alumni

### Barbara Corbett Kermeen '61

Barbara Corbett Kermeen's journey has been one of constant learning. After leaving Saint Margaret's Academy, Barbara continued her education, earning multiple degrees. For the past 44 years, Barbara has been the president of the world's oldest manufacturer of radio telemetry instrumentation used in animal research and management. Along the way she has served in many volunteer positions for various organizations. Recently, Barbara completed her application to be a master gardener. Barbara's quest for knowledge has made her successful and interesting, but most of all it makes her an inspiration.

### Dennis Dale '63

Dennis Dale, a graduate of Benilde High School, has been the head coach of men's swimming and diving at the University of Minnesota for 27 years. He took the Golden Gophers from bottom dwellers and made them into a perennial powerhouse, winning seven Big Ten titles in the last 14 years. Dennis has been voted Big Ten Coach of the Year six times, and has been inducted into the "M" Club Hall of Fame. This year, he is the dean of the Big Ten coaches. Coach Dale is no stranger to starting at the bottom, from a less than spectacular freshman year at Benilde to graduating All-American from the University of Minnesota, Dennis is living proof that hard work and dedication pay off.

### Mark Vande Hei '85

Mark Vande Hei didn't set out to be an astronaut when he left Benilde-St. Margaret's, but it seems a fitting culmination to a career exemplified by service, hard work and many awards. Mark is a lieutenant colonel in the US Army and one of nine selected from a pool of 3,500 applicants to be members of the 2009 NASA astronaut class. He has finished his preliminary training and heads to Russia in June to be the director of NASA's Human Space Flight Operations. Mark looks to a future that he hopes includes a flight assignment on the International Space Station.

## Twenty-Year Club

### Maura Daly '82

Maura Daly returned to her roots and began her teaching career at her alma mater, Benilde-St. Margaret's. Although her journey has had twists and turns, this mother of two, one a current Red Knight, is still sharing her wisdom with BSM students. Maura spent several years as an English teacher and sophomore dean. In recent years she has been a "super sub," covering the gamut of subject areas and age groups, and annually serving as a writing teacher for English 10 and Advanced Composition. Her dedication to BSM and Catholic education has been a consistent benefit to the school and greater community.

### Bob Tift '71

Ask 12 loved ones, board members and colleagues to describe Bob Tift in a word or two and you'll get about a dozen different adjectives. His sons say he's "Big." His mother says he's "Very Religious." The one that stands out, "Excited," comes from the newest member of his senior management team. After 20 years in leadership positions at BSM, Bob Tift is still excited about his alma mater and its future. Fully involved in the day-to-day activities of a president, he has also engaged the board, BSM's leadership team and staff in a rigorous strategic planning process that envisions BSM in 2020 and beyond. As an alumnus of Benilde High School, Bob is a Red Knight to his core. In fact, some of the other adjectives reflect his deep BSM heritage, "High Integrity", "Strong Leader" and "Embodies the Spirit of BSM."





# IN MEMORIAM

Emily Ihrke Akerberg '99  
Sister of Bill  
Jane '06

Beatrice Guimond Bakula '57  
Sister of Marilyn Guimond Norsted '54  
Adele Guimond Roehl  
Colette Guimond Deringer

Heinrich Bartels  
Father of Chris '83  
Nancy Bartels Dickinson '84

Audrey Brennan  
Mother of Nancy Brennan Hagerman '71  
Tim '74  
Joan Brennan Jost '75  
Dan '79  
Mark '80

John "Jerry" Brennan  
Father of Debbie Brennan O'Connell '70  
Tim '73  
Kevin  
Patrick  
Michael

Pamela O'Reilly Buchman  
Daughter of Tom O'Reilly – past faculty

Richard Casari  
Father of J.T. '96  
Nan Casari Schoenleber '00

Sr. Margaret Cashman, RGS '54

Doris Christensen – Staff

James Corbett  
Father of Nanette Corbett Sage '71  
Paula Corbett-North '73  
Patrick  
Richard '76  
Ronald '76  
William '05 – deceased

Francis Dick  
Father of John  
Tom '86  
Dan '89  
Mike '95

Mickey Dumas '71

Lucy Reha Evans '47

Robert Finn  
Father of Mickey  
Susan Finn Engel '65  
Laurie Finn Emfield  
Theresa Fin Starcznski

Peter Gilligan  
Father of Stephen – deceased  
Tom '69  
Jerry '71  
Michael '72  
Mary Gilligan-O'Rourke  
Ann  
John '77  
Peggy '78  
Joe Lee-Gilligan '81  
Martha Gilligan-Gaines '82

Bernard Gunderson  
Father of Greg '79  
Brian '80

Deidre Hedrick  
Mother of William '77 – deceased  
John '78  
Paul '82  
Robert  
David  
Anne Hedrick Sarles '84  
Patricia Hedrick Magor '87

Marie Louise Higgins  
Mother of Tony '71  
Tim '73  
Matt '75  
Sue Higgins Hamilton '77

Jack Hodnett  
Father of Patricia Hodnett Bergaus  
Catherine Hodnett Elison  
Mary Hodnett Conley  
Amy  
John '79

Mary Ellen Jette  
Mother of Maria '76  
Dan '80  
Annette Jette Cummings  
Shawn

Sharon Spelbrink Johnson '59  
Sister of Pat Spelbrink Zierden '56  
Joyce Spelbrink Danneker '58

Carole Sullivan Kaiser '55  
Sister of Jo-Anne Sullivan Halek '53

Dennis Mahoney '68  
Brother of Michael '65  
Terrence '66  
Catherine Mahoney Belair

Dominic Margarit  
Father of Joe '70  
Michele Margarit Hansen  
Annette  
Tom  
Greg  
Kevin  
Denise Margarit Westerhaus

Margaret "Peg" McGie  
Mother of Dan '84  
Beth McGie Robertson '88

Dr. John "Jack" Monnig  
(formerly Brother Bernard) – past faculty

Richard Montville  
Father of John '82  
Phillip '83  
Michelle Montville Aufderheide '86  
Michael

Olive Mullen  
Mother of Rodney  
Greg  
Gerald  
Paul  
Linda Mullen Kelly  
Julia Mullen Pepper '74  
Stephen  
Philip  
Vincent  
Alan

William T. Nichols  
Father of Larry '69  
Craig '83

Patricia Anne Kammerer Norton '54

Eugene Ott  
Father of Chuck  
Terry  
Tim  
Michael '79  
Dennis '80  
Kevin '82  
Missy Ott Janssen '83  
Betsy Ott Dunsworth  
Christopher  
Kathleen Smith  
Ann Morissey Marlatt

James Pattee  
Father of Ann Pattee Widseth '65  
Michael '66  
John '67  
Mindy '68  
David '71 – deceased  
Margaret  
Lisa '76  
Laurie Pattee Russ '77

Ellen Louise Pence '66  
Sister of Carole Pence Miller '62  
David '64  
Diane Pence VanValkenburg '64  
Fran Pence Myran

Steven Rider  
Father of Ben '05

Eileen Potter Simmons '52

Greg Speeter  
Brother of Cheryl Speeter Margoles '68  
Patrice Speeter Beddor '70  
LuAnne '71  
Robert '77  
Richard

Robert Speeter  
Father of those listed above

Marie Stenglein '55

Dennis Swan  
Father of Kelli Swan Vranish '89  
Alise Swan Atiq '92  
Corey '95

Michael Taber '91  
Brother of Bruce '75  
David '81  
Mark

Joseph Tambornino  
Father of Charles  
Joseph  
Judy  
Mary Tambornino O'Hora  
David  
Jane Tambornino Bryant '87  
Kitty Tambornino Oates '87  
Gregory – deceased

Cheryl Vochko  
Mother of Francesca (Frankie) '17  
Quinn

Alma Walz '41

Michael Wanchena '68  
Brother of Jeffrey '69  
Ann Marie Wanchena Croteau '71  
Amy Wanchena Ames '74  
Lisa Wanchena Raddatz '78  
Christine '79

Fr. Arnold Weber – past president

Michael White '89  
Brother of Catherine White Tsarouhas '74  
Greg '78 – deceased  
Tom '80  
Jim '84

## Advancement

# Pay it Forward Through the Annual Fund



Camp Iduhapi ... Loaves and Fishes ... National Honor Society tutoring. These may bring back fond memories when BSM was part of your life. Such traditions and opportunities continue. From being a peer minister for a class retreat to helping serve meals for the homeless or tutoring a fellow student, our students are truly engaged – within the walls of BSM and out in the community. Your support of the Annual Fund allows our current students to have the same opportunities as did the students who preceded them.

Please support the Annual Fund. There is still time before our fiscal year ends on June 30. Gifts can be made online by visiting [www.BSMschool.org/give](http://www.BSMschool.org/give). You can also direct any questions to Director of Development Ted Freese at 952-927-4176, ext. 2401, or [tfreese@BSMschool.org](mailto:tfreese@BSMschool.org).

Thank you for allowing your old memories to become new ones for our current students.

## BSM creates planned giving society

Benilde-St. Margaret's is proud to announce the formation of the SPIRITUS SOCIETY as a way to not only recognize members of our community, but also to provide long-term financial security to our school.

Many BSM alumni, parents and friends have given time and talent to advance our important ministry. Similarly, through Annual Fund donations, Major Gift and Capital Campaign pledges, many have contributed financially to advance Benilde-St. Margaret's mission of developing our student's highest potential in mind, body and spirit. Of all these ways, a planned gift is the most effective strategy to support BSM's long-term success.

Gifts that are built into a future financial or estate plan can take many forms. They can be life insurance policies, designations in a retirement account, bequests in a Will or Trust, or through a Charitable Trust or Gift Annuity.

Please consider joining the SPIRITUS SOCIETY by making a planned gift to Benilde-St. Margaret's. If you have already done so, let us know so we can thank you in person. If you have questions about various planned giving options, please contact Dr. Bob Tift '71, 952-915-4342 or [btift@BSMschool.org](mailto:btift@BSMschool.org).

## Shop, Give, Take Charge of Education

One of the easiest ways to contribute to Benilde-St. Margaret's is right there on your To-Do List: Target® run. When you shop, pay with a Target REDcard® (a Visa® credit card). Target will donate one percent of the amount of your purchases at one of their stores or any store that accepts Visa credit cards.

Recently, BSM Parent Association President Nancy Patton presented Dr. Bob Tift with a donation of more than \$14 thousand. This percentage of BSM community purchases made during the 2010-2011 school year was the largest amount Target has contributed to date.

Help top that tally. Go online, [BSMschool.org/TargetRedCard](http://BSMschool.org/TargetRedCard), to learn about Target's Take Charge of Education program. Designate BSM as your school of choice. Grab a cart and watch the dollars pile up.





# Bulletin Board



## Calling all 1989 junior high students

If you were part of the inaugural classes when Benilde-St. Margaret's opened the junior high in 1989, we want to hear from you. We're planning a celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the junior high in 2014, and we want you to be a part of the fun. Send an e-mail now to Mary Fran O'Keefe, [mfokeefe@BSMSchool.org](mailto:mfokeefe@BSMSchool.org). We'll stay in touch as plans take shape.

## St. Margaret's Academy & Benilde High School **Dual School Happy Hour** Thursday, May 3, 5-8 p.m.

Poor Richard's Common House, 8301 Normandale Blvd., Bloomington 55438  
Calling all SMA ladies and Benilde boys, please join us to raise a glass to your alma maters.

## **Alumni Art Auction** Saturday, May 12, 5-10 p.m. Sunday, May 13, noon-5 p.m.

Please join us for a celebration of the arts! Alumni artists featuring various media will have items on display and for sale. The proceeds from the sale will benefit the art department at BSM. The art auction is being held in conjunction with the spring musical, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. Stop in to buy before the musical or during intermission. Non-play goers are welcome anytime Saturday between 5-10 p.m. and Sunday between noon-5 p.m. Admission to the art auction is free.

## **BSM 15-Year Happy Hour for Classes '75-'89** Wednesday, May 16, 5-8 p.m.

Bunny's, 5916 Excelsior Blvd., Minneapolis 55416  
BSM grads from the '70s and '80s...come join your classmates for an evening of laughter and reminiscing.

## **Red Knights!** **Did you graduate in a year that ends in a 2 or a 7?** If so, this is your reunion year.

Most classes have already started planning. For information, check out the online reunion page, [BSMSchool.org/upper/alumni/reunions](http://BSMSchool.org/upper/alumni/reunions).

Want to help? Have a question?  
Send an e-mail to Sandy Janssen Barry '86, [sjanssenbarry@BSMSchool.org](mailto:sjanssenbarry@BSMSchool.org), or call 952-927-4176, ext. 2402.

## *SMA Flower Tour at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum*

**Tuesday, June 5, 12:30-2:30 p.m.**

Kick off your summer with a tour of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Enjoy a delightful lunch followed by a guided tour aboard a moving tram. Cost is \$20, space is limited.

To reserve your spot, call 952-915-4358 or e-mail Sandy Janssen Barry '86 at [sjanssenbarry@BSMSchool.org](mailto:sjanssenbarry@BSMSchool.org).



## **Going Greener - Staying in Touch**

We're guessing a lot is happening in your life. We want to hear about it. To update your contact information, go online to [www.BSMSchool.org/SendMeNews](http://www.BSMSchool.org/SendMeNews) and complete the e-mail opt-in form. It'll take a moment, save a tree, and keep all of us in the know about each other. Thanks.

## **Alumni Baseball** Sunday, June 10 • **Alumni Lacrosse** Monday, June 18



## 20th Annual **Joranger Open**

Mark your calendar for Monday, June 11  
Deer Run Golf Club • Victoria, Minnesota

For more information see back cover

Don't miss the latest news. Send Rachel Kuzma Olson '93 your e-mail address and let her know you want to receive the alumni e-newsletters quarterly: [rkuzmaolson@BSMSchool.org](mailto:rkuzmaolson@BSMSchool.org).

# ALUMNIN EWS

**1963**

The Class of 1961 celebrated its 50th reunion at Jax Café on September 1, 2011. **Mary Baker Doshan, Carol Sallen Rowland, and Diane Weller Ryan** were among those celebrating. Check the Benilde-St. Margaret's Alumni Association

page on Facebook for more photos. ▼



**SMA Class of '71**

**1963**

**Eileen Connor Neren** (and her husband, Howie), **Nancy Moorhead LeBalch**, and **Mary Anne Carter** had a great mini-reunion at Eileen and Howie's beautiful home in the Outer Banks of North Carolina in October 2011. ▼



Kevin. He hopes to have the ring cleaned and sized so he can wear it again. Kevin is currently a professor in the Communication and Journalism Department and the Director of the Arts and Letters Division in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of St. Thomas.

**1971**

Alumnae from the St. Margaret's Academy Class of 1971 enjoyed a champagne brunch for their 40th reunion on October 1, 2011: row one (l-r) **Marie Herbert Seiter, CSJ '55, Jo Ann Holonbek, Mary Regan Gilbertson, Colleen Keenan Wynne, Barbara Barnett Leonard, Barbora Katzmarek Hanson, Sandy Fyle Barton, Bridget Carr Pirsch, Teresa Arms Christensen, Laura Hebert Inglis, Anna Logan, LuAnne Speeter, and Joan Theisen McNeely**; row two (l-r) **Liz Lang Derichs, Cynthia Fashant Collins, Patricia Campion Gjertson, Mary Beth Hardin Maille, Susan Navratil Malsom, Cathy Calva Cather, Kerry Casserly-Carter, Ann Martinetto Redig, Marlena Bromschwig, LaDonna Raskob Kartak, Gloria Maas, and Laurie Marben Jennings**; row two-B (l-r) **Pam Gralow Determan, Maggie Sochacki Anderson Clow, Patricia Johnson Schatz, and Mary O'Rourke Wickersham**; row three (l-r) **Rosie Sipe Tures, Gail Cremers Ketterk, Lynette Williams McCool, Sheila Rice Lawson, Mary Swartout, Nan Corbett, Deb Carlin Skinner, Karen Battaglia Gamino, Ann Peterson, Linda Grotz Johnson, Mary Ann McNeil, Colleen Sheehy, and Sue**

**Meiers Bennett**; row four (l-r) **Monica Brinkman Blackman, Bonnie Boller-Gormley, Diane McMonagle Wright, Mary Teynor, Jeanne Van Drasek Engwall, Rennee Amblie Pflanz, Jakki Nelson Christenson, Anita Vakoc Brand, Loie Lenarz, Mary Weber Quinn, and Debbie Lepsch**. Not pictured, but in attendance, **Sister Marquita Barnard and Rob Strusinski**. ▲

**1968**

**Bill Shields** has published his first novel, *Eirelan*, under the pen name Liam O'Shiel. *Eirelan* is a futuristic tale in which the people of Ireland wage war as if it were the Middle Ages. The novel is a complex tale set in a world very different from today in the Province of the Twenty Clans, where citizens generally lead simple lives filled with music, poetry, and strong ale, but they are under constant threat from raiders to the north. For more information visit Bill's website, [www.eirelan.com/default.html](http://www.eirelan.com/default.html).

**1970**

**Kevin Sauter** was reunited with his Benilde class ring almost 40 years after its disappearance. Kevin was a student at Moorhead State University and recalls losing his ring on a bus trip to a track meet or forensic competition. He thought that it fell off while he was sleeping, but a search of the bus yielded no ring. Recently a gentleman in Moorhead was going through the jewelry box of his deceased wife and came across the ring. How it came to rest in that jewelry box is still a mystery.

A little research led the Moorhead gentleman to Benilde-St. Margaret's and a quick search of initials from the Class of 1970 led to





**1981**

**Teresa Medina** is serving as the coordinator of her fourth mission trip with 75 medical specialists, including surgeons and operating room nurses. They are traveling to serve in the Philippines. In addition to performing surgeries, the team will distribute more than \$1.1 million in medical supplies and equipment used in training Filipino doctors and nurses. Teresa directs Twin Cities Orthopedics Foundation, a nonprofit that works to advance muscular and skeletal health.

**1983**

**Colleen Riley Sauter** is a consultant at the University of St. Thomas Opus College of Business. She works with the executive MBA programs and consults with the Center for Nonprofit Development on diversity and inclusion initiatives.

**1985**

Several graduates from the Class of 1985 attended the Hall of Honor on January 30 to support **Mark Vande Hei**, who received a Distinguished Alumni Award: (l-r) **Mark Endres, Mark Vande Hei, Mary Igel Trudell, Mike Hoffman** and **Dave Platt**. ▼



**Catherine Thimmesh** was chosen as a finalist for the 24th Annual Minnesota Book Awards. Her book, *Friends: True Stories of Extraordinary Animal Friendships*, was one of four selected in the Children's Literature category.

**1990**

**Tom and Corinn Tennesen Cella '95** are delighted to announce the birth of Thomas Alan on December 3, 2011. Tommy was welcomed home by three-year-old Emma. Corinn works in products and marketing for Popp Communications, and Tom is a distribution channel manager for Hitachi. The Cellas live in Plymouth.

**1992**

**Jason Effertz** and wife Carrie happily announce the birth of their daughter, Sydney, on January 19. Big sister Mackenzie (1) welcomed Sydney home. The Effertz family lives in New Hope.

**Charlie and Darbiene Broyles** were married in April 2010. The couple lives in Minneapolis. ▼

**1993**

**Andrea Scherer Belton** and husband Bryan welcomed Ronan Thomas Belton into the world on January 27. The proud parents live in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Sarah Johnson Campbell** and husband Benjamin are proud to share the news of their recent arrival, Margaret Ann (Maggie), on December 1, 2011. Maggie joins sisters Sadie (4) and Stella (2) and big brother Mason (6) in the Campbell household. Sarah is a pediatrician with Affinity Health Systems in Appleton, Wisconsin.

**Jeni Kell Moore** and husband Wes are happy to announce the birth of their fourth child, Harlan Nicholas, on October 12, 2011. Big sisters Sierra (7) and Lucy (2) and brother Owen, (6) are glad Harlan is finally here. The Moore family lives in Wayzata.

Charlotte Ann was born to **Barb Teske-Young** and husband Brandon on December 8, 2011. Her brothers, Keagan (3) and Parker (1), welcomed their new sister home. Barb is a clinical assistant professor/field liaison at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

**1995**

**Tom Phillips** is the new executive director of the Lakeland Area Mass Transit District/d/b/a in Lakeland, Florida. Tom is also the executive director of the Polk Transit Authority. Wife Michelle and sons Marshall (7) and William (2) are enjoying Lakeland.

**1996**

**Dan Cooley** and his wife, Sharis, are proud to announce the birth of Lillian Elizabeth on January 10. Lilly's big brother, Ryan, is 4 and her big sister, Colvin, is 2.

**Steve Johannes** and wife Gretchen are happy to announce the birth of Jack Steven on January 11. Jack's big brother, Quinn, is two years old. Steve is in commercial real estate finance.

**Jim Dunbar** and wife Meghan are happy to announce the birth of Nathan James on November 15, 2011. Nate has a 2-year-old sister, Clare.

**1998**

**Tim Cooley** and his wife, Colleen, were married at Dillman's Bay Resort in Lac du Flambeau, Northern Wisconsin, on September 10, 2011. Tim is employed by Starkey Hearing Technologies and Colleen is teaching yoga and barre class. The Cooleys live in Orono. ▲

**1999**

**Andrew Alberts** and several of his Vancouver Canucks teammates visited **Jack Jablonski** when the Canucks were in town to play the Minnesota Wild. Andrew is standing on the far right. ▼



**James and Catie Scherer Brackin** are proud to announce the birth of Ella Susanne on September 7, 2011. Big brother J.J. (3) welcomed Ella home.

**Doug Dworak, MD** and **Becky Rauth '03** were married on June 17, 2011, at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. Doug is in medical residency in ophthalmology, and Becky is in global HR at Avon Corporation. The Dworaks live in Chicago. ▼





**Denise Ettel** and Jorge Guzman were married September 17, 2011, at St. Joseph's Church in West St. Paul. Jorge is the executive chef at Solera Restaurant in Minneapolis, and Denise is a buyer with Target Corporation. The Guzmans reside in Minnetonka. ▲



BSM classmates celebrated with Denise and Jorge: (l-r) **Molly Paquette Keith, Randee Froemming, Dara Moen Lehto, Denise Guzman** and **Valerie Troy Johnson**. ▲

**2000**

**Michael Mahler** is a composer/lyricist who performed at the Kennedy Center last fall during an evening of musical theater cabaret as part of ASCAP's "Songwriters: The Next Generation" series. Michael and his wife, Dara, live in Chicago.

**Ann Gunville Singewald** and her husband, Phil, welcomed daughter Emma Rose into the family on July 8, 2011. Proud big brother John (3) is thrilled to have a little sister. Ann is a second grade teacher at St. Hubert's, and Phil is the dean of students. The Singewald family lives in Waconia.

**2001**

**Jesse Farrell** and his wife, Melissa, were married on July 24, 2010, in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, and currently live in Lower Manhattan. ▶

**2002**

**Ted Koshiol**

and Marni Zaideman were married August 28, 2011, in Skokie, Illinois. Marni and Ted live in Golden Valley, Minnesota. ▶



**Annie Olson** and Michael Caparoso were married on August 27, 2011, at Our Lady of Grace Church in Edina. **Justine Chatterton '02, Jackie Rubi '02, Jodie Flaherty Murray '02, Nattie Olson '04,** and **Jonathan Olson '99** were in the wedding party. ▶



A number of Annie's classmates were on hand for the celebration: back row (l-r) **Paul Zieulewicz, Stephanie Polt Fuchsen, Javier Guerrero, Dana Stack, Lori Snook, Evan Carpenter,** and **Andrew George;** front row (l-r) **Nicole Arne, Jodie Flaherty Murray, Jackie Rubi, Justine Chatterton, Annie Olson Caparoso, Ryan McNaught,** and **Jill Periolat**. ▲



Friends gathered at the Bullfrog for the pre-Thanksgiving get together to share fond memories and reconnect (l-r); **Dana Stack, Lori Snook, Susan Martinson** and **Jill Periolat**. ▼

**2003**

**Katie Jetland Tevena** and

her husband, Nick, are pleased to announce the birth of Calvin James on January 14. Katie and Nick both work for Cushman & Wakefield/ NorthMarq. The Tevena family lives in St. Louis Park.

**Karl Riem** and his wife, Erin, are proud to announce the birth of Claire Marie Riem on September 18, 2011. Two weeks after Claire's birth, Karl crossed the finish line for the Twin Cities Marathon.



**Jo Jacobson** and Mark Shultz were married on June 25, 2011. Mark is an engineer, and Jo teaches kindergarten at Nova Classical Academy in St. Paul. Jo and Mark live in Blaine. ▲



**Danielle Palkert** and Alex Hermann were married August 13, 2011, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame, Indiana. After graduating from the Notre Dame Law School in May, Danielle and Alex moved to Oregon. They are currently employed by the University of Portland. ▼



**2004** **Alexandra Campion** founded the Center for Girls' Leadership, a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing leadership skills and encouraging confidence in young girls. Through the Pathways to Leadership Series, The Center for Girls' Leadership teaches high school girls about possible career opportunities in various industries. Ali is completing her final semester at the University of St. Thomas School of Law.

**Justin Smith** and his wife, Lindsey, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Liam, on September 4, 2011. Justin is employed by Midwest Staffing Group and is an assistant cross country and wrestling coach at Benilde-St. Margaret's.

**2005** **Mike Evans** was recently hired as the boys' lacrosse coach at Apple Valley. Evans played in college at Quinnipiac before working as an assistant coach at Benilde-St. Margaret's the past two seasons. The Red Knights are the two-time defending state champions.

**Justin Riem** graduated with a B.S. in psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is in his second year of law school at the University of St. Thomas School of Law. Justin is an associate editor of the University of St. Thomas Law Journal.

**Lt. JG Molly Mlnarik Wolford** and her husband, 1st Lt. Rich Wolford, are pleased to announce the birth of Evelyn Todd on December 31, 2011. Molly is a Navy nurse, and Rich is a Marine stationed at Camp Pendleton.

**2007** **Adam Estoclet**, a hockey player currently with the Toledo Walleye of the ECHL and a graduate of Dartmouth University, visited Central Catholic High School in Toledo, Ohio, on February 7, to speak with students in the International Baccalaureate Program. Estoclet spoke with students about attending an Ivy League college and about the demands of balancing academics and athletics. Adam has played with both Grand Rapids of the AHL and the Toledo Walleye this season.

**Chris Perra** married Erika Clark at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on August 13, 2011. ▼



**Amanda Trunzo** was one of only four women among the 164 qualifiers for the Crashed Ice races in St. Paul. Amanda lives in Andover and coaches hockey at Eden Prairie High School.

**Joseph Wilm** graduated cum laude from Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan, on December 10, 2011. He earned a B.S. in physics and a minor in math. He is living in Palo Alto, California, and is employed by Lockheed Martin. ▼



**2008** In December, **Katy Gorrilla** was awarded the Margaret Verum Grant to use for supplies in her first classroom as a teacher. Katy will graduate in May from the University of Minnesota with a B.S. in early childhood education.



**Janine Karas, John Grupa and Chet Paulson** enjoyed Stingray City, Grand Cayman, during their trip abroad in January. As seniors, the trio, studying finance at the University of St. Thomas, worked with Dart Enterprises to develop a real estate plan to create affordable workforce housing on the island. ▲

**Chris Student** and **Michael Shibrowski '09** have demonstrated their strong loyalty to the Red Knights by taking time to visit **Jack Jablonski** on several occasions. Both Chris and Michael are hockey players at the University of Minnesota.

**2010** **Keelin O'Neil** and **Erin Katopodis** are actively involved in a program through the University of Wisconsin-Madison called Engineers Without Borders. They are working on grant writing and fundraising for the construction of a health center in Rwanda. For more information, please visit [www.ewb-usa.org/projects/locate-project/project\\_2594](http://www.ewb-usa.org/projects/locate-project/project_2594).

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# Alumni Album



**St. Margaret's Alumnae**—The Hall of Honor brought together Jeanne Warner Nelson '61, Virginia Lupo '68, and Barbara Corbett Kermeen '61 for a night of celebration.

**Hall of Honor**—Mark Vande Hei '85 and his sister, Lisa Vande Hei Dawson '89, posed together after the awards ceremony.



**All in the Family**—Many members of the Scherer family were on hand to celebrate with Geri for her Volunteer Service Award given at the Hall of Honor: back row (l-r) Georgy Scherer, Heather Scherer, Steve Imholte, Rachael Scherer '78, Peter Scherer '82, and Kris Scherer '83; front row (l-r) Mark Scherer '86, Lois Kehoe, Geri Scherer, and Irma Scherer.



**Catching Up**—Mary Longley '62, Jane Lundeen Goodrich '71, Shelley McDonald '71 and Pat Bailey Myhre '72 reminisced about their days at SMA.



**A Night Out**—Catie Scherer Brackin '99, Tanya Botten, Elliot Botten '99, and James Brackin '99 enjoyed dinner and friendly conversation during a night on the town.



**Alumni Gathering**—Mike Mandler '00, Luke Kaster '99, Gabe Skelly '00, Abby Katzner Stans '99, Megan Humphries '99, and Eric Jurewicz '00 pose for a photo while catching up at the Bullfrog.



**Four Generations**—Posing for a family picture are Mary Kaye Anderson Gorrilla '74, Kathleen O'Malley Anderson '52, Katy Gorrilla '08, and Molly Gorrilla '10. Katy and Molly's great grandmother, Bernadette Sexton O'Malley '17, was also a St. Margaret's Academy alumna.



**Sefton Sisters**—Maureen '04 and Kate Sefton '07 represented the Irish at the alumni tailgate in South Bend, Indiana.



**Alumni Basketball**—Coach John Moore invited alumni back for a friendly game of hoops in December 2011: standing (l-r) Jesse Farrell '01, Coach Jeff Fix and Beckett, Peter Crawford '10, Dan Emanuel '09, John Musech '09, J.J. Hafermann '10, Ben Krebsbach '10, Daniel Nelson '10, Colin Gallaher '11, Tommy Nelson '11, Seth Marx '10, B.J. Dunn '11, Charlie Margarit '07, Seborn Yancy '03, Danny Miller '07, Evan Battle '11, Coach Mike Swann, Darren Glover '10, Justin Segal '09, Myles Barnes '11, Armond Battle '08, Nick Emanuel '07, Jordan Taylor '08, Stephen Kedzuf '06, Joe Jensen '07, Nic Marx '99, R.K. Glover '06, Matt Thimjon '06, Stuart Neville '08, Peter Ritchie '07, J.D. Wise, Scott Twelves '07, Cody Anderson '05, Mike DesLauriers '05, Caleb Marx, Charles Moore '07, and Varsity Head Coach John Moore '74; kneeling (l-r) Thomas Gorrilla '13, Luke Musech '13, Sevy Gondeck '12, Danon Briggs '12, Sanjay Lumpkin '12, Isaiah Zierden '12, and Will Dunn '12; sitting (l-r) Sam Lynch '14, Colin Polarek '14, Alex Bussaus '12, Alex Alexander '13, Isaiah Gray '12, Chris Bell '13, Grant Hollie '14, Zach Cave '13, Matt Frank '12, Jimmy Heck '12, Sam Hafermann '13, Joe Sutton '12, and Breion Creer '12.



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**Cooley Clan**—The Cooley family celebrated the wedding of Tim and Colleen Brown on September 10, 2011: (l-r) Eric Bruggemann, Kerry Cooley '02, Doug Cooley '69, Ann Cooley, Colleen Cooley, Tim Cooley '98, Sharis Cooley, Dan Cooley '96, Colvin Cooley, and Ryan Cooley.

**Washington, D.C.**—Many alumni living in the Washington, D.C., area gathered to visit and network: back row (l-r) Emily Hestness '99, Lindsey Anderson '99; front row (l-r) Sam Tift '08, Amelia Raether '09, Beatrice Zvosec '08, and Nathalie Lawyer '09.



**Breakfast with the President**—President Bob Tift visited with many graduates at a breakfast gathering in Washington, D.C.: back row (l-r) Matt Tobelmann '00, Tricia Huntley '89; front row (l-r) Paul Baumer '04, Jordan Smith '06, and Yolanda Cunningham '84.



**Notre Dame Tailgate**—An alumni gathering in South Bend, Indiana, brought Patrick Conry '08, Tanner Speltz '11 and Michael Conry '11 together before the Notre Dame/Boston College football game.



**Washington, D.C., guests**—Iva Lyskova and husband Richard Prosen '83

**Spanning the Decade**—Robert Bruton, Theresa Busch Bruton '85, Jan McGlennon (past BSM faculty), Karen Thomas Rahm '82, and Paul Rahm exchanged stories about BSM in Washington, D.C.



**'93 Graduates**—Long-time friends kicked off the holiday season, Red Knight style: back row (l-r) Holly Henn Kangas '93, Laura Grendahl '93; front row (l-r) Kara Hanrahan '93, and Rachel Kuzma Olson '93.

**Chicago Happy Hour**—Alumni in the Chicago area enjoyed a night on the town at a BSM alumni gathering: Tim Hanrahan '83, Chris Bowler '83, Mary Fran O'Keefe, and Tim Merrigan '82.





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**Like Old Times**—Adam Lenhart '91, Jeff Kaster '92, Charlie Broyles '92, Jeremy Lane '89, Lee-Jay Lira '90, and Mark Loftus '90 took the opportunity to get together at the BSM pre-Thanksgiving gathering at Jeff's restaurant and bar, the Bullfrog Cajun Bar.



**A Family Affair**—Caroline Hittler '06, Bob Tift '71, Annemarie Hittler '09, and Nick Hittler '05 posed for a picture during the Notre Dame tailgate party.



**Fighting Irish**—Tanner Speltz '11, Michael Conry '11, Mary Musilek '10, and Danny Tift '14 celebrated their BSM roots, Irish style.



**Tailgate Time**—John Pircon and Blair Mlnarik '04 stopped by the BSM tent before the Notre Dame vs. Boston College rivalry.



**Jacobson Wedding**—Many faculty, staff and former Red Knights attended the wedding of Jo Jacobson '03 and her husband, Mark Shultz: back row (l-r) Vidal Guzman, Lidibette Rosada-Guzman, Mary Fran O'Keefe, Mary Hanson, Tom Backen, Patty Leiseth, and Keith Leiseth; middle row (l-r) Sue Cipolle, Norma Scherer, Mary Seiwert Periolat '67, Jeanne Warner Nelson '61, and Dianne Numelin; next row (l-r) Amy Mohr Rondeau '97, Nicole Hoff Johnson '03, Jo Jacobson Shultz '03, Sue Jacobson, Jan Johnson, and Marieli Guzman '06; front row (l-r) John Johnson '03, Adam Cloutier '03, and Jon Seppelt '03.



**Haben Family Photo**—The Haben family gathered on December 13, 2011, to celebrate the late Bill Haben's induction into the Minnesota Basketball Coaches Hall of Honor: Judy Haben Fitzgerald '80, Amy Haben DeRosier '77, Mark Haben '76, Chuck Haben '79, Willie Haben '84, and Bob Haben.



**Good Times**—Sandra Riebel Fortier '66 and Mary Williams '66 posed for a photo at the SMA happy hour as they enjoyed dinner and friendly conversation.

**Family Ties**—Chris Dale, James Dale '66, John Dale '60, and Dennis Dale '63 posed for a picture before Dennis was given a Distinguished Alumni Award on January 30.





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**All Smiles**—Michelle LaBore '87 and Sandy Janssen Barry '86 posed for a picture while discussing Michelle's upcoming reunion.



**Marx Brothers**—Brothers Nic '99 and Dan Marx '03 enjoyed time away from their busy schedules to catch up.

**Notre Dame Wedding**—Several BSM alumni were on hand to celebrate the marriage of Danielle Palkert '03 to Alex Hermann: back row (l-r) Peter Bangasser '03, Kevin Ryan '03, Lisa Ronhovde Sodahl '00, and Lori Ronhovde Jandl '91; front row (l-r) Jessica Friedlander '05, Sheila Pechacek '03, Brittini Palkert '10, Danielle Palkert '03, Jessica Palkert '07, Kaitlyn Rainbow '03, and Alicen Foresman '03; not pictured: Tracy Ronhovde Standal '92.



**In the Windy City**—Former Red Knights visited at the Plymouth Restaurant and Bar in Chicago: (l-r) CJ Lind '97, Biz McShane Murphy '96, and Tom Sharshak '89.



**Alumni Hockey**—Many familiar faces were on hand for a New Year's Eve alumni hockey game: standing (l-r) Chris McGowan '91, Patrick Cron '09, Sam Anderson '10, Will Nelson '10, Dan Kuenzi, Joe Schuman '00, Kris Birch '98, Chris Warren '86, Mike Hook '91, Jason Hill '91, A.J. Rashid '93, Craig Drugge '90, Judd Thomas '97, Phil McLaughlin '90, Joe Nemanich '93, and Tom Baker '98; kneeling (l-r) Ian Anderson '03, Kevin Kretsch '77, Bob Cron '79, Tim Frederick '76, Steve Johannes '96, J.B. Davis '96, Jeff Zajac '97, John Kuzara '80, and Ron Kuzara '78.

**Wedding Bells**—The wedding of Doug Dworak '99 and Becky Rauth '03 brought many BSM alumni together in June 2011: back row (l-r) Thad Engebretson '99, Joseph McShane '03, Steve Dworak '03, Moraghan McKenna '03, Kathleen Waddell '03, and Matt Maney; middle row (l-r) Joe Jetland '09, Sarah Shoemaker '06, Emily Dworak '01, Katy Mulvehill '03, Gena Dillon Abbott '03, Lindsay Oman Ring '03, Shannon Quealy '03, Meg Maney Parker '03, Becca Burns '03, and Ben Glover '99; front row (r-l) Sam Anderson '10, Katie Jetland Trevena '03, Margo Graff '10, Adam Wexler '99, Sarah Rauth Polovitz '02, Doug Dworak '99, Becky (Rauth) Dworak '03, and Annie Tilton '03.



**Red Knights Reunite**—Rebecca Kemp Ryerson '98, Danny Tift '14, Bob Tift '71, Bobby Krenn '05, and Kristine Wendt '05 discussed past and present BSM news at the Chicago area alumni happy hour.



# IN THE NEWS

The senior high **Math League** claimed the Metro Alliance Division championship and qualified for state. BSM had six of the top 10 individuals in the section: seniors **Jack Lee**, **Maxim Lu** and **Brian Tobelmann**, juniors **Jack Munkeby** and **Elizabeth Vertina** and sophomore **Erin Choi**. Seniors **Stephen Bauer** and **Michael Gerten** and sophomore **Callaghan Commers** will also represent BSM. ▶



**Jordan Dritz, Archie Boyle and Mary Grace Arndt**

Senior **Jordan Dritz** and juniors **Mary Grace Arndt** and **Archie Boyle**, members of the Alpine ski team, qualified for state.

Seniors **Mikayla Coulombe** and **Tara Fan** won the Minnesota High School Team State Table Tennis Tournament on February 12.



Several Red Knight students received Minnesota Scholastic Arts Awards, the most competitive arts program in the state. Silver Key recipients were seniors **Emma Buss**, **Glynnis Forsberg**, **David Jarvis** and **Elena Lyon** and junior **Maddy Olson**. Honorable Mention went to seniors **Allie Ison** and **Amanda Johnson**, juniors **Morgan Larson**, **Maddy Olson**, **Franny Peck** and **Thomas Shellhorn**, and sophomores **Jacklyn Cooney** (two Honorable Mentions), **Jacqueline Hays**, **Gibson Reine** and **Micah Vandersteen**.

Eighth graders **Rachel Lyons**, **Peter Valerius** and **Charlie Wolfe** were awarded \$2 thousand Parent Association Scholarships for having the four highest scores on the ACT Explore test. They will each receive \$1 thousand for both freshman and sophomore years.

Junior **Grant Besse** set a new boys' hockey school record for 88 career goals. Grant was selected as a Star Tribune and KARE-11 Athlete of the Week this season. He'll play hockey for Wisconsin.

Senior **Breion Creer** signed to play football for Northern Iowa.

The **Knightettes** dance team finished second at state in jazz funk. Seniors **Natalie Walsh** and **Taylor Kenyon** were named to the Wells Fargo All-State Tournament Team. Seniors **Alex Bonvino** and **Emily Kruse** were part of the MADT All-State Tournament Team.



**Math League:** front row (l-r) Kasi Petersen, Emily Dorn, Precious Walker, Brian Tobelmann, Erin Choi and Helen Lindsay; middle row (l-r) Sarah Bianchi, Liza Magill, Kate Whitney and Jack Munkeby; back row (l-r) Makoto Noda, Kiley Peterson, Elizabeth Vertina, Maxim Lu, Michael Gerten, Callaghan Commers, Kip Williams and Jack Lee.

The Minnesota High School Press Association has cited the **Knight Errant** with first place for Website General Excellence and a top honor for Staff Editorial. Senior **Emma Eldred** took home second place for Feature Writing, and senior **Ethan Perushek** received honorable mention for Page One Design.

Faculty member **Kathy Green** was nominated for the Minnesota Council of the Social Studies Teacher of the Year. She'll also serve as a table leader for the 2012 reading in AP European History.

Senior **Sam Conley** was crowned Grand Knight. He and his escort, **Leila Aboussir**, reigned over Holiday Ball. Other candidates included seniors **Joe Gill**, **Sevy Gondeck**, **Simon Gondeck**, **Johnny Mulvahill**, and **Joe Pettinger**. Emcees for coronation were **Breion Creer** and **Paul Kretsch**.



**Sam Conley and Leila Aboussir**

Senior girls' basketball player **Khadijah Shumpert** scored her 1,000th point during the December 3, 2011, game against Eden Prairie.





# RED KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

At BSM's annual film festival, the Grand Jury Prize and Audience Award went to seniors **Jimmy Heck, Johnny Mulvahill, Joe Pettinger** and **Joe Sutton** for "A Man's Decision." Seniors **Annie Coleman, Sam Mogensen, Catherine Ruekert** and **Connor Welch** earned the Directing Award for "The General vs. the Aristocat." The Screenwriting Award was awarded for "Three," made by seniors **David Jarvis, Anders Jecha, Scott Quinby** and **Dillon Smith**. Seniors **Reilly Dillon, Ryan Lawyer** and **Simon Gondeck** took home the Cinematography Award for "Operation Niner-niner."

Sophomore girls' hockey player **Kelly Pannek** scored a hat trick not just during a game or during one period, but within 22 seconds of playing time in one shift. Kelly's accomplishment was noted on the [Sport Illustrated](#) website.

Senior **Sanjay Lumpkin** was named to the Timberwolves Shootout All-Tournament Team for his 29 points and 10 rebounds during the competition.



**Paul Graupner, Kevin Lebahn, Brendan Schember and Jonny Mulvahill**

Seniors **Paul Graupner, Kevin Lebahn,** and **Johnny Mulvahill** were all named to the All-State Soccer team, and **Brendan Schember** was named to the All-State-Honorable-Mention team. Johnny also was name Mr. Soccer Minnesota by the Minnesota State High School Coaches' Association.

Benilde-St. Margaret's School nominated **Emily Egge** and **Spencer Shaver** for the ExCEL (Excellence in Community, Education, and Leadership) Award, sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) and Minnesota's Private Colleges. The recognition program is designed for students who are active in fine arts and/or athletic activities, show leadership qualities, and are model citizens in their community.

Senior boys' basketball player **Isaiah Gray** was featured as a [Star Tribune](#) Athlete of the Week. As indicated, his "all-around game was crucial to the Red Knights' 76-71 victory Friday over Class 4A-s top-ranked Hopkins. He scored 13 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and had eight assists."

Junior **Catherine Cole** received a top score on her PSAT test. ▶



Twelve students were given All-Conference honors for choir: seniors **Anna Landis, Carter McNew, Josh Paquette, Peggy Renier, Christine Silikowski, Shannon Stroh** and **Ben Zeman**, juniors **Peter Best, Adam Bilski** and **Gavin McLain**, and sophomores **Avery Bather** and **Sierra Twesten**.



**Choir: front row (l-r) Director Nancy Stockhaus, Christine Silikowski, Peggy Renier, Shannon Stroh, Sierra Twesten and Adam Bilski; back row (l-r) Ben Zeman, Avery Bather, Peter Best, Gavin McLain, Anna Landis and Carter McNew. Not pictured: Josh Paquette**

BSM had two 7th grade squads participating in the First Lego League tournament this year. The Knight Ops, led by parent Chris Kasic and including **T.J. Baker, Nick Kasic, Chaz Linder, Liam Long, Juliana Ondrey, Drew Ormsby** and **Cole Ries**, received an award for the top robot programming in the 7th-9th grade division. The Tiki Punches, led by parent Christopher Jones and including **Jack Boase, Christopher Jones, Sean Lynch, Daniel McMenamy** and **Emily Quealy**, also performed well. The teams created Lego robots and completed research centered on food contamination and safety.

The **boys' hockey Red Knights** put away the Edina Hornets, Lakeville South Cougars and Hill-Murray Pioneers to earn the title of Class AA State Champions.



**State Champions**

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