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Hello Saints Alumni!

I absolutely love the 4th of July! It is by far my favorite holiday! The food, friends, family, and fireworks make this holiday **BOOMING** fun! As a young child, I remember watching in awe and excitement as my dad and brother would light firecrackers one after the other, bright lights and loud bangs! It was both thrilling and scary!



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Alumni Highlights

CAREERS



Kathleen Mitchell '14, will be performing in the Ensemble of *Freaky Friday*, as well as understudying the role of Ellie, at The New Dinner Theatre in Overland Park, Kansas, from July 7th to September 11.



Claire Nuti '12, is in her third year of the JET Program (Japan Exchange and Teaching) and her school is celebrating its 10th anniversary! Wakasa Gakuen is a 1st - 9th grade school, similar to K - 8 schools in America. Wakasa is a small town located in Tottori Prefecture, the same prefecture as Aquinas's sister school in Yonago!

HIGHLIGHTS



Patrick Mullin '03, works in digital marketing but has an exciting side gig creating t-shirt designs to support local non-profits. Pat started an online store where each t-shirt benefits a different local charity. Through his work with Band of Angels, he was able to create an official shirt for the organization. If all that wasn't enough he will be adding to his bucket list with a children's book! We will keep you updated on where you can get your copy!



Jovana Mirabile Mullins '07, is Co-Founder of Alivia, radiant womenswear. A clothing line inspired by the expressions of creators with developmental disabilities. Alivia connects the beauty of the silhouette with the beauty of a mind that thinks unlike any other. Jovana has been featured in WWD, GMA and Forbes!

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Reunions

Class of 2002

Oct. 22, 2022
7:00 PM
Parlor, KC
1707 Locust St, KCMO



Adam Dolski: adamdolski@gmail.com



Class of 1977

July 23, 2022
6:30 PM
Rose Rieke's home



Rose Rieke: rose.riek@yahoo.com



Class of 1962

60th Reunion
Aug. 27th, 2022
5:00 PM Mass St. Joe
6:15 PM Paulo and Bill's



Joan VanHee: JoVanhee7@gmail.com



Class of 1967

55th Reunion
Sept. 16th & 17th, 2022

Ralph Rice: rricejr@sbcglobal.net



Reunion Contacts

2012 - Brogan Moroney
bmoroney@minneties.com

1971 - John Patrick
daddyjohnpatrick@gmail.com

1972 - Annette Mirocke Evans
evansa1@bellsouth.net

Program Reunions

Click the links below to be a part of
program events and reunions!

Football

Girls & Boys Soccer

Girls Basketball

Boys Basketball

Baseball & Softball

Theater/Choir

Dance Team

Track & Cross Country

Cheerleading

Volleyball

Click here to plan your next reunion.

Samantha Paradise

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Events



JOIN US FOR

Saints Soccer Alumni Weekend!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

ALUMNI GAME

FOOD AND DRINKS FOLLOWING

(WE WILL BE PROJECTING THE HS FOOTBALL GAME AT THIS TIME)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS VS. 810 SHOWCASE GAME

GAME TIME: 7:00PM

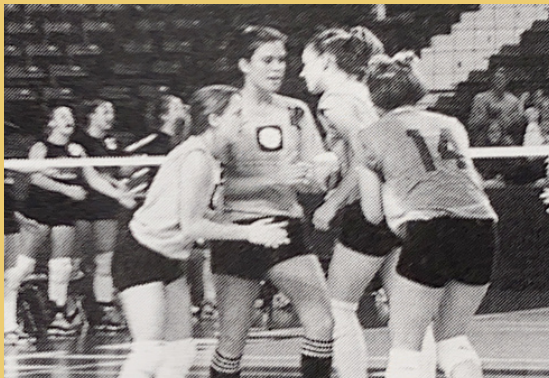
COST: FAMILY \$60.00 / INDIVIDUAL \$30.00

RSVP BY AUGUST 15TH: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3MAMY10](https://bit.ly/3MAMY10)

SOCCER RSVP HERE



VBALL RSVP HERE



JOIN US FOR

Saints Volleyball Alumni Night!

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS VS. SKUTT CATHOLIC

SEPT. 9TH

GAME TIME 6:00PM

DIRECTLY AFTER WILL BE A GET TOGETHER AT A
LOCAL BAR AND GRILL!

RSVP BY AUGUST 9TH: SPARADISE@STASAINTS.NET



Alumni Corner

Let's Talk 



FOURTH OF JULY FUN!

Celebrating USA and Liz Kisthardt's (Samples) birthday at her family's Lakehouse in the Ozarks.

Every Summer Liz would talk her parents into allowing several of her friends to come down to the lake and celebrate the 4th of July. Her Dad would play an acoustic set list with his guitar and Liz's little brother would buy a ton of fireworks and put on a private fireworks display!!! It was the best and still is the best! We've carried on this tradition for at least 25 years. Over the years, A LOT of STA

Alumni have celebrated with us!

- Jon Nelson, '00



Right to left: Jon and Maria (Holmquist) Nelson both '00; Matt Toepfer '00 & Wife Monica Toepfer; Liz (Kisthardt '00) Samples & Husband David Samples



When I think about some of my favorite 4th of July memories I am reminded of two great HS memories. The first, was a 4th of July spent at the Lake of the Ozarks with some of my high school buddies, many of whom are still some of my best friends to this day. We were able to watch the local fireworks show over the water while anchored in our boat. The second 4th of July memory was spent at home with friends and family. We cooked great food, set off our own fireworks and watched the Lenexa fireworks show. Both memories were only possible because of the great friends and family I had from the STA community!

- Tom Cretors, '04

A few weekends before cheer camp at KU, all of the Cheerleaders were at Lisa Schlagel Kopp's house making our camp outfits. And by making, I mean sewing with a sewing machine. This happened right before the holiday weekend and I will always remember that memory because of it being the holiday! It was so much fun!

- Katie Seibolt, '95



Places to watch the fireworks!

9:45 PM Corporate Woods

9:45 PM College Blvd Activity Center

10:00 PM Celebration Park - Gardner Edgerton



Things to do on the 4th!

6:00 PM Leawood City Park Festival

9:00-12 PM Deanna Rose Farmstead

3:00 PM Celebration Park - Gardner, KS

Get Involved

Click the links to get involved!

Alumni Speaker Series & Alumni Mentor Program



TOPICS

- Job Recruiter
- Corporate Marketer
- Broadway Star, Film Producer
- Cinematographer
- Logistics Professional
- Medical Professionals
- Entrepreneurs/Business
- Real Estate
- Insurance

WHAT ALUMNI ARE SAYING

"Aquinas prepared me for both college and for my professional life by providing opportunities and challenges that shaped me as a young person and developed critical thinking, relationship building, and public speaking skills that I use and exercise to this day. As an alumni, I feel it's critical to give back to the next generation of Saints."

-Nick DiCarlo, '95

The Alumni Speaker Series offers our Alumni the opportunity to share their knowledge with our current students to better prepare them for their future!

We welcome any Alumni to come back and continue to leave their legacy!



WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

"When I first heard of this I got so excited, and after I got done I was literally jumping from joy. Thanks for this opportunity, it was a really great experience and it helped me learn so much."

~ Freshman Student

EVENT DETAILS

The majority of our Alumni Speakers will present during our STA period in the Theater.

All students, staff, parents and other Alumni are invited to attend.



Alumni Business Directory



Lindsey Ruzick Ford, '01
Website: lindseyford.jhilburn.com

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School News

Retirements



Susan Harding
Spanish

Sui Sum Olson
Science

Lisa Bregant
Spanish

Dr. Mike Sullivan
Principal



A message from Alumni Director *Samantha Paradise, '03*

The halls may be a little quieter but the work has kept on going. The month of June has been filled with preparing and organizing for the upcoming year. It's been "all hands on deck" in our offices with getting school calendars, athletic calendars, yearly events, programs, student for a day, open houses, and other fun activities ready before students get back on campus! Our summer camps have been a huge

hit! We have had camps ranging from STEM to cooking, sports, cheer, dance and choir. It has been fun witnessing all the excitement coming through those doors! We have a few more camps left for the summer. We hope to see you there!

