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Greetings!

Around Mother Seton School, the daffodils and other spring bulbs are beginning to push thru the soil and bring a bit of greenery to the gray winter landscape, so surely spring will be here soon. The spring activities at Mother Seton are gearing up, from the 8th Grade versus Faculty Have-A-Heart Volleyball game (Teachers won 2-1) to the MSS Walk-a-Thon. We have successfully weathered the Omicron surge with only minimal disruptions to our classes and our entire school community celebrated Catholic Schools Week with fun activities and surprises.

Catholic Schools Week was particularly meaningful to me this year because I am so proud to be part of a system that managed, despite huge hurdles, to provide students with an in-person learning experience during these past two years. It wasn't easy and the effort it took was monumental, but Catholic schools were able to continue to do what they do best: provide a solid academic education in a faith-filled environment. Thanks to all in our communities who made that happen!

The MSS Alumni E-News comes out a few times a year to share news about our alumni, not only with each other but also with our current families so that they too can be a part of the great news about our large MSS family. We sometimes experience delays getting news of our alums, and that news is then further delayed until the next E-News is sent out. Thank you for understanding if some of our news is a little late getting to you!

Wishing you a beautiful spring as we hop towards Easter.

Kate Marshall MSS Class of 1969

Kevin and Marty Gorman (MSS 1969)

Genesis Chapter 1, Verse 28 tells us to "be fruitful and multiply" and I'm happy to share this photo of **Kevin and Marty (Manning) Gorman** (both MSS 1969) who have done exactly that! Congratulations on the marriage of your youngest son and on your lovely family.



The Gorman Family October 2021 at St. Patrick's in Philadelphia

(I to r) Son Colin (twin) and wife Molly (Emmett, Audrey, Claire), Son Seth (twin) and wife Carolyn (Vivian, Francis and Josephine - front right), Marty, Son Luke and wife Kim, Daughter Marguerite, Kevin, Son James and wife Katelin (Margaret, Anna), Son Zachary and wife Katie (Kevin, Hugh James)

Larisa Tayler (MSS 2017)

Congratulations to Larisa Tayler (MSS 2017) who was named to the Dean's list for Central Connecticut State University for the fall semester. Way to go, Larisa!

Hannah Beckett (MSS 2017)

Hannah Becket continues to shine both in the classroom and on the soccer field. Her season on the Penn State Mont Alto Women's soccer team ended with a trip to the USCAA Championships in Virginia Beach, where they lost their final game by one penalty kick. During the season, Hannah scored five goals and had a few assists. And she finished her semester with a 3.8 GPA!

Class of 1997

Some friends from the Class of 1997 gathered in Mount Airy recently to celebrate several of them moving back to the area. In fact, Alma and Amy both have children currently attending Mother Seton School! Amy's daughters Brooke and Ellie are in 2nd grade and PreK4 and Alma's daughter Ava is in 3rd grade.



(I to r) : Left to right: Alma (Ritz) Fout, Katie (Joyner) Byrd, Abby (Whitney) Sines, Amy (Kalas) Buser, Jacqueline (Johnston) Dolch, Katie (Hansbrough) Korn, and Karen (Walter) Winfrey

Class of 2015

Some classmates from the Class of 2015 were able to have a hybrid get-together, both in-person and Zoom, to catch up. These young women attended six different high schools but have kept up their friendship over the years.



(I to r) Back row: Elizabeth Buchheister, Alyssa Rae Fostik, Caroline Mullineaux, Adrianna Bussey Front row: Tara O'Donnell, Katie Adams, Haleigh Bowling. Joining via Zoom were Madison Wahl from Hawaii and Samantha Mariano from West Virginia University.

We love seeing classmates staying in touch over the years!



Elizabeth (Beth) Morningstar (MSS 1970)

Elizabeth (Beth) Morningstar (MSS 1970) who passed away on December 12, 2021, in Snyder, NY, from cancer. She is survived by her six siblings, all of whom attended Mother Seton School: Susan (MSS 1969), Joan (MSS 1972), Mary (MSS 1973), Sara (MSS 1975), David (MSS 1977), and Matthew (MSS 1989).

Denise Joy Runkles (MSS 1971)



Denise Ann (Joy) Runkles of Thurmont, who passed away on August 14th at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Denise graduated from MSS in 1971 and St. Joesph's High School in 1975. She is survived by her five siblings that also attended Mother Seton School: Perry (MSS 1972), Barry (MSS 1975), Lori (MSS 1977), Patrick, and Tamara who left before graduation, and her children David (MSS 1987), Chris, Leanne, and Elise (MSS 2007). Denise's grandsons Jared Manning (MSS 2013), Braden Manning (MSS 2019), and Rylan Manning also attended Mother Seton School.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.