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1st All Saints' Day
5th Alumni Mixer

December

1st Giving Tuesday
3rd Lower School Christmas Concert
4th Lighting on the Green
10th Upper School Christmas Concert

January

29th Open House

February

1–5th Catholic Schools Week
5th Spirit Night

March

5–6th Spring Musical
13th 55th Annual Dinner & Auction
21st Easter Egg Hunt on the Green

April

8th Career Fair
17th Legacy Day
23rd Upper School Spring Concert
30th Grandparents' Day for Grades K-3

May

1st Shred-A-Thon
7th Lower School May Crowning
13th WA Giving Day
14th Lower School Spring Concert
21st Upper School May Crowning

June

5th Walsingham Academy's 80th Commencement Exercises
10th Last Day of School

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On the Cover:
On April 24, 2026, Walsingham Academy's Kindergarten through third grade students welcomed their grandparents to campus for the annual Grandparents' Day celebration. A beloved Lower School tradition, the event featured a special concert performed by the students, with this year's inspiring theme, "Be the Light." Through song and joyful performances, students celebrated the importance of kindness, faith, and sharing God's light with others. It was a memorable day filled with music, smiles, and the special bond between grandparents and their grandchildren.

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From the Pen of Sister Mary Jeanne...



Dear Family and Friends,

The 2025-2026 academic year was a busy one—including an inaugural Legacy Day, productive Career Fair, outstanding musical performance of *Bye Bye Birdie*, multiple athletic championships, and the list goes on! A personal highlight was the dedication of her old classroom to Mary Webb Johnston '76, a dedicated longtime faculty member and administrator. The year concluded with conferring diplomas to our 79th graduating class in a traditional commencement ceremony. I congratulate all our students on their many accomplishments.

We remember Sister Rose Morris, who died in February at McAuley convent, the Mercy retirement home in Merion, PA. Sister Rose was a Sister of Mercy for 74 years, 33 of which were spent at Walsingham as a teacher and religion coordinator in the Lower School. She was a beloved member of the community. She was a beautiful example of someone who lived a life of Mercy and who taught many that we need to care for the less fortunate. A Mass was held in honor of Sister Rose on campus in March. We remember her fondly and only hope to leave an impact as meaningful as hers.

Like Sister Rose, each of us will leave a legacy when we depart from this world and I am thankful to the many donors who have chosen to remember the Academy in their estate plans. Each planned gift ensures Walsingham's tradition of Mercy charism and excellence in the classroom. If Walsingham holds a special place in your heart, I encourage you to consider leaving a legacy at Walsingham. Your seed will bear fruit for many years to come.

Thank you for your support of Walsingham. Please know that each of you holds a place in my thoughts and prayers. Our future is bright, and I look forward to what this new academic year will bring!

Sincerely,

Sister Mary Jeanne Oesterle

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President

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INSIGHT FROM THE CAMPUS MINISTER

The Secret Work of Love

by Steve DeLaney

I. An Apple Tree – Add Apple Tree photo that is in the folder

Almost thirteen years ago I bought my wife five fruit trees. We had just moved into our new home, which had a little bit of land, and we had dreamed of growing apples and pears and peaches in our newly imagined garden. I ordered the trees in the mail, and when they arrived, little twigs with their roots wrapped in burlap, my sons and I dug holes in the field and put them in the ground. We built a good fence around them to protect them from the deer, and began to dream of fruit.

What happened over the next few years was a sad story! The trees grew but never bore fruit. I pruned them, fertilized them, sprayed them. They had caught some disease from the neighboring cedar trees, which appears on the leaves of apple trees as a sort of rust spot, which kills them and rots the tiny fruit. I could never figure out how to get rid of it. Over the years, one by one, the trees died and I cut them down. All except one—a honey crisp apple tree, the biggest one. It also was diseased but seemed to grow just enough to survive to the next year. I thought about cutting it down, but it always had pretty flowers in the spring, so I just left it alone.

And then this spring… I thought I might as well cut it down. I was rebuilding our garden, and I took down the old fence. But one day, as I was out working in the garden beds, I happened to look up at this old apple tree.

It was *filled* with apples. Hundreds and hundreds of apples.

I stood there amazed, my mouth wide open. *How had this happened?*

Years and years of pruning, of care, had seemed to do nothing. I had almost forgotten this tree, and then life suddenly reappeared. What secret growth was happening in this tree that I could not see or imagine? When I thought this tree was finished, the surprise of spring emerged from winter. Like a miracle - hundreds and hundreds of apples!



II. The Thirty-Six

There is a Jewish story that tells of the Tzadikim Nistarim, or the "hidden righteous ones." There are thirty-six good and holy people upon whom the fate of the earth rests. It is because of their goodness that God spares everyone. But their identity is secret—no one knows who they are. And in some telling of this story, even they do not know that so much depends on them. Such is their humility. They live and work in secret, and thus save the world.



III. Gwen and Devon

When I was in my 20s, I met a boy named Devon. I was working at Holy Rosary in Roseland on the south side of Chicago. It was a tough neighborhood, and he was a wild, tough kid. He would hang around the church after school and come and knock on the door and ask me if he could hang out. I would sit in the office and we would have coffee and he would chatter about his day, about TV, about money, about anything.

Devon lived in foster care with a woman named Gwendolyn Brown. He had been in foster care most of his life. Gwen was the teacher's aide at the local school where she met Devon. She was also a member of our parish at Holy Rosary. When I met her, she must have already been in her late 50s or early 60s. She had raised children of her own, and her son Tyrone was older than I was. She seemed worn and tired. But somehow, when it was needed, she took in Devon.

Devon was about as a wild a child as he could be. He was smart and energetic and always in trouble. Gwen lived in an old home near the school on a very rough block. I would drive Devon home after youth group and confirmation class and drop him off in front of his house, and he would have to walk through a crowd of young men on the corner. I remember Gwen calling me one night because Devon did not come home. She asked me to come and look for him, that she was worried that he was out with those older men who were trouble.

How many times did she call me because the police had picked up Devon? Or because she was worried he was holding money for the dealers on the street? How many days did we sit in court with him? Or post bail for him? The endless way she loved him like a mother. Even her anger was filled with love.

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When the state took him from her, she stayed his mother. I remember how she dressed up for his eighth grade graduation, and we drove up and took him out for lunch. I remember her sitting with him at my wedding dinner, as she watched everyone dance.

I think about the thirty-six hidden righteous people who hold up the world, and I think of Gwen Brown. She faced a world with so many things that made it impossible to love. Poverty and racism. Drugs and guns and young men with no hope. And yet she loved. She loved that kid who did his best to get people to give up on him. And she never gave up.

When I talk to Devon today, he still calls her his mother.

IV. The Secret Work of Love

God's presence often seems like some secret work. Where God is really present – it's through these lives, hidden lives of profound love and care. Enduring, and unglamorous, challenging care. Even in the lives of those who are great – it is their great love that matters. A love that changes diapers, and cleans up rooms, wipes tears, and wraps bandages, that endures the foolishness of young people and the bitterness of the elderly. The love that sees someone who is lost and says this will be your home now.

Devon is a man now, working, and just moved into his first home – his first home of his own. And he has a daughter– this little treasure, a little wild like him. And he is imperfect but he is working and serious and trying to build a life.

And I can't help but think about Gwen's life and how her love is still pouring into him. All the small, generous, patient, difficult work she did over years and years is coming into bloom now in this man.

Like my apple tree.

One of the gifts of being part of a school community like Walsingham is that we have the opportunity to be a part of this secret work of love – and we get to be part of this work of love in our own small, actual, real lives. I try to tell this to my students: "Don't ever feel like your life is too small to mean something and to make a difference."

Fr. Mike McCue, a priest we work with in Camden, NJ, always repeats this maxim of St. Francis de Sales – "Nothing is small in the service of God."

I pray that we never forget that our lives are part of the great life, the great love, the good and deep and powerful work of God, even when it seems small and secret and imperfect. May God continue to bless us as a community here at Walsingham Academy.

CLASS OF 2026

Legacy Students

At Walsingham Academy, recognizing our legacy students has become a meaningful tradition—celebrating those whose grandparents, parents, aunts, or uncles are proud alumni. These family connections reflect the lasting impact of a Walsingham education and the shared values that unite generations of our community.



Reese Ellis '26

Aunt:
Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis Johnson '02



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Mr. Robert D. Marshall III '87

Aunt:
Mrs. Rebecca Marshall Harding '86



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Uncle:
Mr. Wesley Tobin Johnson '95



Vivienne P. Sureja '26

Mother:
Dr. Janae Johnson '92

Uncle:
Mr. Wesley Tobin Johnson '95

Legacy Day



Our inagural Legacy Day on Saturday, April 18 brought together alumni, alumni parents, current families, grandparents, students, and faculty for a celebration full of spirit and connection. From the tailgate hosted by the Athletic Booster Club, which provided great food and fellowship, to the Spirit Store pop-up featuring Trojan merchandise, to the Girls Sports Academy leading kids' activities, and cheering on our teams, every moment reflected the pride and tradition that make Walsingham so special. The Girls Varsity Soccer team dominated with a 10-0 win over Peninsula Catholic, and Varsity Boys Baseball followed with an incredible 21-3 victory, highlighted by some exciting home runs.

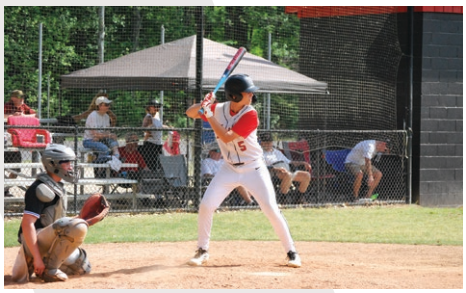
A highlight of the day was the Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony, where we proudly honored our Class of 2026 inductees: **Adam Link '12** (Track and Field), **Billy Barnes '14** (Basketball), **Reilly Pieri Voermans '14** (Cross Country), **Braden Sutton '14** (Basketball), **Abigail Cryts Anderson '15** (Field Hockey), **Thomas Chisam '15** (Baseball), and **Lisette Brondyke Matthews '15** (Track and Field). Though Adam Link and Reilly Pieri Voermans were not able to make it, we were proud to celebrate their accomplishments and lasting impact. Ann Chisam graciously accepted the award on behalf of her son, Thomas Chisam, making the moment especially meaningful. It was an incredible afternoon celebrating these athletes, their achievements, and the lasting legacy they leave at Walsingham.

Overall, it was incredible to see so many members of our Walsingham community come together to celebrate our very first Legacy Day. We are so grateful to everyone who came out and helped make the day such a success, and we are already looking forward to next year!













TROJANS

WALSINGHAM ACADEMY

LEGACY DAY

Save the Date for Legacy Day

Don't miss the 2nd Annual Legacy Day on

Saturday, April 17, 2027!

Join fellow Trojans, families, alumni, and friends for a day filled with school spirit, community, and celebration. Enjoy exciting athletic events and opportunities to reconnect with the Walsingham family.

Mark your calendar!

ANNUAL SHRED-A-THON

Community Support Shines

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Saturday, May 2, 2026, for the Williamsburg Community Shred-A-Thon at Walsingham Academy! Together, we raised nearly $9,000 in support of Walsingham Academy's Annual Fund for Excellence.

We're grateful to all who donated, participated, and especially to our amazing student volunteers for all their help at the event.











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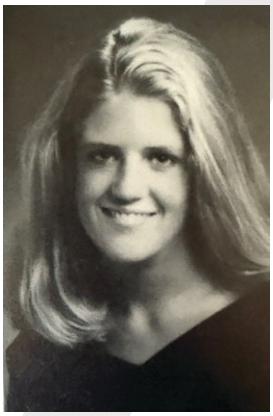


A visit from Community of Our Lady of Walsingham from England!

On September 24, 2025, Walsingham Academy had the joy of welcoming three members of the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham from England during their visit to America. Students on both sides of the Green enjoyed meeting our guests, asking thoughtful questions, and listening to their inspiring stories.

ALUMNA SPOTLIGHT – CLASS OF 1984

Q&A with Christina McCoy



Christina Koun McCoy '84 attended Walsingham Academy from sixth through twelfth grade, where she was actively involved in student life as Vice President of her class and a member of the tennis team, Keyettes, and yearbook staff.

After Walsingham, Christina attended Lynchburg College, graduating in 1988 with a degree in Art Histroy. She began her career in Richmond working in the corporate world and real estate development, but after several years, she realized she missed expressing her creativity. An opportunity to design floral arrangements for a friend's wedding sparked a new passion that ultimately changed the course of her career.

Today, Christina is the co-owner of *Poppy & Birch*, a floral design studio she founded with her sister, **Melinda Koun Smith '86**. Both inspired at an early age by their mother's love of flowers, gardening, and the beauty of nature, Christina and Melinda have built a business creating custom floral designs for weddings, rehearsal dinners, special events, and everyday celebrations. They also host floral design workshops that encourage participants to slow down, embrace creativity, and connect with nature. Christina says, "Owning a small business has allowed me to combine artistry and creativity with helping people celebrate some of the most important moments of their lives. It has been incredibly rewarding to turn my passion into a career."

Christina stays connected to Walsingham by serving as the Class Correspondent for the Class of 1984 and encourages her classmates to reach out and reconnect. Please email Christina at christinakmccoy@icloud.com.

To learn more about Christina's floral design business, visit **www.poppyandbirchrva.com**.

Q. Tell us about a favorite Walsingham memory.
A. Some of my favorite memories at Walsingham were May Procession and being a part of the May Court, Spirit Week, trip abroad to Paris and London, and Junior Ring Day.

Q. While attending Walsingham Academy, did you have a teacher or mentor who was particularly inspiring to you?
A. I was very fortunate at Walsingham to have some amazing teachers that really cared about my education, but also cared about me as a person. One teacher that comes to mind that I was particularly close with was Sister Gabriel. She helped spark my creative spirit and inspired my love for art. Going to her class with my friends was a highlight of my time at Walsingham.

Q. What lessons from your time as a student at Walsingham Academy do you still carry with you in your career?
A. Spiritual development has always been something that I believe Walsingham wants to instill in their students. I think that can take many forms, but for me it was to always have empathy for others. I was inspired to give back/volunteer and help those that might not be able to help themselves. I also felt that through the schools' clubs, athletics and arts, there was camaraderie, connection and a real sense of personal achievement. Walsingham does a good job preparing their students spiritually and academically for the next step.

Q. If you could give current Walsingham Academy students a piece of advice what would it be?
A. If I could give a piece of information to a Walsingham student it would be to follow your passion and do what you love. Take risks, and if you fail, keep trying.

Q. Is there anything else that you would like to share with our Walsingham Academy community?
A. My mom still lives in Williamsburg and I'm in Richmond, so I have opportunities to get down there often. My youngest son also played a basketball game at Walsingham a few years ago, so it was great to be back on campus and give him the opportunity to see where I grew up and learn a little about my school. I've popped into Walsingham a few times and had the opportunity to visit with Lindsey Torres, the Director of Advancement, and take a tour of campus. My conversations with Lindsey led to volunteering to make calls to fellow alumni to promote WA Giving Day and help Lindsey and Kaitlin Sorrentino, Events and Alumni Coordinator, brainstorm ideas for future Alumni efforts. I encourage others to get in touch with the Advancement and Alumni office because it's a terrific opportunity to reconnect with our alma mater and, if you are interested, make a difference for our school.

We would love to share your story. Please email alumni@walsingham.org if you are interested in being featured in the future.







ALUMNA SPOTLIGHT— CLASS OF 2020

Emily Zielinski



My name is Emily Zielinski, graduate of Walsingham Academy in 2020. I graduated with honors from New York University in May 2025 with a degree in English and American Literature. I received a Dean Undergraduate Research Grant for 2024-2025, and was also named the year's Tory Dent Research Scholar for my research on Commonplace Books and how they can be used to develop authentic character profiles in historical/ historical fiction screenplays.

What I value most about Walsingham is that it perfectly paves the way for any path on which a student feels convicted to go. The faculty and staff listen with intention and guide their students with grace, helping them discern next steps that make sense for who they are becoming as an individual. The academic rigor prepares students so thoroughly for college that Walsingham classes are often more challenging than university courses. And, if a student feels convicted not to attend college, they still leave Walsingham with an education that feels university-adjacent in opportunity, depth and quality.

I chose the college path, but had I not, I would not have felt any less educated. Walsingham truly stands on its own. Many of my college courses were structured as Socratic Seminars, and because of my time at Walsingham, I felt more than prepared to participate confidently and succeed.

If Walsingham makes anything completely clear, it is that you do not have to place yourself in a box. You do not need to have everything figured out, and it is liberating to be involved in more than one discipline during high school—any of which may turn into a career path later. I once believed that studying film at a university was the only way to become a better creator. Yet, it was my writing and English classes at Walsingham that gave me the confidence to shift my degree path and pursue English while still holding steadfast to my goal of working in the film industry.

Because of that foundation, the possibilities ahead now feel expansive: screenwriting, publishing, photography and continuous research—all deeply interwoven with film and television. I am grateful that Walsingham encourages students, like myself, to be a sponge across disciplines that may seem different at first glance but are, in truth, completely connected.







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Niche Award

Walsingham Academy has ranked #1 in Best Catholic K-12 Schools in Virginia on Niche. This prestigious recognition is a testament to the hard work, dedication and excellence that define our school community. Thank you for being a vital part of the Walsingham community.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT— CLASS OF 2010

Justin Roberto



AWMA, CIA, CRPC, SE-AWMA.
CEO & Wealth Advisor
of Beacon Law Tax Wealth

Justin Roberto joined Walsingham Academy partway through his sophomore year from Lafayette High School and graduated with the Class of 2010. He quickly found himself at home in a community that encouraged his curiosity, discipline, and love of competition. Along the way, teachers like Mrs. Hylton and Mr. Sams left a lasting impression. "We had fantastic teachers, but those two really pushed you to be a great human—and that left a mark that I still carry today," Justin reflects.

After Walsingham, Justin attended Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC, where he graduated with a BA in finance and business. His commitment to excellence was recently recognized by his alma mater, when he was named *Methodist University's 2025 Distinguished Graduate in Business*.

But before his career in business began, Justin pursued a lifelong dream: professional golf. Turning pro in 2011, he competed for more than seven years, traveling, training, and testing his limits on the course. His career took him across the United States as well as north and south of the border, and even through a major setback. At the end of 2016, Justin underwent hip surgery that left him relearning how to walk. After months of grueling rehab, he returned to competition, continuing to play for two more years before making the difficult decision in 2019 to chart a new path.

That decision led Justin back to his academic roots in finance. He launched his career at a major financial firm, achieving early success but also realizing that the industry's agenda often failed to prioritize clients' best interests. Determined to change that, he co-founded **Beacon Law Tax Wealth**, where he serves as CEO and lead wealth advisor and financial coach. At Beacon, Justin helps transform not only his clients' financial futures but also their relationships with money itself, empowering them to live with greater freedom, confidence, and purpose. "I love what I do. The impact on generations that we have due to a simple value—tell the truth and do the right thing—allows us to do what many miss," he says.

Reflecting on the journey, Justin credits Walsingham with instilling the values of perseverance and service that continue to guide his work. "What I learned while at Walsingham wasn't just academics – it was about being part of something bigger, and using your talents to serve others," he says.

From the fairways to the boardroom, Justin's path is a testament to resilience, reinvention, and leadership. And just as he once pursued his dream on the golf course, today he channels that same focus into helping others achieve more than they thought possible.

Justin, his wife Hannah, and their two daughters, Charlotte and Lucy, live in Williamsburg with their dog, Winston. You can still find him occasionally on the golf course—but more often grilling or cooking for the girls, friends, and family.

Justin is also the president of Power of Professional Partners, a non-profit networking group focused on growing local businesses, giving back to the community, and professional development. He remains a PGA Professional, volunteering at William & Mary and Williamsburg Golf Club, and he's the owner of Colonial Wealth Strategies – A division of Beacon LTW. In March 2026, Justin will take the stage as a Star in Dancing with the Stars Williamsburg, benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters and Literacy for Life.







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SENIOR STUDENT SPOTLIGHT— Q&A WITH
Shea Hoffman



A lifer, Shea Hoffman attended Walsingham Academy from Pre-K 3 through graduation.

Throughout her time at Walsingham, Shea was actively involved in athletics and extracurricular life. She played field hockey since sixth grade, competing at the JJV level from sixth through eighth grade before moving up to Varsity, where she continued through high school. Alongside athletics, she participated in Spirit Club, Mercy Ministries Club, Pickleball Club, and Operation Smile, contributing to school spirit, service initiatives, and a variety of student-led activities.

After graduation, Shea is attending James Madison University, where she is majoring in Sports & Recreation Management with a minor in Business. She hopes to pursue a career working with a college or a professional sports team following college.

Q. What will you miss most about Walsingham?
A. I will definitely miss the close-knit community at WA. I think it is so cool how we have the opportunity to not only be close with the people in our grade but also get to know and be friends with people in other classes too. There are so many different ways to make new friends and meet new people, whether it is through volunteer work, simply having class with them, or school wide events like masses or Mercy Day. I've loved forming relationships with the people in my graduating class, but also every other grade too.

Q. What has been your favorite memory of your time at Walsingham Academy?
A. It's really hard to pick a favorite, but one memory that sticks out to me is getting to go to school with my sister every day for the last thirteen years, (especially our time together in the Upper School). I have loved making so many memories together, whether it was dressing up together for Spirit Week, doing Trunk-or-Treat together, seeing each other in the hallway, or even just our drives to school every morning.

Q. Do you have a mentor at Walsingham Academy? Who inspires you or who has been a positive influence in your life?
A. I've been extremely lucky and have had many mentors at WA throughout the last fifteen years, but someone who has been a great role model to me recently is Mr. DeLaney. I've known him since preschool, but I've really gotten to know him over the last few years in the Upper School. Regardless of what was going on, he was always so excited to see us in class (or just saying hi in the hallway) and made everyone's day better. He was an amazing teacher and taught me so many lessons that I will be able to take with me throughout college and beyond.

Q. If you could give underclassmen one piece of advice what would that be? And why?
A. One piece of advice I would give underclassmen is to be where your feet are. I never really believed it whenever someone would tell me how fast high school flies by, but it's true. It's really easy to sit in class and wish that it were Friday, or winter break, or summer or whatever else, but time truly does fly by. One day you're going to wish you had taken the time to enjoy the moment while you were living it.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote? Why does this quote resonate with you?
A: One of my favorite quotes is, "There are 86,400 seconds in a day. It's up to you to decide what to do with them," by Jim Valvano. This serves as a reminder to me that I get to choose how I spend my time, and what I do with my life. No one else can tell me what to do or how to live, so I get to make those decisions, and I can create a life that I love.













SENIOR STUDENT SPOTLIGHT— Q&A WITH Colby Corcoran



Colby Corcoran made a lasting impact during his three years at Walsingham Academy through his leadership, creativity, and dedication to both academic and extracurricular activities. Colby attended Walsingham during his freshman, junior, and senior years, and embraced every opportunity to grow as a student and leader.

One of Colby's most meaningful experiences at Walsingham was his involvement in the Tutoring Club. He began as a tutor during his junior year before stepping into the role of president his senior year. In this leadership role, Colby strengthened his communication and organizational skills by coordinating the schedules of tutors and students while also helping to welcome new additions to the club with faculty support.

In addition to academics and service, Colby pursued a wide range of interests. He was a thrower on the Track and Field team for two years and also enjoyed playing recreational volleyball with his best friend, Gabe Sureja '26. Outside of athletics, Colby was passionate about the arts including drawing, playing the guitar, and writing and storytelling.

Throughout his high school career, Colby earned High Honors. He was also recognized as the first-place winner of the 2024–25 Williamsburg Book Festival Short Story Writing Competition in both the high school and overall categories, showcasing both his academic excellence and exceptional talent as a writer.

Following graduation, Colby will attend William & Mary to study Marine Science. He hopes to build a career in marine research and conservation while also pursuing his dream of becoming an author.

Q. What will you miss most about Walsingham?
A. After leaving Walsingham, I will most miss all the incredible teachers who have helped me become who I am today, both spiritually and academically. Throughout the three years I spent at Walsingham, every teacher was incredibly supportive of me, whether that be helping me out after school so that I can better understand math or reviewing my writing and discussing philosophy. At every turn all my teachers have been nothing short of incredible.

Q. What has been your favorite memory of your time at Walsingham Academy?
A. While technically two, my favorite memories of my time at Walsingham are both of the open mics I attended during my 11th and 12th grade years. Both times I spent almost 3 hours at school before the show helping set things up, encouraging my friends, and practicing my performance. However, to me, the special part of open mic wasn't even the acts themselves; it was the people and the friends with whom I spent the evening. Each open mic had its share of laughs, incredible moments, and time with some of the best people I've ever met.

Q. Do you have a mentor at Walsingham Academy? Who inspires you or who has been a positive influence in your life?
A. While countless people have greatly influenced me over the years, Mr. Delaney has been an incredible mentor especially throughout my senior year. Every day his class was filled with fun activities and deep, meaningful discussions about religion, faith, and philosophy. It is difficult to put into words how much of a positive impact Mr. Delaney has had on me this year, but I can firmly say that his class and the Camden trip I went on with him and some of my fellow classmates have helped me grow into a better person than I was before this year.

Q. If you could give underclassmen one piece of advice what would that be? And why?
A. If I could give underclassmen a piece of advice, I would tell them to cherish all the little moments in high school. While we all get tons of work each year and have to worry about quizzes, tests, and midterms, we usually let things like that take our focus off of the people we are spending that time with, whether that be our families or friends. So, even though classes and grades are important, I would recommend not getting caught up in them and making sure to value this crucial time you have with your family and friends.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote? Why does this quote resonate with you?
A: My favorite quote is the one I used as my yearbook quote, "The struggle towards the heights is enough to fill a man's heart." It comes from the philosopher Albert Camus in his work entitled *The Myth of Sisyphus*. To me, this quote embodies the idea of an unyielding hope and will to combat the many difficulties we face. Even though our lives can sometimes feel frustrating, tiring, and seemingly impossible to manage, this quote reminds me of how all of these struggles we go through shape us into stronger and better people. A good life isn't defined by a lack of difficulty, but rather a relentlessly hopeful and optimistic response to those struggles, which can often "fill our hearts" with a love for life we never thought to be possible.






GRADUATION

The Class of 2026

This year's graduating class was awarded more than $3.4 million in Merit Based Scholarships & Awards.

Received 130 College & University Acceptances















Evan Blinn
Valedictorian



Reese Ellis
Salutatorian

Evan Blinn – *United States Coast Guard Academy*

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Piper Jones – *Virginia Wesleyan University*

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Ava Lewis – *Virginia Tech*

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Amadea Mitchell – *University of Virginia*

Nataliee Mittelmaier – *Virginia Peninsula Community College*

Gene O'Hallarn – *George Mason University*

Max Osborne – *Virginia Commonwealth University*

Corey Overmeyer – *Undecided*

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Gabriel Sureja – *Virginia Tech*

Vivienne Sureja – *Virginia Tech*

Matthew Swanson – *James Madison University*

Andrew Weddington – *Auburn University*

Frederick Wintermantel – *James Madison University*

GRADUATION

The Class of 2026



We bid a fond farewell to our 'lifers!'



Top (from left to right):
Bennett Owens, Frederick Wintermantel, and Gene O'Hallarn

Bottom (from left to right):
Frances Early, Shea Hoffman, and Nataliee Mittelmaier

These members of the Class of 2026 have attended the Academy since pre-kindergarten or kindergarten. These students have experienced all that Walsingham has to offer over the course of their time with us. Lifers hold a special place in the hearts of our faculty, staff, and community, and we take great pride in their growth and development at Walsingham.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Sister Rose Morris, RSM



The Walsingham Academy community remembers with deep gratitude and love the life of Sister Rose Morris, RSM, who passed away peacefully on February 22, 2026, at the age of 92.

For 33 years, Sister Rose faithfully served Walsingham Academy, touching countless lives with her unwavering kindness, joyful spirit, and deep faith. She had a remarkable gift for helping young people recognize God's love and discover the unique person they were created to be. Her gentle guidance, compassionate heart, and joyful presence left a lasting impression on generations of students, families, faculty, and staff.

Sister Rose's ministry extended far beyond the classroom. She regularly brought students to local nursing homes to visit residents, creating meaningful connections that taught lessons of compassion and service. She faithfully reached out to the homeless and those in need, and each Sunday she spent time visiting hospital patients who had no one else to see them. Through these quiet acts of mercy, she showed what it truly meant to live a life of faith in action.

Born in Philadelphia on March 30, 1933, Sister Rose entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1951 and dedicated 74 years of her life to serving God and others. Throughout her ministry as an educator, principal, and mentor, she exemplified the Mercy values of compassion, service, and love.

Sister Rose will be remembered for her joyful spirit, generous heart, and steadfast faith. Her legacy lives on in the countless lives she inspired and in the enduring mission of Walsingham Academy. We are forever grateful for her faithful service and the love she so freely shared with our community.

May her memory continue to inspire us to live with the same compassion, faith, and love that she shared so freely with the world.









WELCOME ALUMNA

Laura Swartz Clancy '83





This past April, Walsingham was thrilled to welcome alumna Laura Swartz Clancy '83 back to campus. Laura joined Mrs. Robyn Boring's AP Language and Composition and 8th Grade Theater classes, sharing her experiences in theater and the realities, creativity, and hard work behind bringing a production to life. She also shared her inspiring personal journey, TED Talk, and musical compositions, giving students a glimpse into the many possibilities that can come from taking a new direction in life. Energetic and enthusiastic, Laura connected naturally with the students, who had so much fun engaging with her and asking questions. Her visit offered thought-provoking insight into theater and language arts while reminding students that it's never too late to change your path and pursue something new. It was a special opportunity to see a Walsingham alumna return to the school that helped shape her and, in turn, inspire the next generation of Trojans to dream big.

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF

Mary Webb Johnston '76

On May 2, 2026, Walsingham Academy honored Mary Webb Johnston '76 by dedicating the third-grade classroom where she taught for 20 years in recognition of her extraordinary service as a longtime teacher, administrator, and alumna. Surrounded by friends, former students, colleagues, and members of the Walsingham community, the dedication celebrated a lifetime of service and the countless lives she has touched through her compassion, leadership, and unwavering commitment to Catholic education.













ALUMNI

College Panel

This past January, several of our recent graduates returned to Walsingham Academy to share their experiences and advice with our seniors. Equipped with real-world insight, hard-earned lessons, and plenty of wisdom, the alumni panel offered an honest look at life after Walsingham, from navigating college campuses to finding success beyond the classroom.

The conversation was a wonderful reminder that once you are part of the Walsingham community, you are always part of it, and some of the best advice comes from those who were in our students' shoes most recently.



We look forward to welcoming recent alumni back to campus for another panel discussion on January 7, 2027. If interested in participating, please contact Kaitlin Sorrentino at alumni@walsingham.org.







A SUCCESSFUL Career Fair

Walsingham Academy's Career Fair on April 23 was a great success, bringing together sophomores and juniors with 37 career professionals across a wide range of Career Clusters, including Manufacturing, Health Sciences, Business Management, Finance, Hospitality and Tourism, Government and Public Administration, Law, and more.

Students had the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations and gain valuable insight into a variety of career paths. We were especially excited to welcome 11 alumni back to campus. It was so great to see them sharing their experiences and connecting with students. This event was made possible through the collaboration of the Alumni Office and Upper School Counselors, and we are grateful to all who participated in making our first Career Fair a resounding success.















Career Fair

Walsingham Academy is seeking career professionals to join us for a Career Fair on
April 8, 2027!

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with Upper School students, share your career journey, and inspire students as they explore future possibilities. Professionals will have the chance to discuss their field, how they got started, and opportunities for students to gain real-world experience through job shadowing, internships, and externships.

Help guide the next generation of leaders and make a lasting impact. Don't miss this opportunity to share your passion and expertise with Walsingham students!

RETIRING FACULTY AND STAFF at Walsingham







SUSAN MORELLI – 20 YEARS
RAFAEL HICHEZ – 14 YEARS
VICKI ERICKSON – 11 YEARS
MARLISS MELTON – 10 YEARS
SHARON ZIELINSKI – 10 YEARS

Thank you to Dr. Morelli, Mr. Hichez, Mrs. Erickson, Ms. Melton, and Mrs. Zielinski for inspiring, teaching, and caring for our students. Your lasting impact on our school community will be felt for years to come, and we wish you all the best in this exciting new chapter.

WALSINGHAM ACADEMY 55 YEARS DINNER & AUCTION

Dust off your finest attire and join us on **Saturday, March 13, 2027**, at the Williamsburg Lodge for Walsingham Academy's 55th Annual Dinner & Auction, the exciting kickoff to Walsingham Academy's 80th school year! This year's theme, Through the Decades, will take you on a journey through the years with an unforgettable evening of cocktails, a silent auction, a delicious, seated dinner, an exciting live auction, and dancing the night away to the high-energy sounds of The Deloreans.

Building on the success of last year's event, proceeds from the 2027 Auction will once again support enhancements to our Lower School Early Learners and Kindergarten classrooms. This ongoing initiative includes enclosing the outdoor porches, refreshing paint, updating furniture, and improving lighting, creating a warm, engaging, and developmentally supportive environment for our youngest learners. Continued support through this year's auction will help bring this important project to completion and provide lasting benefits for generations of Walsingham students.

You can make a difference by becoming a sponsor, donating an auction item, making a cash gift, or attending the event. Tickets go on sale this fall at www.walsingham.org/auction.

For sponsorship opportunities or additional information, contact the Events Office at (757) 259-1408 or auction@walsingham.org.

Celebrate the past. Support the future.
Join us for a night to remember!

DONOR APPRECIATION RECEPTION

Annual donors of $2,500 and above, 1947 Legacy Society members, and members of the Board of Trustees enjoyed an appreciation reception on December 10, 2025. The reception was held at Creative Cuisines in Williamsburg, which is owned and operated by alumni parent, Noreen Graziano.



Bill Hamner, Carmen Hamner, Angie Baker (Upper School Director), Sister Mary Jeanne Oesterle, Leslynn Twiddy



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A MESSAGE FROM MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1975



We've initiated a collection of funds to name a classroom in memory of Mrs. Nancy Bounds. Gifts for the Annual Fund for Excellence of at least $5,000 (total) are needed to name Mrs. Bounds' former English classroom. We wish to open this up to everyone in the alumni community as there may be others who would like to honor our beloved teacher Mrs. Bounds in this special way. Everyone who makes a gift for this effort will be invited to a special room dedication and celebration at a later date.

To join the effort, please make a gift directly to Walsingham Academy at www.walsingham.org/give or scan the QR code. Gifts are tax deductible. Thank you!

CELEBRATING A RECORD-BREAKING YEAR OF GENEROSITY

Excellence in Action



Because of you, there is much to celebrate! With deep appreciation, we are thrilled to share that $1,225,530 in philanthropic contributions was raised during the 2025-2026 fiscal year, a testament to the enduring generosity and support of our Walsingham community.

This remarkable total includes gifts for the Annual Fund for Excellence, Sister Mary Jeanne Oesterle Endowment for Student Excellence, Athletic Booster Club memberships, Under-The-Lights and Dig Pink sponsorships, Annual Golf Tournament, 54th Annual Dinner & Auction, Shred-A-Thon, drama sponsorships, and special projects and initiatives across campus, including a significant restricted gift to accomplish several capital improvement projects. In-kind gifts were received as well, further extending the impact of this year's generosity.

It was an especially exciting year for the Annual Fund for Excellence with a record-breaking, $420,927 raised, all thanks to friends like you. This extraordinary support includes inspiring matching and challenge gifts during both #iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday and WA Giving Day on May 14, as well as countless heartfelt gifts of all sizes throughout the year. A cornerstone of the Academy's fundraising efforts, the Annual Fund can be put into action immediately, supporting educational excellence, faculty professional development, tuition assistance, and enhancing programs in the arts, technology, and athletics. Its flexibility allows the Academy to respond to the most pressing needs as they arise.

My colleagues and I are fortunate to be surrounded by a community that believes deeply in the mission we share. Your generosity, involvement, and commitment help create an environment where our students can discover their gifts, pursue excellence, and grow in faith and character. To all those honored in the pages that follow, we extend our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks for the many ways you contribute to the continued growth and success of the Academy.

With gratitude,

Lindsey R. Torres

Lindsey R. Torres
Director of Advancement

IN 2025–2026…

61% of current parents contributed to the Annual Fund for Excellence, up from 53.5% the prior year.

75% of current parents contributed to **any** fundraising effort, up from 70.3% the prior year.

8.1% of our current student body donated to support their school last year.

The **Class of 1960** had the highest participation (**15%**) for alumni giving to the Annual Fund for Excellence, followed closely by the **Class of 2021 (14%)**.

The **Class of 2031** had the highest participation **(80%)** for current parent giving to the Annual Fund for Excellence.

Of all gifts received last year to any effort, **15.5%** were from alumni.

Of all gifts received last year to any effort, **18.4%** were from first-time donors.

WALSINGHAM ACADEMY'S

ANNUAL FUND FOR EXCELLENCE

Walsingham Academy thanks the following donors for their gifts supporting the Annual Fund for Excellence made between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026. Every gift is a blessing, and we offer our sincerest gratitude to all who champion the Academy, its mission, and future.

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54TH ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION
Raises Over $172,000
FOR LOWER SCHOOL ENHANCEMENTS



The 54th Annual Dinner and Auction was a tremendous success. Members of the Walsingham community gathered on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at Kingsmill Resort for an unforgettable evening celebrating this year's "Around the World" theme. The annual event brought together parents, grandparents, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of Walsingham for a night filled with community, celebration, and support of the school's mission. Guests enjoyed an evening inspired by destinations around the world while participating in exciting silent and live auctions, raffles, games, and a successful Paddle Raise.

Through the incredible generosity and support of many, over $172,000 was raised to enhance our Lower School Early Learners and Kindergarten classrooms. Improvements to these classrooms include enclosing the outdoor porches, refreshing paint, updating furniture, and improving lighting. These enhancements will create a warm, engaging, and developmentally supportive environment for our youngest learners.

"The generosity and support shown by our community continues to amaze me," shared Sister Mary Jeanne Oesterle. "These improvements will make such a meaningful impact on our youngest students and help create an even more welcoming and engaging learning environment."

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Corporate, Grandparent, and Community sponsors, all who donated auction items, attendees, Paddle Raise donors, and the many Parent Board volunteers and Auction Committee members whose hard work made the evening such a success. A special thank you goes to our Auction Co-Chairs, Aga Drygala and Ashley Hack for their outstanding leadership, creativity, and commitment to bringing this incredible event to life.

Looking ahead, next year's event will be especially meaningful as the 55th Annual Dinner and Auction will also serve as the kickoff celebration to Walsingham Academy's 80th school year. Proceeds from the 2027 Auction will once again support the Lower School Early Learners and Kindergarten classroom porch project as this important initiative continues.

"I am so happy to return to The Williamsburg Lodge for next year's Auction!" said Sister Mary Jeanne Oesterle. "Our dedicated team of volunteers is already working to make next year's event a success. We look forward to raising the second half of the money required to fund the Early Childhood Wing improvements!"

The 55th Annual Dinner and Auction will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2027, at Williamsburg Lodge and will feature entertainment by The Deloreans. Tickets will go on sale this fall.

To learn more about supporting the Early Childhood Wing Project and to see the planned improvements, scan the QR code.

We are truly grateful for the strength and generosity of the Walsingham community. Thank you for making this year's Auction a memorable and meaningful evening in support of our students.

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CROSSING OF THE GREEN

This past June, Walsingham Academy's 7th graders celebrated a special milestone through the beloved tradition of Crossing of the Green.

The celebration began with the Crossing of the Green Dinner, hosted by the Parent Board, honoring students and families as they reflected on their Lower School journey. On the last day of school, 7th graders ran from the Lower School across the green to the Upper School, cheered on by the entire student body and warmly welcomed into their next chapter.

This joyful tradition celebrates their growth and the exciting journey ahead.

















2025-2026 ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB
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As the 2025–26 school year came to a close, it was the perfect time to reflect on another incredible year of Walsingham athletics. This year brought tremendous success, unforgettable moments, and continued growth across all of our athletic programs. Most importantly, none of it would have been possible without the unwavering support and generosity of our Booster families, sponsors, volunteers, and community supporters.

Our student-athletes achieved so much this year:

- Of our 16 varsity teams, 14 qualified for their respective state tournaments
- 5 seniors will continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level
- 2 state championships, 1 TCIS championship, and 2 PIAL championships
- A resurgence of our boys' basketball program
- 17 school records broken
- 14 All-State athletes and 13 All-TCIS athletes
- 1 State Coach of the Year and 1 TCIS Coach of the Year
- 1 State Player of the Year and 1 TCIS Player of the Year

Beyond the wins, titles, and accolades, our student-athletes continued to demonstrate resilience, sportsmanship, leadership, and dedication every single day. They represented Walsingham with pride and integrity, and we could not be more proud of all they accomplished.

We are incredibly blessed to have such a strong Athletic Booster Board and a community that continues to rally behind our athletic programs. Your generosity has a direct impact on the experience of every student-athlete at Walsingham. Thanks to your support, Booster Club funding helped provide:

- Our on-site athletic trainer, Nicky Crais
- All awards and banners for our teams
- The all-sport HUDL game film management system
- Timers for track and cross country
- Golf uniforms
- New baseball dugouts
- A facelift for the running track

These enhancements and resources continue to elevate our athletic programs and provide our student-athletes with opportunities to grow and compete at the highest level.

Thank you again to everyone who generously donated, sponsored events, volunteered time, and supported our teams throughout the year. Your commitment to Walsingham athletics truly makes a difference, and we are deeply grateful for your continued partnership. We look forward to building on this momentum and continuing the tradition of excellence in the years ahead.

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2025 WALSINGHAM ACADEMY
Golf Tournament

THE 2025 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES OVER $23,000 FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES!

On October 10, 2025, Walsingham Academy's Athletic Booster Club held its Annual Golf Tournament at Williamsburg National Golf Club. With 33 teams on the Yorktown Course and perfect fall weather, the event raised over $23,000 for student-athletes!

The Annual Golf Tournament is the Athletic Booster Club's primary fundraiser. The Booster Club is committed to supporting the athletics program by promoting spirit among the greater Walsingham community and raising funds to improve the Trojan athletic experience. Last year's contributions funded refinishing the running track, equipment, uniforms, and facility upgrades to name a few.

"We had a wonderful golf tournament again this year," Athletic Director Neil Bailey said. "We appreciate the support of all of our sponsors, players, and volunteers. Your generosity will help continue to make Trojan athletics a program of excellence."

Congratulations to this year's champions: Walter Rowe '72, Taylor Rowe, Kyle Rowe, and Hunter Martin, who posted an impressive score of 54.

The day also saw an unforgettable moment as Sam Jones '19 made his first-ever hole-in-one on Hole 17 — the tournament's designated contest hole. His perfect shot not only marked a remarkable personal achievement but also earned him an incredible prize: a brand-new Jeep, courtesy of Williamsburg Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, owned and operated by alumni parent David Julien.





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2025 – 2026 Snapshots











ATHLETICS UPDATE

The Walsingham Academy Trojans had another outstanding year in the athletic arenas. The Trojans won an individual State Championship in Cross Country, an Individual State Championship in Indoor Track, and an 8th straight State Championship in Baseball. Twenty-three Walsingham student athletes were awarded All-State honors, and 31 student athletes were awarded All-Conference honors. Additionally, Walsingham had 1 athlete receive VISAA Player of the Year, 1 athlete receive TCIS Player of the Year and 1 coach receive VISAA and TCIS Coach of the Year. Walsingham had 17 new school records set this year across Baseball, Swimming, Basketball, and Track and Field. The future of Walsingham Athletics continues to look bright with our high-achieving JV and JJV programs. The Trojans JJV Boys Soccer and JJV Baseball teams both won PIAL Championships in dominant fashion, for the second year in a row. The year was capped off with 5 seniors signing to continue playing their sports at the next level. Walsingham Academy student athletes persevere through every challenge and obstacle in their way and continue to come out successful.



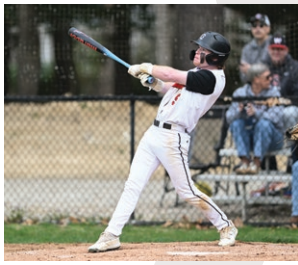




















FALL 2025

Varsity Field Hockey compiled a 7-10-1 regular season record under Coach Rileyanne Collins in her first season as head coach. The Trojans' season was highlighted by wins over Steward School, Hampton Roads Academy, and Norfolk Collegiate. The Trojans finished 4th in the TCIS, and earned a home playoff win against Steward School in the TCIS Quarter Final. The Trojans qualified for the state playoffs as the #6 seed where they fell in the quarterfinals to The Covenant School. Parker Jones '26, Arianna Kokolis '27, and Sophia Gerry '27 earned TCIS All-Conference awards and Sophia Gerry '27 and Parker Jones '26 earned VISAA All-State awards for the Trojans' Field Hockey program.

Varsity Girls Tennis continued their upward trajectory returning the majority of their roster from the 2024 season. The team finished with an 11-5 record during the regular season, getting quality wins against Catholic High School and Hampton Roads Academy. The girls battled in the TCIS tournament and were ranked 9th at their peak in the VISAA DII poll, just missing out on the State Tournament. With no seniors graduating, the tennis program looks to continue their growth in the 2026 season.

Varsity Cross Country had another great season, highlighted by Remington Freeman '28 winning her second straight VISAA State Championship at Panorama Farms with a time of 19:17.40, over 30 seconds faster than the second-place finisher. Remington Freeman '28 and Gene O'Hallarn '26 were each recognized as TCIS All-Conference and Remington Freeman '28, Gene O'Hallarn '26, and Helia Pei '27 were recognized as VISAA All-State.

Varsity Volleyball improved in 2025 under new head coach Shannon Meyyar. The team had impressive wins against Hampton Roads Academy and Williamsburg Christian Academy. The teams' "Dig Pink Game" was a huge success, raising over $3,700 for Here for the Girls, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting young women affected by breast cancer. Elly Crais '27 and Kiki Manion '26 were both named TCIS Second Team All-Conference.

Varsity Boys Soccer continued to be a force in 2025. They finished the year 10-11 with a +15 goal differential. Notable wins came against Catholic High School and Fishburne Military Academy. The Trojans entered the State Playoffs as the #6 seed, securing a first-round home win, but ultimately falling to New Covenant School in the State Quarterfinals. Marshall Perry '27, Luke Stensland '27, and Grant Blossom '27 were named to the TCIS All-Conference Teams and VISAA All- State Teams.

WINTER 2025–2026

Walsingham Varsity Boys Basketball had an outstanding year, finishing the season 16-8 and ranked #9 in the final VISAA DIII Basketball poll. The Trojans played countless exciting games this year, most notably an overtime win vs Steward at home and a dominant performance vs Christchurch with a packed gym on Spirit Night. The Trojans qualified for post season play and ultimately fell to New Covenant School in a tight first round match up. This season Evan Blinn '26 reached the 1,000 points milestone in his last game as a Trojan. Evan Blinn '26 and DJ Coles '30 were both named TCIS Second Team All-Conference.

The Trojans did not field a Varsity Girls Basketball team in the winter of 2025-2026. Instead, the JV Girls Basketball team, composed of 8th-10th graders and led by head coach Jamie Blinn, finished the year 10-4, playing a mixture of both Varsity and JV opponents. Highlights from the season include wins over Peninsula Catholic, Norfolk Christian, and Hampton Roads Academy. We are excited for the Trojans Girls Basketball team to return to the Varsity level for the 2026-2027 season.

Varsity Swimming had a fantastic year under Coach Anna Yoder. The Trojans worked hard all year, getting up every morning to practice before school started. The Trojans Swim team continues to qualify multiple athletes for the state championships and saw 3 school records broken this season by Preston Broderick '27, Brody Hafl '30, and Natalie Sanford '30. At the TCIS Championship, the Trojan's girls swim team finished 3rd and the boys finished 5th. Preston Broderick '27 won the 100 M Butterfly and Brody Hafl '30 won the 100 M Breaststroke to earn All-Conference honors.

Despite a cold, wet winter that often made training outside difficult, the Trojans Varsity Indoor Track & Field team continued their standards of excellence and found ways to be successful on meet days. Under first year head coach and Walsingham Academy alumna Leyjah Hamrick '20 the Trojans had 5 athletes earn All-Conference Honors for their performance at the TCIS Championships (Remington Freeman '28, Kate Blinn '27, Helia Pei '27, Amelie Sutingco '29, and Marshall Perry '27). The season was highlighted by Brooklyn Schultz's '29 performance at the VISAA State Championship, where she took 2nd in the high jump and finished 1st in the 55 meter hurdles with a time of 9.71 seconds, winning an individual State Championship for the Trojans.

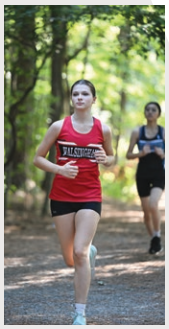
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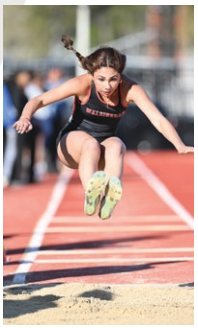
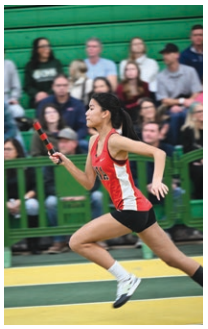
The Varsity Girls Soccer team had another strong year, finishing the season 8-8-1. The girls had notable wins against Hampton Roads Academy and Norfolk Christian School and ranked 7th in the final VISAA DII girls' soccer poll. The Trojans had a dominant first round, playoff performance against Atlantic Shores Christian School, winning 6-1; but ultimately falling to North Cross in the quarterfinals. Addie Sarantakos '28, Addie Sureja '28, and Lucy Garrett '29 were named to the TCIS All-Conference teams with Addie Sarantakos '28 also being awarded VISAA 2nd Team All-State.

Varsity Golf had one of the best years in recent history, finishing the season 15-4 with notable team wins against Hampton Roads Academy and Steward School. The team qualified for the state championship where they finished their year as VISAA DIII state runners-up. Additionally, Arianna Kokolis '27 qualified for the Girls State Championship as an individual, based on her impressive score throughout the year. Neil Durbin '29, Ben Rutter '28, and Arianna Kokolis '27 earned All-State honors for their top 10 individual finishes at the state championship. With no graduating seniors, the Varsity Golf team is in a great spot heading into the 2027 season.

Both the Boys and Girls Varsity Track and Field teams had outstanding seasons improving every week. At the Walsingham invitational, the Trojans dominated the competition this year, winning 11 of 21 individual and relay events. Success continued into the post season with Meriam Cherkaoui '28 winning the Long Jump and Remington Freeman '28 winning the 1600 Meter Run at the TCIS Championships, and Brooklyn Schultz '29 winning the High Jump at the Virginia State Catholic Championships. All 3 of these girls we recognized as All- Conference athletes for their performances.

The Baseball team had an historic run in 2026, capturing their 8th straight VISAA DIII State Championship, going undefeated in TCIS regular season play, and setting 11 new school records. The Trojans were on a roll leading into the state championship game where they faced Southampton Academy at Shepherd Stadium on May 16. The Trojans continued their post-season dominance with a 10-0 win. Chandler Howlett '27 and Luke Rains '28 each drove in two runs to lead the offense, while Matt Swanson '26 was outstanding on the mound, allowing just three hits with no runs and striking out nine batters in a complete-game performance. After the 25-6 season there was no shortage of accolades for this team. Corey Overmeyer '26 was named TCIS Player of the Year, with Matt Swanson '26, Anthony Ferrie '26, and Chandler Howlett '27 joining him on the All-Conference Team. Matt Swanson '26 was named VISAA Player of the Year and was joined on the All-State Team by teammates Andrew Cole '26, Anthony Ferrie '26, Edward Holstrom '28, Chandler Howlett '27, Corey Overmeyer '26, Drew Weddington '26, Luke Rains '28, and Brayden VandeSand '27. Coach Heisel was named both TCIS and VISAA Coach of the Year to round out another impressive season.



ATHLETIC RECORDS

Broken This Year!







Girls Track & Field

Remington Freeman '28 – 1600 Meter Run – 5:13.76
Remington Freeman '28 - 3200 Meter Run - 11:20.19

Girls Swimming

Natalie Sanford '30 – 100 Meter Breaststroke – 1:08.38

Boys Swimming

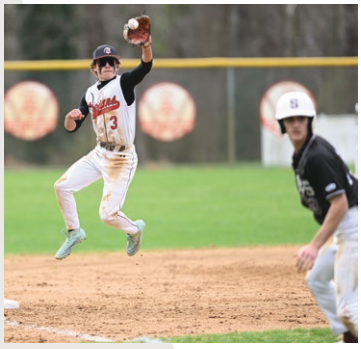
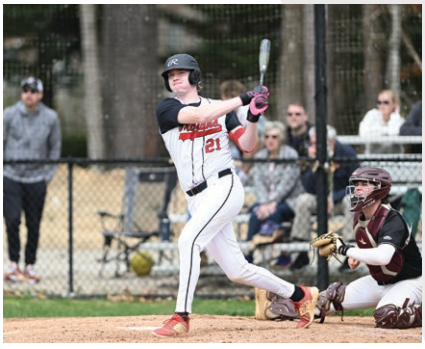
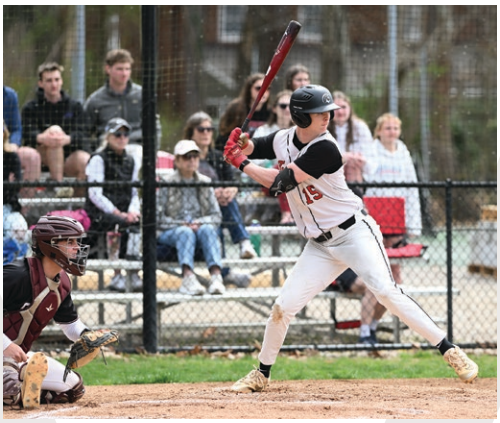
Brody Hafl '30 – 100 Meter Breaststroke – 1:01.62
Preston Broderick '27 – 200 Meter IM – 1:59.15

Boys Basketball

DJ Coles '30 – Steals in a Single Game – 10

Baseball

Chandler Howlett '27 – At Bats in a Season – 100
Chandler Howlett '27 – ERA in a Season – 0.494
Chandler Howlett '27 – Wins in a Season – 8
Corey Overmeyer '26 – Home Runs in a Season – 13
Corey Overmeyer '26 – RBIs in a Season – 48
Corey Overmeyer '26 – On Base % in a Season – 0.625
Matt Swanson '26 – Innings Pitched in a Season – 64
Matt Swanson '26 – Strikeouts in a Season – 112
Matt Swanson '26 – Career Strikeouts – 236
Matt Swanson '26 – Career ERA – 1.416
Matt Swanson '26 – Career WHIP – 0.829

UNDER THE LIGHTS – FALL FIELD HOCKEY GAME

On September 11, 2025, the Walsingham Academy Varsity Field Hockey team took on Warhill High School in the annual Under the Lights game at Wanner Stadium. It was a fun evening as the school community came together to cheer on the Trojans under the stadium lights.

A special thank you to the Athletic Booster Club Board for hosting a wonderful tailgate and to our Community Sponsor, Blossom Consulting & Engineering, for helping make this memorable event possible.



ANNUAL
Dig Pink

On October 7, 2025, Walsingham Academy's JJV, JV, and Varsity Volleyball teams hosted their annual Dig Pink matches against Nansemond-Suffolk Academy. The event benefited Here for the Girls, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting young women affected by breast cancer.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community, the event raised $3,700 for Here for the Girls. Thank you to everyone who attended to cheer on our volleyball teams, the Athletic Booster Club Board, and the generous sponsors who helped make the evening such a success.





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This year, through the generosity of Brian Shultz of Henderson Construction, the Athletic Booster Club, and supporters in the Walsingham Academy community, over $60,000 was raised and invested in the construction of new baseball dugouts for our student-athletes. We are grateful for the continued support that makes projects like this possible, enriching the experience of our Trojan athletes for years to come.

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A LASTING TRIBUTE TO

Jared Howell



A lasting tribute was officially unveiled! During our Legacy Day festivities, we were proud to celebrate the naming of the Athletic Training Room in honor of Jared Howell, recognizing 18 years of dedication, care, and commitment to Walsingham Academy. Surrounded by alumni, alumni parents, current parents, family, and friends, we marked the occasion with a special ribbon cutting ceremony, an inspiring tribute that was made possible through the generosity of our supporters and led by the Barnes Family. Thank you to all who contributed for helping us honor a legacy that will continue to support and inspire our student-athletes for years to come.













IMPROVED SPACE

New Tennis Courts

This year, Walsingham Academy invested in renovations to its tennis courts, providing our student-athletes with a refreshed and improved space to practice and compete. These updates create a better experience for our Tennis program and ensure our players have a quality facility to continue developing their skills. We are excited to see our athletes enjoy these newly updated courts this fall and for years to come.

MORE THAN $20,000 RAISED FOR

New Pole Vault Pit

Thanks to the generosity of donors in the Walsingham Academy community, more than $20,000 was raised to purchase a new pole vault pit for our Track & Field program. This important addition provides our student-athletes with a safer, high-quality training and competition environment, helping them continue to develop their skills and pursue excellence. We are grateful to everyone whose support made this project possible.





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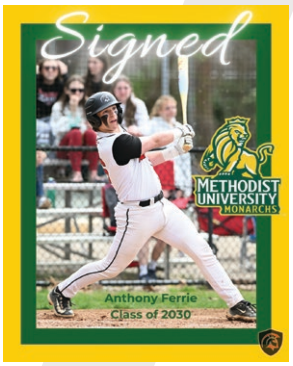
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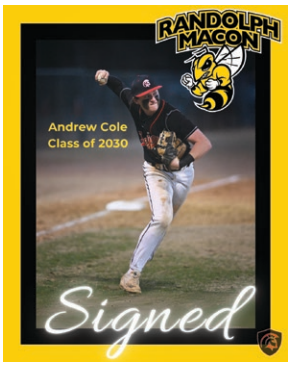
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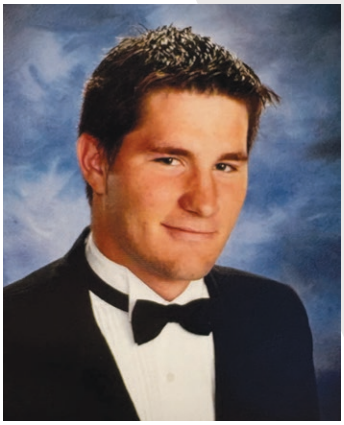
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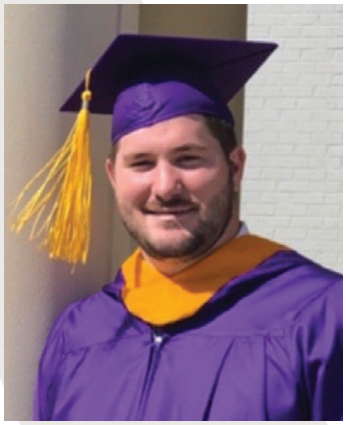


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ATHLETIC ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Q&A with Braden Sutton





Braden Sutton '14 spent three years at Walsingham Academy, joining the community in the fall of 2011 and graduating in the spring of 2014. During his time at Walsingham, Braden was actively involved both in and out of the classroom. He participated in Book Club, Model UN, and Key Club while also competing in cross country, soccer, tennis, and basketball. His dedication and hard work earned him the Academic Excellence in Math Award in 2012 and the distinction of Athlete of the Year in 2014.

After graduating from Walsingham, Braden continued his education at James Madison University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies with a concentration in Math and Science and a minor in Middle School Education in 2019. He then remained at JMU to complete his Master of Arts in Teaching in 2020.

Today, Braden is a middle school teacher in Chesterfield, Virginia, where he teaches 6th and 8th grade science, 6th and 8th grade math, and Algebra I. His passion for education began early, always knowing he wanted to be a teacher, but it was through experiences working sports camps and serving as part of Walsingham's Summer Daze program that he discovered his passion for working with middle school aged students.

Braden continues to stay connected to the Walsingham community. He served as an assistant coach for Boys JJV Soccer in 2019 and recently completed his 15th summer working with Walsingham's Summer Daze program. This past April, Braden was inducted into the Walsingham Academy Athletic Hall of Fame, honoring his outstanding contributions and achievements as a student-athlete.

Q. What was one thing that Walsingham prepared you for in college and sports at the college level?

A. Something I appreciated in college that I learned during my time at Walsingham was the importance of advocating for yourself. Asking for help can be intimidating at times, but the teachers that I had were always willing to help out.

Q. While at Walsingham Academy, did you have a teacher, coach, or mentor who was particularly inspiring to you?

A. Coach Davenport was my tennis coach during my junior and senior years, and she offered me a position to work the tennis camps at Summer Daze. She has taught me so much over the years, and I know I can ask her for advice about anything. I always look forward to coming back to Williamsburg and spending my summers with her.

Q. How did your experience as a student-athlete influence who you are today?

A. Learning how to work as a team, creating a routine, putting in hard work, taking time to rest and recover, and taking direction and applying it to different practice and game situations has helped me achieve success in my professional career.

Q. What is the best piece of advice you can share with a Walsingham Academy student-athlete?

A. Mistakes are how we grow. Don't be afraid of failure.







★ NOVEMBER ALUMNI MIXER ★
























JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT ALUMNI MIXER

Thursday, November 5
5:00-6:30 p.m.

The gathering will take place at Old City Barbeque, owned and operated by Vernon Geddy '05. RSVP by October 28 to alumni@walsingham.org

★ CLASS OF 1975 ★















UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1967
The Class of 1967 will be celebrating their 60th Class Reunion on June 11-13, 2027. For more information on reunion details, please contact Scott Whitehead '67 at dscottw@aol.com.

Class of 1977
Tommy Gilman is leading a team planning their 50th high school reunion in 2027. Please email him your contact information including full name, email address and cell number. His email address is thgilman@gmail.com.

Class of 2006
The Class of 2006 will be celebrating their 20th Class Reunion on November 24, 2026 at Old City Barbecue. For more information on reunion details, please contact Laura Hayes Chalk at laura.danielle.hayes@gmail.com.

Contact the Alumni Office at alumni@walsingham.org to discuss ways that we can help make your Class Reunion special.


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GRADUATING THIS YEAR?

We want to celebrate YOU! If you are graduating this year, we'd love to highlight your accomplishment. By sharing your news, you're not only celebrating your hard work, but you are also inspiring current students and fellow alumni as they imagine what's possible beyond Walsingham.

Send your name, Walsingham graduation year, school, degree, and a photo to alumni@walsingham.org and we'll proudly feature your achievements on our social media.

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Interested in being a Class Correspondent?
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CLASS NOTES

Submissions were submitted into the Alumni Office between August 2025 – July 2026.
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1961

In April 2026, during Legacy Day, **Andy Ringold** joined us for the tour of the Upper and Lower School. It was great to have Andy back on campus!







1962

Gerald Greeves stopped by Walsingham Academy in January 2026 to tour the Upper School!

1967

The Class of 1967 will be celebrating their 60th Class Reunion in 2027. A 60th Class Reunion is scheduled for June 11-13, 2027. For more information on reunion details, please contact **Scott Whitehead** at dscottw@aol.com.

Janis Craig Cieply writes: Moving from Syracuse, New York to Gainesville, Georgia 11 years ago into a 55+ active adult community was the best move we could have made. The primary force guiding this decision was my daughter, Andrea, who now has 2 young boys ages eight and five and as every grandparent knows they are the love of my life. Life is busy with them, with Pickleball and several committees in our community. Friendships are treasured and every day is appreciated.

Carol Mitchell Gleason writes: To date, 2026 has been busy, but mostly busy just staying around home in Providence Forge, Virginia. We did take a second trip to Las Vegas in January to attend our second

concert for the Eagles at the Sphere. Our daughter accompanied us for this trip. Eagles at the Sphere was a phenomenal experience. In April we rented a VRBO in the Shenandoah Valley — the Grist Mill Cabin. We had a lovely week enjoying the beautiful surroundings and the peaceful beauty of nature.

We have friends coming in June to visit from Scotland. We will be spending July 4th in Virginia Beach. At the same time, we will celebrate the most important milestone in our country's history — 250 years of American Independence.

In late 2027, our intent currently is to rent a place in Ireland and spend time finding a home. Dave has his Irish citizenship and passport.

Looking forward to reconnecting with Walsingham classmates at our 60th class reunion in June of 2027. A lot has happened in 60 years!

Dave and I feel blessed and grateful for our continued good health, family, and good. Enjoy every day!

Buddy Mann writes: Since last year's summer update, Liz and I have been kept busy taking care of some health issues, traveling to attend family events and celebrations, and keeping up with our own pursuits and hobbies.

In September we made the first of what would be four separate trips to our daughter, Valerie's home in Intercourse, Pennsylvania. This visit was to attend her youngest daughter, Madeline's baptism in the Mennonite Church. It was a really beautiful celebration with friends and family participating in the ceremony. In November we made our second trip to PA, along with our oldest daughter Heather and her kids, to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday with Val and her family. This occasion also served as an excuse for us all to enjoy an early Christmas celebration while we were all together. In December, I kept busy decorating the front yard and the house, for Christmas. Not sure why we need to put up two trees, but it does make the house look festive, which is good since Liz, and I host Christmas dinner for our family in Williamsburg.

The new year began with Liz having to have some lower back surgery in February, to replace some hardware that had been installed some years before that was no longer working the way it should. While her recovery took somewhat longer than before, I'm pleased to report that the surgery was successful. Also, of note during the month, our grandson Samuel, who is in the Army Reserves, returned home from completing Basic Leadership Training at Ft. Dix, N.J., and was promoted to Sergeant, E-5. In May it was back to PA on two separate occasions, the first to celebrate our grandson Alex's graduation from Susquehanna University where he received a B.S. in Environmental Science with academic honors. The second trip later in the month was to celebrate our granddaughters Madeline's and Sierra's high school graduation, both of whom are on their way to college in August to earn degrees in teaching.

The month of June saw our oldest grandson Joey, who is on active duty with the Army transferred from his unit at Ft. Knox to the 82nd Airborne at Ft. Bragg, a unit of which he is immensely proud to be a member. In June, Liz and I celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary which might be considered something of a record for our generation. I must be doing something right. Liz continues to stay busy with her crocheting while I'm busy working in our garden. Likewise, I continue to serve what will be the last year of my current term on the Christopher Newport University Alumni Society Board of Directors. We both look forward to the months ahead with two family weddings planned, one in November and the other in January and the start of a new career for our grandson Liam, who has been offered a position with the Newport News Police Department and will begin his training at the Police Academy in August.

Robert Ryczak writes: Hard to believe another year has come and gone! We continue to decorate, hang pictures, and organize our "forever home" here in the boonies of SE Alabama. We continue to be blessed with reasonably good health, considering our age, such that we are able to live active lives in our sunset years. Although we are in the "slow go" phase of our lives, we enjoyed several relaxing road trips to Florida (just west of the Disney area) and a trip to Branson, Missouri, our two favorite destinations. My family's annual reunion at the Outer Banks of North Carolina (72 years of reunions now) was another blessing, where Sonia's brother joined us for a great week of family and friends. As I watched the grandnieces and nephews enjoy their childhood, I savored the memories of being with my parents and grandparents and enjoying those times so many years ago. We treasured yet another visit with a college fraternity brother & his wife in North Carolina. A road trip to Williamsburg, Virginia, included a family gathering in Maryland for the baptism of a grandniece (gave Sonia another opportunity to feed her "steamed crab" fix). Sonia's brother joined us on that road trip, which included a visit to Sonia's nephew and family. He was recovering from a horrible electrical arc explosion on a job site. The 1st communion of two grandnieces in North Carolina was the occasion of another mini-family reunion and celebration. We joined Sonia's best friend from Hawaii and her family/friends for a long weekend in Atlanta, which included a Falcon-Seahawk NFL game. We enjoyed a 3rd year in our volunteer roles for the Auburn University Athletic Department as scholarship donor hosts at all home football games, & most basketball & baseball games (WAR EAGLE!). Auburn NCAA baseball regional and super regional tournament games were incredible. We enjoyed several concerts & shows in Birmingham, Alabama, with our daughter. We continue to be active in our parish – men's fellowship, senior social meals, bible studies, seminars, retreats, and so on. Sonia expanded her social circles to include several area women's groups/clubs. She's now a regular in her Bunco group and an apprentice Mahjong player. Looking forward to our 60th reunion next June! God continues to bless us in so many ways, and we try to enjoy each other and His magnificent creation every day of our lives here on this earth.

1970

Michael Oei writes: Living in the Philadelphia area since '76, married, kid, suburban house, etc. Corporate architect, my own firm since 2003. Retired, designed and built a house in Ocracoke. Resumed the hobbies I had in HS and College. IYKYK

1972

Once again, you guys have come to the rescue - including hearing from some classmates for the first time in a long time.

In awe and admiration, we award the First to Respond (in a long time!) Trophy to **Don Ackert** who was very excited to receive this award. Don reports that he finds it interesting that the majority of the class of 1972 turns 72 years old this year. Getting older is a fascinating thing, he says….it is like climbing a mountain; you get a little out of breath, but the view is much better. Don continues, "My view for the past seventeen years has been from Texas. My wife, Liz, and I moved to central Texas to be near grandkids of which we now have six scattered about the country. (Ya just can't depend on those kids, right, Don?) Besides the joy of being a grand-parent, I volunteer at a local art center

and am a docent at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin. So, if you are ever in Austin, and need a tour, look me up." Don had a great conversation with several classmates in July at an amazing gathering. (Details later.)

Maggie (Marguerite Ramsey) Clarkson gets to share the First Time to Write Trophy!! We were so glad to connect with her (and others….details later) She had no major updates other than she is continuing to travel as often as local schedules allow and trying to stay ahead of nasty weather. Hoping for a less active hurricane season on the Gulf Coast this year! She shares her email in case anyone wants to catch up, Mclarkson2241@outlook.com.

Susan Bruce Anthony gets the Sherlock Holmes Trophy. She did some digging and found **Ray Webb** (another First Time to Write Trophy winner!!!) through classmates.com. Ray wrote her to say, "Wow, many years have passed. All the experiences and new inquiries to share with thoughtful friends. I've been married and divorced but the second one flourished. Meg, a Boston gal stole my heart, and we've been together for 29 years with no kids, currently living in San Rafael Marin County, 10 minutes from the Golden Gate bridge. Meg has a sister on Cape Cod, and we visit her annually during the summer. (I am) Retired from the alpine ski industry of 45 years in 2018. I want to hear about your tennis all in a good time frame as I'm an addict to the sport. California living is so intoxicating and requires constant exploration. We have some fuel for sharing." Ok, hopefully we'll have Ray and Meg as first time participants at our 55th. Wouldn't that be fun??? Ray asked to share his email…. **raywebb929@gmail.com**. I keep up with **Susan** who stays busy traveling like many of us, up and down the east coast as well as across the pond. She looks great! She, **Susan Hughes Lindstrom** and I get together for weekend visits at (not frequent enough) intervals. Needless to say, we enjoy reminiscing about our class' adventures back in the day.

Linda Wallace Fosdick writes that back in 1972, she couldn't imagine what it would be like to "grow old." She is quite happy to report that life is good and filled with fun and adventure. (Wait, who's old? Not any of us!!!) Linda gets the "Awwww, That's So Sweet Trophy" sharing that "My greatest joy is sharing life with my high school sweetheart, **Bill Fosdick '71**. This year, we've expanded both our RV adventures and our time in the air. We are in endless awe as we watch our older son and his wife build their own airplane from the ground up. We can't wait to see it take flight. Our younger son is also a pilot and proudly owns a four-seat airplane. Flying our planes and meeting up with him and his family at aviation events is beyond anything I could have imagined years ago. It's especially rewarding to see the Fosdick family's love of aviation continue from Bill's father through the next generation."

Bill Jacobs writes, "Donna and I celebrated our 49th wedding anniversary June 11. We have traveled quite a bit this past year including a Caribbean cruise with our 2 sons, their wives and our 4 grandchildren, ages 3-13. I hope to visit all 50 states. I only have 18 states left — mostly west of the Mississippi. We enjoyed attending the PGA Championship in Charlotte last May. We enjoyed a couple of more cruises to the western and eastern Caribbean this winter. We spent 7 weeks on 2 way transatlantic cruises Canaveral/Barcelona with stops at Gibraltar, Cartagena, Malaga and Alicante in March and April, with a cruise to Marseille, Genoa, Rome, and Palermo after that. Then a quick high speed rail to Madrid and back for a week in Barcelona. We are headed to Bermuda this summer. We enjoy off-season time at our house south of Myrtle Beach. We enjoy time with our boys and families — Steven, is about 15 minutes from us here in Greenville, NC and Paul is in Spartanburg, SC. I play golf, walk nearly everyday (with his bionic joint/s), and enjoy time with my friends and church groups, still playing guitar, but not as often as I need to. I have had some significant health challenges this past year but Donna has been amazing and God has been so faithful. Blessings to all my '72 classmates." Your update is great, Bill. You're doing exactly what you need to be doing…Keep moving!!

Our boots on the ground reporter from the streets of Williamsburg, **Laura Townsend,** continues to write frequently with always good intel. She writes, "I know this isn't coherent or following any particular order after three emails. I've also walked with Suzy Shields recently and I can't help but think Jamestown Road and the DoG Street gets the majority of foot traffic from the class of 72. **Nancy Kennedy Byrd** and I have been quite busy this spring it seems. We've gone to free movies at the library, a Black History Month celebration at the library, the musical swings at the library, and she even took this poor old culinary idiot to Aldi's and Grocery Outlet (new) and helped me discover a whole range of food options there! I'm looking forward to what will become another annual event with Nancy: the 7/11 crawl on 7/11 (**Denise Dahl**'s birthday for those who forgot). For those of you who are novices, this involves visiting every 7/11 in our glorious City Of Williamsburg to get a free Slurpee on 7/11 day! Nancy knows them all and she's got supplies in the car for when they melt! This was one of the best times I had last year was doing this with Nancy!" Nancy has so many hidden skills. Not surprising, we saw them back in the day too. Laura has intermittent visits from **Jane Scherer Haake**, **Denise Dahl**, **Sandy Scherberger Griffith,** and **Sheila Bacon** in Williamsburg. If you visit the city, check along DOG Street and Merchant's Square where you might find them enjoying coffee and fun times. Does **Frank Villa** even know where Williamsburg is anymore?









Speaking of….. **Frank Poncho Villa** continues to maintain his grip on The Athlete Extraordinaire Trophy. He writes (between events), "Starting from last year's report, I was scheduled to run the 50th anniversary Marine Corp Marathon. Mission accomplished! The Marine Corp swag for the event was some of the best. The most rewarding trip to finish off in 2025 was my 6th or 7th trip to Guatemala. For years I have been a small part of an organization called Vision for the Poor. They along with SEVA and the Guatemalan doctor group, Visualize, developed a Guatemalan national plan for eye care which now includes four eye hospitals and 20 plus vision centers. It all started with dirt floor clinics in the jungle and lines of patients waiting for eye care.

CLASS NOTES

2026 jumped off fast. With the philosophy of don't say no to opportunities, a group of the *older* [HA!!! Loosely applied, I'd say] runners from our run club (the Augusta Run Club) traveled to Morocco with hikes, runs and camel rides in the Sahara as well as travels down old markets streets. The spring trip to Portugal was rewarded with port on check-in at each hotel and with long beautiful hikes through vineyard full hills and valleys. On the horizon for the finish of 2026, we are trekking the Grand Canyon rim to rim in one day and visiting the Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland where one of our friends' brothers, who is a PhD physicist there, can attempt to explain the universe to us in simple terms. Keep it moving WA '72!" Wish Mr Jetli had access to this physics guy's simple terms…. maybe we could have understood chemistry better! OK, Poncho, do not think we've forgotten your record for coming to our reunions… Guatemala - check, Morocco - check, Portugal - check, Grand Canyon - soon to be check, WA reunion - fail, fail, fail. We'll just leave it right there….









John O'Connor writes in to report, "I retired last fall from Radford University as Professor Emeritus in the Art Department. Been busy catching up to 20 years of neglected projects in addition to chasing 5 G-Kids around Blacksburg. Around that, spending time up in Floyd County at my cabin and taking trips with my also recently retired wife. Life is good and maybe see you folks next year." You live in a beautiful part of Virginia, John, and you are taking good advantage of it. Maybe '72 mates need to have a destination reunion sometime….at your cabin!!

Robert Amsler, our faithful respondent and never ebbing carrier of the faith checked in as he always does. "Julie and I continue in retirement in Catlett, VA, although we are in the process of downsizing and considering relocation, given the size of our yard and the need to move into a more manageable place. I assist from time to time with music at Heritage Presbyterian Church in Warrenton, from which I retired in 2021, and I am "marrying and burying," officiating at weddings and funerals. I also keep a hand in ministry to Spanish-speakers. From a health perspective, we are "in good shape for the shape we are in," as one of Julie's doctors commented years ago. Both of us look forward to seeing everyone in 2027 at our 55th Reunion, if not before. Our class is indeed very special."

Rob Lorigan, our fearless leader who gets the Steady and Trustworthy Leader Trophy updates with, "Kim and I continue to enjoy retirement and with each passing year, things seem to be busier and not slowing down. We are still doing quite a bit of traveling and checking off some more of those bucket list items. On our trip to Iceland we crossed the Arctic Circle, saw an active volcano, visited a Puffin rookery, and ate fermented shark (well, Kim did anyway). Following that we spent two weeks in Australia and New Zealand. Australia was OK but NZ was our favorite. One highlight (aside from the many great wineries (yours is still the best JC)) was visiting Hobbiton (the set for Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit). It was quite magical and as you can see from a photo, being the vertically challenged person that I am, interior headroom was a bit challenging for me. I did manage to come across someone I call "my precious". Of course there were several trips to NC, Charlottesville, Seattle, and LA to visit kids and grandkids. Our next big adventure in 2027 is going to be an expedition (cruise) to Antarctica (before all the glaciers melt) and then to Peru to see Machu Picchu. Kim (my wonderful personal travel agent) has other things planned I am sure before we zero out the frequent flyer accounts for both of us."

Rob continues, "All is well with our blended family. The grandkids (7) are of course getting older. They are all fantastic and wonderful kids and each one is our favorite. [Keep it PC, right, Rob?] It is so much fun watching their parents deal with things like managing iPad time, social schedules, boy-friends/girlfriends, texting, sports events, drivers' licenses and car insurance. We get together as often as we can and enjoy every minute even though now, WE have to fit into their schedules.

And speaking of getting very special and wonderful people together, just make sure and put a reminder in your calendar for Fall 2027…for our 55th…yes 55th class reunion. Plenty of time to plan but I just wanted to remind you all….that YES -we are gonna have one! My best to all of you. Stay well, Stay healthy, and above all - Stay Happy."





Sheila Bacon gets the Most Famous Trophy (and she's just getting started!!). She writes, **"**Like everyone, COVID changed life— For me, I started playing music which I had not done in quite a while. I've always been singing but since then I have created a studio and learned much more guitar and sound engineering. I perform for private venues now quite a bit and really enjoy entertaining people. Especially people who like the music we grew up with— 60's-70's singer songwriter music. It's fun— I like to do **sing-a-long's** so tune up for our next reunion." Just wait, Sheila. We will be your best audience yet in the Fall of 2027. Do you need dancers? I have a few in mind….



CLASS NOTES

"My book, Last Stop, which is a portrait of New York City as seen from the ends of all of the subway lines, has been out for six months," writes **Brian Rose**. "I just got this very nice review: https://photobookjournal.com/2026/07/13/brian-rose-last-stop/ Last Stop was selected for the Belfast Photo Festival, which took place last month. My book was on display in a pavilion along with 25 other selected books." So great, Brian!!! You must be proud of your work and recent recognition. "I sent a copy of Last Stop to NYC Mayor Zohran Mamdani and received a nice thank you letter. In April I visited my son, Brendan, in Burlington, Vermont, where he was doing a six-month internship as a reporter for VTDigger, an online newspaper. And most recently, I was in Berlin adding to my ongoing project photographing the ghost of the Berlin Wall." Ok, you've got us intrigued, Brian. I think we need to know more about this project. Maybe the keynote speaker at our 55th reunion dinner? Brian finishes up with this, "And finally, the Knicks won, and I have never been more in love with a basketball team since the 1972 Walsingham Trojans!" That was an exciting run—for both teams.

Charlee Tramonte sends us her update from Texas, "I believe this year 2026 is the year of Our LORD's favor on me. My health has been the best and HIS blessings overflowing with friendship, like you all and soooo many whom keep in touch. The best gift I received for my 73rd Birthday was to visit and share an hour long walk in the desert with my son, Little T (48 years young) with a super birthday hug after not seeing him for 2 years. I went to a conference on Endurance in which I was richly blessed to meet Nicole C. Mullen (singer/song writer) who videoed The GOD WHO SEES, in Israel. I was sponsored to go to The Walk of Emmaus, which is an experience I will never forget which has changed my life. It's a mountain-top experience. It is spiritual renewal/banquet retreat for 72 hours.

I continue my volunteer work as a Spanish Instructor for PHCG (Pregnancy Health Center Galveston) for Esperanza. What an opportunity to teach the younger generation things I never was taught as a young mother. Giving them knowledge, caring, love and that life is precious. I also volunteer at the Homeless Street Ministry, every Saturday, which provides breakfast, lunch, water, clothing and basic necessity items to the homeless in Galveston. I also enjoyed an evening at the Grand Opera House in Galveston listening to the Texas Tenors. What incredible voices and what an enchanted evening celebrating America's 250th Birthday." Your life is certainly full, Charlee. We all send hope that you are back enjoying all your commitments and fully recovered from your automobile accident. Nothing can get you down!



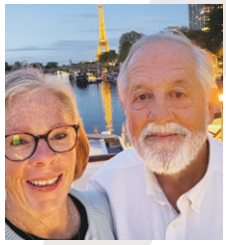
Andy Hord texted that he's still in Sarasota. He hasn't gotten enough of the hurricanes and floods threatening his growing art collection apparently. He said that **David Wood** (and sister) and **Gordon Eide** have visited him in the last year.

Julianna Holmes Grammo's input came in just under the wire. She gets the Producing Under Pressure Trophy. (How many of us might have owned that trophy during our WA time?? Me for sure!!) It seems that Julianna is bouncing from family gathering/reunion to family reunion/gathering all over the east coast. I had to create a spreadsheet to get them all straight. She went from a Chesapeake, VA Thanksgiving 2025 to an upstate NY Christmas with her son and family and presents. Her husband "enjoyed" his ice fishing competition in -20 degree windy weather with his son and grandson. Then back down to Herndon, VA for a second Christmas gathering. February found her back up to NY for her son's Army retirement just before hoping down to FL to visit the Mouse House (Disney) with her daughter and 2 grands. Apparently, all of this traveling is happening BEFORE her husband retires next year. Can you imagine their travel AFTER retirement. We'll definitely need a spreadsheet!!

Lou Oliver Brooks - Finally, I'll chime in. Life on the farm is pretty quiet — that's usually good news. The highlights seem to come when we get Farmer Tom off the farm. Last fall we traveled to the Burg for a 2/3 family reunion with my sister, Dougie, her family and all of our brood. We saw a fun W&M football game and enjoyed Merchant's Square all decked out for the holidays. Again, I was able to get Farmer Tom off the farm for a fun week in France in April — before the weather heated up. It was a great trip. As it is for many visitors, the most significant time was the visit to Normandy. It exceeded any of our expectations — which were high. Tom might have gotten a bit of the travel bug. Where shall we go next? Since then the summer has been beating us down…like most of the class, depending on where you are. More recently, our class was well represented Williamsburg at the life celebration for Mrs. Walklett, the mother of 9 children with strong Catholic ties to their time living in Williamsburg during our elementary, junior and high school years. She was 100+ years old! Preston (number 4, I think) was at WA from Kindergarten to 6th grade and again for 8th & 9th grade. His family made up most of our dominating (sorry, Rob!) summer swim team which was a huge part of my summer life. Preston was in the class ahead of us and was close friends with several of our classmates. He shared the story that, because he was responsible for paying his tuition for his return to WA in 8th and 9th grade, he had a part time job at school. He and **John Christie '71** worked for….Lemuel. That's not a typo. How in the world?!?!? Needless to say, there were quite a few never before told stories shared that afternoon. We had **Gordon Eide**, **John Chohany**, **Mark Riley**, **Susie Anthony**, **Don Ackert** (by phone) and me enjoying a mini reunion. Everyone was doing well.









CLASS NOTES

On a somber note, we are all moving towards a stage of life with increasing significant losses. Some of us have already had such losses and there will be more for sure. We are sorry for the recent loss of Randy Moyles, **Laura Townsend**'s longtime partner and of Helen Mackay's sister, **Ann Mackay '73** who is one of our two honorary classmates. Learning to navigate life without the physical presence of those who were so present in our earthly lives is a difficult journey. Our class holds those suffering close and sends prayers and love. Helen shares that her family will have a full Scottish send off on October 17th, 11 am in Moncks Corner, SC at Mepkin Abby Columbarium. Every Mackay will be decked out in full tartan regalia, and a piper will usher Ann off to the "Bonnie, Bonnie Banks". All are welcome.

That's it!! I think we may have climbed back up on top of the class notes competition. Our class is awarded the Trophy for The Best and Most Dependable Class Submitting Updates Consistently Every Time With No Lies So Far. (It's going to be a big trophy to get that inscribed on it!) Pat yourselves on the back and keep that pen (still a pencil for some of us…) busy, making notes for this time next year. Make plans to do good and fun things so you'll stay healthy, engaged AND have great stories for the alumni updates!

1974

This past May, **Greg Force**, **Scott Chance**, and **Tommy Stone** visited Walsingham Academy to tour the Upper School! Great to have them back on campus!





1977

Tommy Gilman is leading a team planning their 50th high school reunion in 2027. Please email him your contact information including full name, email address and cell number. His email address is thgilman@gmail.com. Tommy looks forward to hearing from you and soliciting your input as they plan for this momentous event.

1978

Nick DiMeglio and Martha have moved back to Williamsburg and are living at Governor's Land. Nick had a successful career with The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company as General Manager for The Ritz-Carlton Club, Aspen Highlands in Aspen, Colorado. He became an Area General Manager and Vice President for the brand. He recently retired as General Manager for the Ocean Forest Golf Club in Sea Island, Georgia.

1984

Christina McCoy is trying to reconnect with classmates! She would love for anyone in the Class of 1984 to reach out to her at christinakmccoy@icloud.com.

1989

Vincent Flango writes: The U.S. Navy is sponsoring me this year to pursue a Master of Liberal Arts (ALM) in Artificial Intelligence at Harvard University. It's an incredible opportunity to build on my background in education, training, and military service.

1992

In October 2025, **Nick Sutingco** (now a WA Parent) caught up with Mrs. Louise Pearson over lunch!



1994

Teresa Yoder, former Upper School music teacher, has been traveling around the country and making time to reconnect with Walsingham alumni along the way! This year, Teresa caught up with **Renee Fincke** for a wonderful visit filled with memories and stories from Renee's Walsingham days. We love seeing the Walsingham community stay connected near and far. Be sure to keep a lookout for Teresa Yoder as she continues her travels.







2000

Laura Carini was appointed Roanoke City Attorney in March 2026!

2003

Sterling Whitehead and his wife recently celebrated 14 years of marriage!

2005

Brooke Bandy Man and her husband, Christian, welcomed their 3rd child, Louisa, in Memphis, TN.

Brian Twiddy pictured here with his family, wife Darley and sons, Brian III, Cullen, and Hudson.



2006

The Class of 2006 will be celebrating their 20th Class Reunion on November 24, 2026 at Old City Barbecue. For more information on reunion details, please contact **Laura Hayes Chalk** at laura.danielle.hayes@gmail.com.

CLASS NOTES

Laura Hayes Chalk and her husband, Jared, welcomed their daughter, Caroline, this summer. They live in Norfolk, Virginia, with Caroline's big brother, Stewart, and big sister, Charlotte.



2008



Angela Barra Whittington recently had a new baby boy, Oliver James Whittington! Congratulations to Angela and her family!

Olivia Twiddy Zehner pictured here with her husband Matt, and children Madelynn and Charlie. This was taken on the Madelynn's first day of Junior Kindergarten at Walsingham Academy!



2010

Madeline Duke Fetters writes: Our daughter Emma was born March 2025! Big brothers Duke (March 2020) & Paul (July 2022) love her!

2013

Mackenzie Karnes Duncan continues to live in Charlotte, North Carolina with her husband, William, and their eldest son, Hales. Early this year, they welcomed their second son, Wade. Unfortunately, Wade was born too early for this earth and passed onto the Lord shortly after his birth. The Duncans are active members of their church, Myers Park Presbyterian and neighborhood.

Jennifer Hula writes started job as case manager at Rutter Mills in March!

2014

Cole Sanderson has been promoted to a Multisite Community Manager role overseeing two apartment complexes in Williamsburg, Sterling Manor and The Whitworth.

2015

Jenna Hamra writes, "I tied the knot in September 2025, and of course Courtney Carpenter was maid of honor. I then graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy in May 2026. I've since started a new role as a Pelvic Health and Sports Physical Therapist at Zia Physiotherapy and Performance, working with patients in the VA/DC area!"









Brett Smith is still working at Whitley's Peanuts and welcomed his daughter named Hallie Cil Smith on December 18, 2025. Brett also visited Walsingham Academy in October 2025!

2016

Emily Mauk Sweeney and her husband, Blake, welcomed their son, Walter David Sweeney, on December 21, 2025.



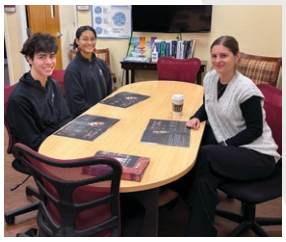
2019

Cary Hula married Hunter Moore in June 2025 at her family's home in Charles City. The couple is enjoying married life outside of Raleigh, North Carolina, where they recently purchased their first home. Cary has completed her third-year teaching 2nd grade in Bunn, NC, and will begin teaching 1st grade next school year. Together, they enjoy spending time with family and friends and life with their dogs, Tucker and Kujo, as they begin this exciting new chapter.



2020

Alexandra Haggerty visited WA in September 2025 to chat with Upper School students about the University of Virginia. As an Admissions Counselor for UVA, she shared with students about what UVA offers and what it's like to attend in the future.



2023



Congratulations to **Mary Blinn**, who graduated in May from the University of Miami with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and History. She is excited to begin her postgrad chapter.

Anne Barry, entering her last year at William & Mary pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, returned as a counselor at Walsingham Summer Daze this past summer and



has been working at WA Extended Care during her school breaks. She was recently hired to be a long-term Teacher's Assistant sub at Walsingham, bringing her fantastic energy back to the WA classrooms that shaped her! She has also been student teaching this past year at Clara Bryd Baker, a Williamsburg Public Elementary School, working with their energetic younger students in a Kindergarten classroom.

Elizabeth "Libby" Knight worked as a data science intern for Technical Systems Integration (TSI) this past summer, continuing to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Data Science!

Jake Falcone writes: This past year at VMI has been a very long one. From my last XC season to getting my ring there have been many milestones during this one year. I'm currently a rising senior and excited for my final year of undergraduate. I've continued my passion for photography serving as the lead editor of VMI's yearbook and continuing my at VMI's Communications and Marketing team as a photographer. You can find many of my photos on VMI's official social media channels and Flickr page. Through this role, I had the opportunity to photograph many exciting events including parades, rat line events, games, heading down to Charleston for the Citadel game, and even being able to take photos during the Governor inauguration day parade. I once again attended the American Society of Civil Engineers Virginias' Student Symposium, where I competed in the Sandcastle Competition placing second and in the Geo-Wall Engineering Competition placing third. This past year I had the role of a S7 Staff Sergeant, where I got to help facilitate cadet life activities from formals to movie nights. I also had the privilege to be a member of the Cadet Superintendent Advisory Board (CSAB). As a member of the CSAB I meet weekly with other students to discuss and plan improvements for the corps. Due to my membership on the board I was selected to attend the American Valor: A Salute to Our Heroes conference where I was able to hear the stories of veterans, Medal of Honor recipients, service members, and families whose courage and sacrifice continue to shape our nation. As well as visit the Norwegian Embassy, meet Rosie the Riveter and Olympic gold medalist Melvin Pender Jr. The biggest moment of the year was receiving my class ring. Its a milestone earned after completing over four semesters of challenge, growth, and shared experience. This ring has been worn by Medal of Honor recipients, Rhodes Scholars, military leaders, Nobel Peace Prize winners, and Supreme Court justices. I'm incredibly proud and grateful to finally join this legacy. Next year I will be a S7 lieutenant while anticipating my graduation in the spring. This summer, I'm working as a Civil Engineering intern for James City Service Authority.















2025

This past January, **Nick Primich** returned to campus, during his semester break from the University of Notre Dame, to kick – off the Trojan Math Modeling Teams' preparation for the 2025 – 2026 M3C challenge. Nick educated the teams on all aspects of the competition from preparation to competition day. He shared insights on brainstorming, types of models, use of technology, team interactions, roles and responsibilities and competition day scheduling.





In November, our Kindergarteners enjoyed a visit from Dr. Bob Stowers and alumna **Vera Duncan**, who returned to share their children's book *The Adventures of Jackson: The Mouse in the House*. They read aloud, talked about creating the book, and even gifted Walsingham a signed copy.





Remembering Alumni, Friends, and Family

- To the family and friends of **Michele Ahern Eye '60**.
- **Cynthia Campas Irons '61** on the passing of her brother, **Pete Campas '64**.
- **Deborah Walklet Smith '70**, Preston Walklet, Richard Walklet, and Phillip Walklet on the passing of their mother, Gretchen "Peggy" Walklet.
- **Kathleen MacKay Bounds '70** and Helen MacKay Lopez on the passing of their sister, **Ann MacKay '73.**
- **Laura Townsend '72** on the passing of her partner, Danny Moyles.
- **Constance Chalkley Forbes '73**, **Theresa Chalkley Williams '75**, and **Thomas Chalkley '76** on the passing of their sister, **Linda Chalkley Hinnant '67** and brother, **Neal Chalkley '70.**
- To the family and friends of **Bob Salisbury Jr. '75.**
- To the family and friends of **William Petersen '79.**
- To the family and friends of **Christina DeVincentis '80.**
- **Jarratt Harvell '98**, **Sarah Harvell Giraldi '03**, and **Samantha Sydnor Harvell '98** on the passing of their father and father-in-law, Clifford Harvell.
- **Brad Boynton '98** on the passing of his father, Steve Boynton.
- **Meghan Grunkemeyer '00** on the passing of her mother, Patricia Grunkemeyer.
- **Joy Brantley Carder '01** and **Gwendolyn Brantley '03** on the passing of their mother, June Brantley.
- **Bryan Norsworthy Jr. '17, Martha Norsworthy '20,** and **Elizabeth Norsworthy '22** on the passing of their father, Bryan A. Norsworthy.
- **Christian Carter '19**, **David Carter '21**, and **Benjamin Carter '26** on the passing of their grandfather.
- **Harrison Zima '23** and **Hayden Zima '25** on the passing of their father, Richard Zima.
- **Samantha Broady '25** and Jennifer and Ronald Broady on the passing of their grandmother, mother-in-law, and mother, Barbara Broady.
- **Samantha Broady '25** and Jennifer and Ronald Broady on the passing of their grandfather, father-in-law, and father, Jerry Arnette.
- The family and friends of Stephen Zagursky, Jr., grandfather to **Reagan Jay '30.**
- The family and friends of Hazel Carr, grandmother to **Lily Carr '32.**
- The family and friends of Sharon Swift, grandmother to **Charlotte Dues '32 and Joseph Dues '34.**
- The family and friends of James Bradley, grandfather to **Robert Enzor Jr. '27, Erin Enzor '30**, and **Lila Bradley '36**.
- The family and friends of James Early.
- The family and friends of Sister Rose Morris.
- Gretchen Roche on the passing of her mother and father.
- The family and friends of Sister Helen Marie Cahill.
- **John Kokolis '90, Stephanie Kokolis Pezzo '98, Nicole Hagopian '22, Noelle Kokolis '24, Arianna Kokolis '27, James Kokolis '29, Nicholas Kokolis '35**, and family and friends on the passing of their father, uncle, and grandfather, James Kokolis.
- **William O'Connell III '86** and **Cathleen O'Connell Ashby '87** on the passing of their father, William E. O'Connell Jr.

IN MEMORY OF

Sister Helen Marie Cahill, RSM



Sister Helen Marie Cahill, RSM, age 100, a Sister of Mercy for 82 years, passed away peacefully on October 7, 2026. She taught at Walsingham Academy from 1955–1957, teaching Algebra, Trigonometry, Latin, and Geometry, and returned from 1965–1969 to teach English, Religion, Yearbook, Newspaper, and Forensics. She will be remembered for her dedication to education and the lasting impact she made on the Walsingham community.

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