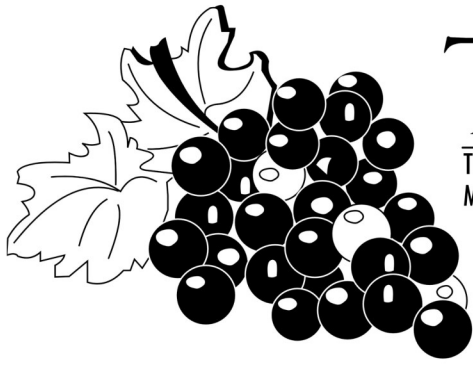


# THE GRAPEVINE

The Newsletter for Friends and Alumni of Prince of Peace Catholic School, Prince of Peace College Preparatory, Mater Dei High School, St. Mary's High School, Mt. St. Clare Academy, and Our Lady of Angels Academy



## Welcome!

Prince of Peace Catholic School is pleased to present this publication of *The Grapevine*.

This semiannual newsletter is sent to alumni and friends of Catholic education to update them on events happening at their school.

If you are a parent receiving this newsletter for a child who has moved, please pass along his or her address. This information can be mailed to the school or emailed to [nate.vanderbleek@prince.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:nate.vanderbleek@prince.pvt.k12.ia.us)

We'd also love to hear your updates so we can publish them in our next issue!

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## A Letter from our Principal

by Joseph E. Brown, Sr.

As a young boy attending St. Irenaeus Elementary School from 1956 to 1962, I looked up with great interest and pride to St. Mary's High School.

I left Clinton after graduating from Mount St. Clare College in 1971 to complete my college studies at William Penn University in Oskaloosa.

After being gone from Clinton for fifty years, I returned to my hometown in January 2022 with plans to retire after serving as a school administrator in Minnesota for thirty years.

My realtor, Mary Swanson, informed me that Prince of Peace needed a principal due to a late resignation. I asked, "What is Prince of Peace?" She said that it used to be called Mater Dei. I asked, "What is Mater Dei?" She said it used to be called St. Mary's. When I learned that Prince of Peace was the name of the consolidated PreK-12 Catholic school, I jumped at the chance to serve as principal.

Since the passage of the Students First Act by the Iowa State Legislature (thus establishing the Education Savings Account program), our K-12 enrollment



has grown by over ten percent. One hundred and thirty of our two hundred and fourteen students qualify for the program, which provides \$7,500 of state aid per student to attend Prince of Peace. As a result, students enrolled in the program attend Prince of Peace for absolutely no tuition cost.

Prince of Peace serves a diverse group of students. Fifty percent of our students are Catholic and fifty percent are non-Catholic, with the latter group including students of multiple other denominations, and some coming from no faith background at all. However, no matter where you come from, all of our students participate in an all-encompassing Catholic education focused on the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels.

Additionally, twenty-five percent of our students identify as

## Greve Heads to XC State as Freshman



Even though Ryan Greve is only a freshman, he did not let his lack of experience hold him back in his first high school cross country season.

Greve showed incredible improvement this season, improving his 5K time by more than three minutes from the start of the year.

Greve began the season *Greve, continued on page 3*



Photo courtesy of Clinton Herald.

# Students Experiencing Government First-Hand

High school students at Prince of Peace are receiving an up-close view of local and national politics. Principal Joseph E. Brown, Sr., who also serves as the high school government teacher, has put a special emphasis on exposing his students to the inner workings of our government.

“I think it is very important that students understand why our government and elections are so important,” says Brown.

“I am always very careful to present students to both sides of

every issue, allowing them to draw their own conclusions.”

“We are very blessed to live here in Iowa because we get a front-row seat to the national election scene in our country,” says Brown. “Every presidential candidate typically makes multiple stops to our area and it is very easy to rub shoulders with the decision-makers in our nation.”

*Prince of Peace Catholic School does not endorse or promote any political candidates or political parties. ♣*



*Prince of Peace students attended a town hall meeting with Nikki Haley in Grand Mound. Haley, the former governor of South Carolina and United States Ambassador to the United Nations, is running for President in 2024. (Left to right): Lilly Smith (junior), Kiersten Lubs (senior), Ambassador Haley, Kyla Bellich (sophomore), Principal Joseph Brown, Madison Schnier (senior), and Devynn Mosquito (senior).*



*Prince of Peace senior Nicholas Mateos speaks with a voter at the Clinton County Administration building. Mateos worked as an election poll worker for the State of Iowa city and school elections on November 7th, 2023 and received high marks from his fellow poll workers. Photo courtesy of Clinton Herald.*



*Iowa State Senator Chris Cournoyer chats with Prince of Peace senior Joey Malueg. Senator Cournoyer visited the seniors' government class and the juniors' American history class this November. She said that she was very impressed with Prince of Peace's students and said that they asked very good and very interesting questions.*

## I Want to Bang on the Drum All Day



*Middle and high school students have a new fine arts opportunity this school year. Justin Soenksen, who is the son of Sharon (Sullivan) Soenksen (MSCA '78), has been coaching students in Percussion Club. Members learn the ins and outs of drumming and are preparing for a drumline show at this year's Homecoming game.*



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# New Rivals, Forever Teammates



Prince of Peace alumni Lilly Isenbour (POPCS 2023, second row, third from left) and Shannon Kenneavy (POPCS 2023, second row, fourth from left) faced off on the volleyball court for the first time on Tuesday, September 12th. Isenbour plays for Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, Illinois and Kenneavy plays for Black Hawk College in Moline, Illinois. The current Prince of Peace volleyball team (as well as some more alumni) attended the game to cheer them on!



Brody Dehner (POPCS 2023, left) and Marcus Blount (POPCS 2023, right) saw each other on opposite sides of the soccer pitch for the first time on Tuesday, August 29th. Dehner, who plays for Scott Community College in Bettendorf, and Blount, who plays for Black Hawk College in Moline, Illinois, played together on the Prince of Peace soccer team for four years.

*Greve, continued from page 1*

at Iowa City Regina where he finished in 102nd place with a time of 21:25.27.

"It's been phenomenal since that first meet where he ran over 21 minutes to then go out and run 18:05 at districts on the same exact course. It's just a huge improvement," cross country head coach Owen Howard (POPCP '04) told the Clinton Herald. Greve finished in ninth place to propel himself to Fort Dodge in his freshman season.

"I had the right mindset going into it. I put my heart out there and gave it all I had," Greve said.

While Greve was the only Irish runner to qualify for state, he credits his teammates for their role in his success. "My teammates have been pushing me quite a bit in practice and I've got a good coach who's been putting me through a good schedule. We've just got a

great team all around."

This marks the eighth straight year that Irish have sent at least one runner to cross country state.

On Friday, October 27th, Greve ran for the first time in Fort Dodge, finishing 137th with a time of 19:46.5. While it wasn't the finish he wanted, Ryan has so much to be proud of.

"He left it all out on the course," said Coach Howard.

Greve also has received a nomination for the Boys Cross County Runner of the Year Award from the Clinton Herald for his stellar season. We look forward to seeing him continue to succeed next season. 🍀



Be sure to save the date for the twenty-seventh annual Irish Dinner Auction! The evening will be complete with live and silent auctions! All are welcome: school families, alumni, community members, and more! We hope to see you at the Vista Grande in Clinton on Saturday, March 23rd, 2024!

## Class of '68 Celebrates Fifty-Five Years



The St. Mary's High School Class of 1968 celebrated fifty-five years this past September. Front row (left to right): Bob Kunavich, Nora Knight, Mary (Rowan) Dalrymple, Maggie (McGovern) Henry, Barb (Dunlavy) Brown, Kathy (Ugarph) Policha. Back row (left to right): Ron Holliday, Jim Horst, Tom Determann, Doug McClintock, Jerry Frett, Bill Droste, Jerry Banse.

*Principal, continued from page 1*  
a member of an ethnic or racial minority group.

This school year, we have picked up thirty-five new students from regional public schools. We have witnessed the most growth in first, second, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade.

We have provided tours weekly to students and parents who are researching their options for the 2024-2025 school year. Personally, I am projecting an additional thirty to forty students next school year. With our current campus, we have the physical capacity to serve a total of three hundred and fifty students.

Parents are seeking a small school environment that is both physically and emotionally safe for their children. One of the goals of Prince of Peace is to

provide a sanctuary of safety for our students, faculty, support staff, and parents.

Our world is ever-changing. While Catholic schools in Clinton may look a little (or maybe even a lot) different from when you tossed your cap, our commitment to the students of the Gateway area has never been stronger: to provide a robust and challenging academic setting for our children, while also fostering our students to build a relationship with Christ. That is one thing that will never change.

On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff of Prince of Peace Catholic School, we are very excited to see what happens next in our school's history. We are very grateful that all of you can also be part of it. ♣

## A Commitment to Mental Health



Junior high and high school students at Prince of Peace welcomed Kirk Smalley from Stand for the Silent. Mr. Smalley, who is from Perkins, Oklahoma, travels the country to speak with students about the impact of bullying and his experience with suicide.



Prince of Peace is very grateful to Mr. Smalley, Stand for the Silent, and Speak Out Against Suicide for helping to bring mental health programming to our students. ♣

## In Memoriam

### 1940s

Marcella (Hohenhorst) Isenhardt, 96, of Dubuque (MSCA '44) 10/30/22

Gloria Maskel, 95, of Davenport (SMHS '45) 5/26/23

Hazel (Meyers) Miller, 96, of Iowa City (SMHS '46) 5/13/23

James J. Brown, 93, of Clinton (SMHS '47) 6/14/23

Mary (McCarthy) Holle, 92, of Clinton (MSCA '48) 8/3/22

Joan (Fielder) Lawrence, 92, of Camanche (OLA '49) 7/8/23

### 1950s

Mary Lou (Monahan) Kraciun, 88, of Marion (SMHS '53) 9/15/23

Mary Lou (Hilgendorf) Johnson, 85, of Clinton (OLA '56) 7/7/23

### 1960s

Frederick Paysen, 79, of South Beloit, IL (SMHS '60) 3/30/21

Karen (Heisterkamp) Nickel, 80, of Sykesville, MD (SMHS '60) 12/26/22

Jeanette (Jones) Thompson, 80, of Bettendorf (MSCA '60) 12/30/22

Nancy (Finn) Grim, 81, of Camanche (MSCA '60) 11/12/23

Joseph Boeker, 78, of Clinton (SMHS '63) 9/19/23

Linda (Cooper) Troxel, 79, of Clinton (SMHS '63) 10/18/23

James Runge, 75, of Clinton (SMHS '66) 7/6/23

Lawrence Reinhart, 73, of Ottumwa (SMHS '67) 6/26/23

### 1980s

Greg Lemke, 60, of Carefree, AZ (SMHS '80) 10/16/22

Carrie (Lingle) Roque, 57, of Redondo Beach, CA (MDHS '84) 2/2/23

### Friends

Odelia Schrunck, 91, of Clinton, 8/20/23

Patricia McCarthy, 84, of Clinton, 11/2/23

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

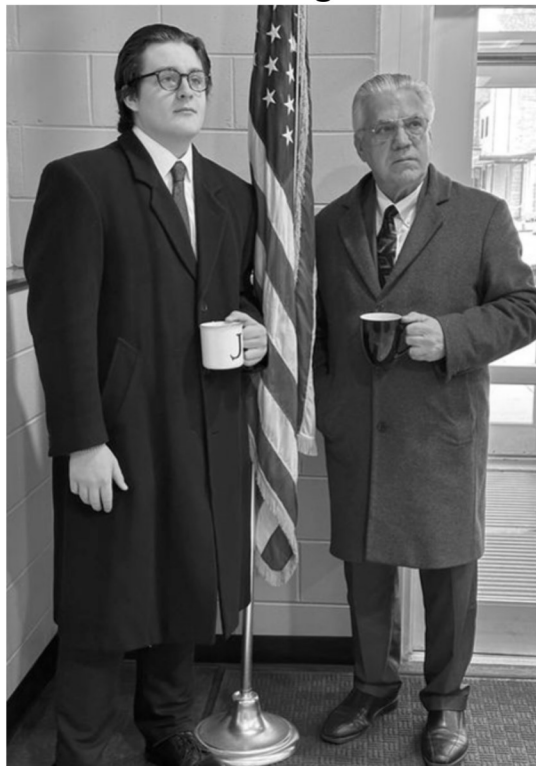
May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

The staff of *The Grapevine* makes our best effort to monitor and record the deaths of alumni and friends of our school community. We sincerely apologize if we missed your loved one in this list. Please feel free to contact us at 563-242-1663 and we will be sure to include them in our next issue.



## Are You Seeing Double?

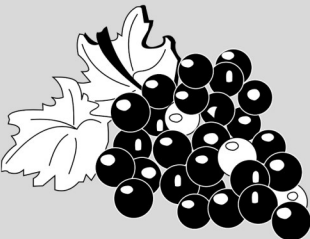


There is nothing wrong with your television set. Do not attempt to adjust the picture. Our students always enjoy dressing up for Halloween. But Prince of Peace senior Jack Newcomb took his costume to the next level by dressing up as Principal Joe Brown. Just to be clear, the real Principal Brown is the one on the right.

## Pledging Their Allegiance



Mrs. Jones' fourth grade class was invited to the Clinton Fire Department's Central Fire Station on September 11th for their Day of Remembrance. Mrs. Jones' class led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and were joined by Clinton Mayor Scott Maddasion, Clinton County Sheriff Bill Greenwalt, Clinton Fire Chief Joel Atkinson, and many more from our community.



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### Prince of Peace School Foundation

The Prince of Peace School Foundation enables Prince of Peace Catholic School to continue offering quality education for the children of our Parish and community. Please support the Prince of Peace School Foundation through a bequest and/or other planned giving vehicle. For information, please contact Nate Vander Bleek, Director of Advancement, at 563-242-1663. ♣

| Revenue & Expenses<br>Year Ended June 30, 2023 |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| <i>Beginning Balance - July 1, 2022</i>        |                       |
| Money Market                                   | \$ 50,574.09          |
| Investments                                    | \$ 932,211.91         |
| Capital Improvements                           | \$ 103,892.64         |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>\$1,086,678.64</b> |
| <i>Additions</i>                               |                       |
| Interest/Dividends                             | \$ 25,334.97          |
| STCG/LTCG/Net gain                             | \$ 17,145.35          |
| Donations/Mem/Bequests                         | \$ 13,931.41          |
| <b>Total Additions</b>                         | <b>\$56,411.73</b>    |
| <i>Disbursements</i>                           |                       |
| Prince of Peace School                         | \$ 55,851.11          |
| PoP Monthly Fees                               | \$ 17,500.00          |
| Invoices                                       | \$ 1,017.01           |
| Other Expenses                                 | \$ 200.00             |
| <b>Total Disbursements</b>                     | <b>(\$74,568.12)</b>  |
| <i>Ending Balance - June 30, 2023</i>          |                       |
| Money Market                                   | \$ 14,142.25          |
| Investments                                    | \$ 947,565.64         |
| Capital Improvements                           | \$ 106,814.36         |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>\$1,068,522.25</b> |
| <b>Foundation Fair Market Value</b>            |                       |
| Money Market                                   | \$ 14,142.25          |
| Investments                                    | \$ 1,074,279.96       |
| Capital Improvements                           | \$ 90,097.57          |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>\$1,178,519.78</b> |

# Remember When?



## 60 Years Ago

St. Mary's students and parishoners pay tribute three days after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

*From St. Mary's Prelude 1964*

## 40 Years Ago

The cast of the spring 1984 musical, *The Fantasticks*, pose for their tableaux.

*From Mater Dei Shamrock 1984*



## 30 Years Ago

"Roast the Raiders"! The opening tip of the 1994 Homecoming game was a step on the journey to an undefeated season for the Irish boys.

*From Mater Dei Irish Pride 1994*

## 20 Years Ago

Students strike a pose at the 2004 Homecoming Dance!

*From Prince of Peace Director's Cut 2004*



## 10 Years Ago

The Class of 2014 celebrates their Baccalaureate Mass at Sacred Heart.

*From Prince of Peace Yearbook 2014*

# Forty Years Ago... Mater Dei wins again

On Saturday, October 29th, 1983, the Lady Irish volleyball team from Mater Dei High School forever cemented their names in the record books. The ladies had won their third straight Class 1A State title.

Led by head coach Jan Thyne, the Irish had to fight back from 2-0 deficit against Dike High School in the finals before clinching the final three sets 15-10, 15-9, 15-10. ♣



The Irish volleyball team completed their "three-peat" forty years ago this fall. Members of the winning squad include: front row (left to right) Kim (Krause) Durr, Kim (Walton) Treadwell, Katie Wolfe, Ann (McCarthy) Kohl, and Megan (DeWitt) Irmen. Back row (left to right) Chris (Hitchcock) Robertson, Michelle Mussmann, Anne (Lingle) Strawser, Mary (Witt) Michaelson, Michelle (Eads) Chasey, Barb (Thomas) Woods, and Nancy (Farrell) Smith.



## (Last) First Day of School



Prince of Peace seniors (left to right) Jack Newcomb, Joey Malueg, and Jaxon Dehner recreated a photo from their first grade first day of school on their twelfth grade first day of school. *Some things just never change!*



Don't miss this year's spring musical! "Once On This Island, Jr." is set to take the stage on April 11th, 12th, and 13th, 2024!



Freshmen Claire Kenneavy (left) and Sophie Schultz (right) apply temporary tattoos at Prince of Peace Preschool. High school students took the trip to help the pre-kindergarten classes with their Fall Party.

## Irish Athletes Honored

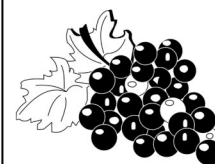


Our Prince of Peace student-athletes were honored at the 2022-2023 Clinton Herald Athletic Performers of the Year Awards. (From left to right): Shannon Kenneavy (POPCS '23) was honored as the Volleyball Defensive Athlete of the Year and was nominated for the Girls Soccer Player of the Year award. Sarah Moeller (POPCS '23) was honored the Girls Basketball Defensive Athlete of the Year, Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year, the Female Athlete of the Year, and was nominated for the Girls Basketball Defensive Athlete of the Year. Marcus Blount (POPCS '23) was honored as the Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year, the Boys Soccer Player of the Year, and was nominated for the Male Athlete of the Year award and the Boys Basketball Defensive Athlete of the year award. Hakeal Powell (sophomore) was nominated for the Boys Basketball Offensive Player of the Year award. Congratulations! 🍀

## Fifty Years for SMHS Class of '73



On August 12th, 2023, the St. Mary's High School Class of 1973 celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their graduation. Those present include: Front row (left to right): Bob Jensen, Liz (Griffin) Fagan, Danette (Cavanaugh) Hunt, Sue (Ugarph) Wamsley, Sandy (Ugarph) Vath, Mary (Van Nieuwenhuysse) McLaughlin. Middle row (left to right): Steve Smith, Mark Spittler, Irma Goddard, Liz (Ewers) Loeffelholz, Mary (Dehner) Jensen, Barb (Donabue) Rohlf, Jean (Piecznski) Spain. Back row (left to right): Steve King, Bob Haen, Mark Lingle, Dave Kaup, Doug Rempfer, Steve Witt, Marty Krogman.



# HOMECOMING 2024

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

IRISH VS SPRINGVILLE

JV BEGINS @ 5:30PM

All alumni are invited to the 2024 Prince of Peace Homecoming game! Whether you are an alum of St. Mary's, Mater Dei, OLA, or Mount St. Clare, we want to see you! JV games begin at 4:30pm on Friday, February 2, 2024 at the Joe O'Donnell Sports Center (515 8th Avenue South). Free admission for all alumni!



## Let's Catch Up!

We want to hear from you! Is there any interesting news or events that have happened recently in your life? Did you get a new job or promotion? Have you recently been married or added a new member to your family? Have you moved? We encourage you to share your news with us and your fellow alums!



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