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Parents Praise Prince of Peace Catholic School*

We are the parents of four boys currently attending Prince of Peace Catholic School. We have been a part of this school community since our sixth graders began kindergarten in 2004. When choosing a school for our children we wanted a place where they would receive a quality education but also be exposed to strong Catholic values. We have found both of these things at Prince of Peace Catholic School. Our children have been privileged to experience small class sizes, quality-based curriculum, and an excellent group of teachers and staff members from which to learn.

Experiencing daily school life in a K-12 building has allowed our boys to interact with students both young and old. They see the upper class students living out the values they are learning by respecting and looking out for the younger students. As parents it is a rewarding feeling knowing that our children are aspiring to be responsible, respectful individuals from watching these modeling behaviors.

Our experiences here have been very positive and we are happy with the choice we made for our boys to attend this school. Our whole family feels very fortunate to be a part of Prince of Peace Catholic School: an A+ Catholic School!

Pat and Beth Dickherber

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Have you chosen a Catholic education for your children based on your Catholic education experiences?

Do you feel your Catholic education gave you a distinct advantage throughout life? In your career? In raising your children?

If so, we want to hear about it! Email your story to : ccsalumni2012@gmail.com

2012 Homecoming Court

From left:
King: Travis Witt
Queen: Hannah Peart
Senior Attendants:
Cameron Ryan
Megan Vicks
Junior Attendants:
Warren Lewis
Megan Mulholland
Sophomore Attendants:
Nic Roth
Halee Vicks
Freshman Attendants:
Connor Evers
Erin Kuehn

Do you have homecoming photos from your high school days to share?
Email them to us at:
ccsalumni2012@gmail.com
You might see them in a future **Grapevine!**

We are looking for old yearbooks! If you have any you would like to donate, please call Karen Witt, Development Director at the school office at 563-242-1663

Class Reunions

We apologize for getting so far behind in our news. We know there have been many class reunions celebrated since the last Grapevine. It is not too late to submit a photo and names from your class reunion. Email to: ccsalumni2012@gmail.com

Class of '81 Meets

The Mater Dei Class of 1981 reunited July 1st - July 4th, 2011. Carolyn (Matheny) Petersen; Chris Duggan; Cindy (Dehner) Gifford; Dennis Lemke; Maria (Meyers)Lemke ; Jay Herkleman; Karen (Springer) Steiner; Laura (Hilgendorf) Krogman; Lisa (Blohm) Herkleman; Madonna (Sullivan) Berry; Mark Peters; Marty Dunne; Mike Merdian; Mike Witt; Norma (Chaney) Kuehn; Randy Vens; Brenda (Thomas) Vens; Sheri (Lacourse) Johnson; Steve Manakowski; Steve Piper; Tom Cox; Tom Stuer; Mark Poole; Brian Kenney; Jean (Winowski) Rursch; Corrine Kuehl; Mark Walton Sheila Hickenbottom; Mike VanBuer

Class of '56 Meets

The St. Mary's graduating class of 1956 met October of 2011 to celebrate their 55th class reunion. Participants included Leah Rae Hyde, Mary Ann Beulow, JoAnne (Rockwell) Neubert, Donna (Mussman) Thornbloom, Cathy (Kopp) George, Barb (Sanderson) Flood, Mary (Kinney) Martin, Carleen (Gruntorad) Minaldi, Jim Holle, Denny Dinneen, Don Yellman, Pat (Lawlor) Fernandez, Jerry Jackson, Don Hilgendorf and Jon Bristol.

A Big Thank You to the Class of 1956 for their generous class gift. Much good will come from it.

Class of '61 Meets

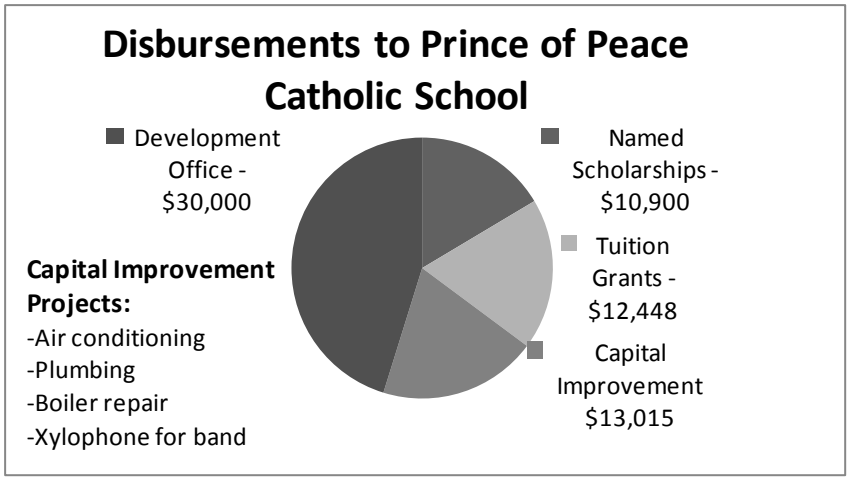
St. Mary's class of 1961 held their 50th class reunion August 26 & 27th. Those in attendance were: Fran Edens, Pat McDonnell, Louise Welch, Karen MacDonald, Pat Eads, Larry Stillings, Gretchen Hlubek, Connie Hendricks, Mary Lou Richter, Jim Winkel, Dick DeHaven, Paul Yellman, Dave Pottratz, Matt Rimmer, Margaret Rickerl, Dave Carmody, Mike Rupp, Jack Eads, Donna Kahler, Rick Powers, Margaret Burke, Joe Spittler, Gary LaCourse, Bill Soesbe, Mike Clemence and Dick Spain.

Prince of Peace Catholic School appreciates the class gift presented by the Class of 1961. Your financial support will be put to good use. **Thank you!**

Prince of Peace Catholic School Foundation Annual Report for Year Ending June 30, 2012

Revenue & Expenses For Year Ended June 30, 2012

Beginning Balance - July 1, 2011		$841,341.95
Foundation Additions		
Donations, Memorials, & Bequests	$38,796.92	
Investment Gains	2,303.91	
Dividends & Interest Received	21,674.49	
Total Foundation Increases		$ 62,775.32
Foundation Disbursement		
Grants to Prince of Peace Schools	$66,363.99	
Total Foundation Disbursement		$ (66,363.99)
Ending Balance - June 30, 2012		$837,753.28



Statement of Assets

Fair Market Value as of June 30, 2012

Money Market	$ 14,984.61
Investments	866,710.93
Total	$881,695.54

Foundation Board of Directors

Cyndi Winter, President	Ricci Aquilani, Vice President
Sharon Alm, Secretary	Jacque Rutledge, Treasurer
Sue Bergman	Joel Kaczinski
Ken Determan	Ed O'Neill
Steve Roling	Nancy Peart, Principal (ex-officio)
Karen Witt, Development Director (ex-officio)	

Foundation Mission

Our mission is to support the tradition of excellence in Catholic education for the Prince of Peace Catholic School System. The Foundation provides a permanent financial resource for tuition grants, scholarships, and related funding.

Named Scholarships Provide Tuition Assistance

Sixteen named scholarships were awarded to assist 19 Prince of Peace Catholic School students with their tuition costs for school year 2011-2012. Students were asked to complete scholarship applications and a review committee awarded the scholarships using criteria determined when scholarships were established.

Name	Amount
Dorothy Benishek-Pratt (Elem)	$1050
Dorothy Benishek-Pratt (HS)	2 @ $ 525
Jack Dermody	$ 350
Margaret Dillon	$ 300
Thomas Hansen	$ 650
Lucille Jensen	$ 300
Deb Lind	2 @ $ 825
John Lingle	$1000
Margaret Maloney	$ 300
Bernard "Bubs" Mayer	$ 500
Thomas "Pinky" McDonnell	2 @ $ 950
Harry Pratt	$ 300
Harvey Suehl	$ 350
Lyman & Ullainee Wareham	$ 650
Vernon Witt	$ 300
Paul & Christy Roth	$ 250

These scholarships were established to honor loved ones who believed in and supported Catholic education. The scholarships will give the gift of Catholic education for many, many years to come.

For information on establishing a named scholarship, please contact:

Karen Witt, Development Director

devdir@staff.prince.pvt.k12.ia.us

563-242-1663

Computer Replacement /Upgrade Project

October 2012

Dear Clinton Catholic School Alumni and Friends,

I am a graduate of St. Mary's High School, 1969. Having worked in education since 1973 and in our Catholic School since the early 90's, I have experienced many changes in how instruction is delivered to students. The key to good instruction is engaging students in their learning.

In today's classrooms technology is not a luxury but a necessity. Finding engaging resources, meeting the learning needs of all students, fully using textbook (online) resources, grade reporting, utilizing electronic plan books, continually upgrading student information systems tied directly to required state reporting systems are all daily reasons that our school's technology requires a plan for upgrading.

Over the past several years we have placed multi-media projectors in all classrooms, purchased 10 computers each year for several years in a row, purchased several interactive white boards for classrooms while upgrading necessary learning and operational software. Unfortunately, our efforts haven't been enough to keep up with the demands of providing the education our children need. The next software upgrades that we need cannot be supported by many of the computers that we have.

We are asking that you partner with us to ensure that the excellent Catholic education we offer in our community continues to prepare our students for 21st Century challenges. Our students are the Net Generation. As one computer and communication expert, Dr. John Seely Brown states, "The real literacy of tomorrow entails the ability to be your own personal reference librarian-to know how to navigate through confusing, complex information spaces and feel comfortable doing so." We must prepare our students to compete in the global economy.

Our Development Director, Karen Witt (SMHS 1976), is diligent in searching for and submitting grant requests as well. We know that providing a laptop for each student is not our goal. What we would like to be able to do for our students however is to provide an open network so if they have their own devices they would be able to use them at school. We also need to ensure that our students, teachers and office staff have the tools they need to do their jobs well.

The total cost of the project's first phase is roughly $50,000. Perhaps you would consider purchasing one computer ($675), or supporting one of the three immediate needs. I ask that you prayerfully consider supporting our school as we face the challenges of often having more needs than we can cover in our annual budgets. Any contribution will be most appreciated and most welcomed as we move forward into a different era in providing a Catholic education in our community.

Our goal is to replace teacher desktop computers, install a wireless network system for students and staff ($6500), upgrade several computers in our library and computer labs ($22,000) and ultimately purchase a portable laptop lab ($25,000) to be used in classrooms and provide greater access for our students in their learning and for teachers in their teaching. The first three items are definite and immediate needs. The portable lab would be wonderful but definitely a "second phase" need.

As you can see, there are many ways to help us reach our goal! Thank you in advance for your consideration of a gift.

In Christ,

Nancy L. Peart, Principal

We need:

1 person to give $50,000

5 people to give $10,000 each

10 people to give $5000 each

20 people to give $2500 each

50 people to give $1000 each

100 people to give $500 each

200 people to give $250 each

500 people to give $100 each

Computer Project Progress

We have had some success in our efforts to raise the needed funds for our computer project. To date:

Wal-Mart Grant	$1000
Community Foundation of the Great River Bend Grant	$1962
Student Volunteer Efforts	$1000
Individual Donor Terrance Thiessen (SMHS '69)	$ 100
Clinton County Community Development Association Grant	$5000

Funds received in excess of project, will be set aside for future technology needs.

Prince of Peace Catholic School Computer Project Pledge Form

I would like to contribute to the Prince of Peace Catholic School Computer Project. Please accept my gift of: $_____.

Payment method:

_____Cash/Check _____ Credit Card _____Visa ____ _____ Mastercard

Name(s) of donor: _____

Address: _____

City, state, zip: _____

_____Please have someone contact me regarding a payment plan or pledge

Name: _____ Phone: _____

*Please complete and return to the school at 312 South 4th Street Clinton, IA 52732 if you wish to make a donation. Thank you for your support!

Clinton Catholic Schools Alumni Association

The Clinton Catholic Schools Alumni Association is in the process of regrouping. We are looking for alumni from all Clinton Catholic Schools to join us. We are in the planning stages of our first event which is Homecoming 2013. The next Alumni Association meeting is:

Thursday, November 8th at 7pm
At Prince of Peace Catholic School
312 South 4th Street Clinton, IA

Let us know you are planning to attend: 563-242-1663 or

Email: ccsalumni2012@gmail.com

Clinton Catholic Schools Alumni Association invites you to

Homecoming 2013

Save the Date: Friday, February 1, 2013

Enjoy Irish Basketball at Central Catholic Auditorium 6:00pm

Saturday, January 19, 2013
Wild Rose Casino and Resort
777 Wild Rose Drive
Clinton, Iowa

Social Hour & Silent Auction begin at 5:00 PM
Dinner at 6:30 PM.
Live Auction will begin immediately after dinner

Irish Dinner Auction 2013-An Irish Night at the Oscars

The 16th Annual Irish Dinner Auction is the major fundraiser for our school and a chance for parents, faculty, alumni and community members to join together to celebrate Catholic Education in our community.

Chairpersons, Cathy Eggers and Karen Moeller, will lead our parent volunteers through the preparations and invite everyone to "join in some good wholesome fun all to benefit Prince of Peace Catholic School, home of the Irish!" Purchase tickets for yourself and fill a table with friends, family, or better yet—classmates. This special night out is the perfect time to catch up. Tickets to the dinner auction can be obtained by calling the school office at 563-242-1663 or go to our website: **www.prince.pvt.k12.ia.us.**

Redirect Your State of Iowa Taxes

Receive a 65% Iowa Tax Credit for a contribution to the Student Tuition Organization (STO) of Southeast Iowa and designate Prince of Peace Catholic School as the recipient. In addition to the 65% tax credit you may also receive a full federal charitable deduction. Prince of Peace Catholic School then receives this contribution in tuition assistance for income qualifying families.

For the 2012-2013 school year, 57 students were awarded STO grants totaling $65,583. Unfortunately, this amount is about half of our financial need.

Example: Contribution $1000
Multiply by 65% (tax credit) - 650
Federal charitable deduction - 250
(Example is 25% - may vary)
School surtax - 58
(varies according to school district)
What it will cost you $42.00

Your tax situation is unique. Please consult your tax preparer.
For more information or donation form: ***www.stoseiowa.org*** *or call Karen Witt, Development Director at 563-242-1663.*

Prince of Peace Science Teacher Earns

The American Chemical Society recently recognized Prince of Peace Catholic School science teacher, Dr. Katharine Atkinson, as an outstanding high school teacher.

Dr. Atkinson, affectionately known as "Dr. A." teaches 9th grade biology, 10th grade chemistry, 11th grade anatomy and physiology, advanced placement chemistry and advanced placement biology as well as coaching 11th grade online physics.

Dr. Atkinson regularly brings students to local science events especially monthly American Chemical Society meetings and the ACS Chemistry Olympiad.

This school year marks her 6th year with Prince of Peace Catholic School. She has taught for 32 years including 27 years in California. She celebrates "mole day" yearly, teaching our students that science is fun.

Dr. A. enthusiastically encourages all of her students to develop interest in science and to consider careers in the sciences. She is currently taking classes to update her credential to teach AP environmental sciences.

Way to Go, Dr. A!!!

Class of 2011

Commencement

Sunday, May 22 , 2011

Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Catholic Church

Valedictorian

Ariana Aquilani

Salutatorian

Eric Sikkema

Commencement Speaker

Christi Goldbeck

Ariana Aquilani	***Phillip Brown***	***Andrew Good***	***Kirsten Heeren***	***Seth Hinrichs***
Jacky Huang	***Sigurd Hynne***	***Katherine Isenhour***	***Kiana Johnson***	***Jason Kim***
Christina Kokjohn	***Nicholas Luckritz***	***Benjamin Reynolds***	***Kevin Schnier***	***Eric Sikkema***
Anthony Sinn	***Ellen Vander Bleek***	***Sean Williams***	***Jordan Winter***	***Derek Witt***
				Jocelyn Woosely
				Suzy Yi

Class of 2012

Commencement

Sunday, May 20, 2012

Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Catholic Church

Valedictorian

Destinee Irish

Co-Salutatorians

Allyson Naeve & Emily Gardner

Commencement Speaker

Mrs. Janelle Kross

Katherine Anglese	***Brian Bostic***	***Taylor Determan***	***Abigail Dodd***	**Keaton Fuller**
Emily Gardner	***Audrey Griffin***	***Destinee Irish***	***Jordan Isham***	***Jacob Kaczinski***
Danny Kim	***Carie Kuehn***	***Jacob Lehmkuhl***	***Konnor Lemke***	***Clarissa Marten***
Allyson Naeve	***Hannah Peart***	***Cameron Ryan***	***Joseph Schnier***	***Megan Vicks***
Brittany Williams	***Travis Witt***			

Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before Us…

1930's

Lucille K. McGonegle 1915-8/15/12
MSCA Class of 1933
Charles V. Murphy 3/29/19-1/6/11
SMHS Class of 1938
Jane E. Domsalla 3/15/21-7/18/11
OLA Class of 1939
Warren McEleney 2/9/22-3/23/12
SMHS Class of 1939

1940's

Gerald W. Cavanagh 5/13/19-10/31/11
SMHS Class of 1941
Margaret Mary Frett 6/28/23-6/7/11
SMHS Class of 1941
Marjorie Williams Mowery 6/22/24-5/8/12
OLA Class of 1942
Jean A. Honeywell 3/29/24-5/6/11
SMHS Class of 1942
Donald A. McEleney 12/28/24-10/28/11
SMHS Class of 1942
Rosemary C. Thyne 2/27/26-12/22/10
MSCA Class of 1943
Madeline J. Perrin 4/26/26-9/10/12
SMHS Class of 1946
Paul D. Kraciun, 10/26/30-5/17/12
SMHS Class of 1948
Marianne Bristol 3/1/31-9/2/12
SMHS Class of 1949

1950's

Leon P. 'Mac' McDevitt 6/19/31-2/9/11
SMHS Class of 1950
Richard H. Ehredt 8/15/32-7/28/12
SMHS Class of 1951
Donna McDonnell 12/26/34-4/29/11
SMHS Class of 1953
Helen A. Corbin Richardson 8/31/35-1/4/11
MSCA Class of 1953
Sr. Mary Luke Sondgeroth, OSF 7/30/35-3/2/11
MSCA Class of 1953
Thomas Patrick David 6/26/37-4/5/12
SMHS Class of 1955
George Robert Doe 11/18/39-12/11/11
SMHS Class of 1957
James E. 'Mike' Finn 11/17/39-6/26/12
SMHS Class of 1958

1950's (continued)

Patricia G. 'Pat" Van Buer 2/28/41-5/15/12
SMHS Class of 1959
Edward Lee Kimmer 11/29/40-3/16/12
SMHS Class of 1959

1960's

Carol A. Petersen 4/22/42-12/27/10
SMHS Class of 1960
Matthew J. Rimmer 11/11/42-8/25/12
SMHS Class of 1961
David A. Pottratz 10/10/42-4/27/12
SMHS Class of 1961
Mary Jo Murphy 10/20/43-1/9/11
SMHS Class of 1962
Judith A. 'Judy' Garson 8/28/48-12/3/10
OLA Class of 1966

1970's

Michael D. Jones 12/31/52-12/10/11
SMHS Class of 1971
Paul Roth 9/13/60-1/30/12
SMHS Class of 1979

1980's

Michael Coley Hyde 10/17/68-5/15/11
MDHS Class of 1987

Faculty

Sr. Mary Lantry, BVM 11/25/10 (D.D.)
Teacher, SMHS 1962-64
Sr. Mary Harriet Rump, OSF 4/13/29-5/15/12 Teacher, MSCA

A big thank you to Alma Nichols (OLA 1939) who clips obituaries and news stories about our Clinton Catholic schools' alumni.

We would love to hear from you. Share your story with other alumni. Here is how to do it:

1) Email the information to our new Alumni email address:
ccsalumni2012@gmail.com
or
2) Complete the following and mail it to: Karen Witt
Prince of Peace Catholic School
312 South 4th Street
Clinton, IA 52732

Name: _____

Class of: School _____ Year _____

Information: _____

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`Memories from the Class of 1930

Most people have fond memories of their high school days and enjoy sharing those memories for years with their children, grand-children and friends.

Ullainee (Pitts) Wareham has had many years to reminisce about her days at St. Mary's High School after her graduation in 1930. Ullainee lives in Davenport, Iowa, and is a delightful conversationalist.

Ullainee was born on April 10, 1912, in Clinton, and celebrated her 100th birthday earlier this year with family and friends.

Her graduating class was the first class to use the "new" St. Mary's High School building on 8th Ave. S. as they entered the doors as Freshmen in 1926. While a student there, Ullainee was taught exclusively by Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVMs). She recalled many happy times at SMHS including Latin and Spanish classes where the girls and boys were taught in separate rooms.

For fun, high school students from the late 1920's would spend time at the parks, riding riverboats and going to dances. There was a "mixer" every Friday night at the school where students could socialize.

Ullainee married a high school classmate, Lyman Wareham in 1936 and raised three sons all of whom graduated from St. Mary's: James 1957, John 1959 & Jerry 1966. Two have already celebrated their 50th class reunions.

Ullainee enjoys visiting with her sons and keeps herself busy reading. She loves watching "Wheel of Fortune" and admits that she's "pretty good at it!"

The Lyman and Ullainee Wareham Scholarship was established in the Prince of Peace Catholic School Foundation in 2006. The initial contribution came from funds donated on Ullainee's 80th birthday in 1992 by family and friends. Each year this scholarship is given to a Prince of Peace High School student. The purpose of the fund is to help young people to realize their goals and hopefully inspire generosity in others.