Memory Makers!

Our continued thanks to all of our alumni who made the annual reunion festivities a priority. The 2019 version drew a great crowd for golf, open house, and the banquet. We truly appreciate your efforts in making plans and celebrating with your classmates. The St. Patrick’s High School all-class reunion is truly something very special, and we hope that our alumni will continue to make it a priority and maintain those relationships formed years (or many years) ago. Included here are just a few snapshots from Reunion 2019. If you’d like additional photos e-mailed to you, feel free to contact Endowment Director Wendy Dodson: w.dodson@npcschools.org. We have quite a collection from all of the reunion activities!
Blessings to Recent IRISH Offspring

We send our prayers for their good health and the blessing of wise and loving parents!

New Sons
Eric ('05) & Kayla (Faimon ‘06) Wood
Laura (Bjornstad ‘15) & Paul Wurtz
Brook (Campbell ‘09) & Lance Menzie
Jessica (Gutschenritter ’08) & Matthew Bortner
Jered & Megan Jorgensen ('00)
Kristina (Ruhlman ’04) & Ted Cors
Tim & Michelle Garth ('00)

New Daughters
Erica (Bjornstad ’06) & Mitch Ostgren
Leah (Bjornstad ’09) & Jon Muchlmeier
Ryan & Emily (Clonch) McConahay (’03)
Katie (Thomsen ’06) & Nick Rush
Alex & Kaitlyn Arthur (’05)
Bradley & Ashley Hall (’06)
Kierra (Ochs 09') & Jack Larsen

Newlyweds
Our prayers and best wishes go out to those classmates who have recently married. May their lives be filled with hope, joy and love.

John Tines (’05) & Diana Zheng (’06)
Macy Granger (’15) & Brandon Marxman
JoBeth Nozicka (’11) & Aaron Halling
Emily Wyatt (’99) & David Pandorf
Dominic Pasquinelly (’12) & Alyssa Homan
Greg Mooney (’05) & Danielle Gutherless
Cheryl Braithwait (McDaid Faculty) & Chance Nutter

Good News Shared
We celebrate the good things happening in the lives of our fellow classmates. Please let us know YOUR good news so it can be shared as well. Congratulations to:

Mike Ruhlman (’96) for the Emmy awards he had shared in for his work with Fox Sports Game Day production.
Jessica Power (’99) for the PTK All-Nebraska Academic Team recognition and scholarship at Southeast Community College.
Andrew Vinton (’12) for his Juris Doctorate, with Distinction, from UNL.
Shane O’Connor (’10) for his Doctor of Optometry Degree.
Alexandra "Alex" Jones (’07) for her Masters Degree in Nursing from UNMC.
Kari (Halkens ’07) Ehlers for her Masters Degree in Education.
Kari Slattery (’13) for her Masters Degree in Speech-Language Pathology at UNK.
Eleanor Aufdenkamp (’15) for her Bachelor's in Ag Education at UNL.
Katie Slattery (’15) for her B.A. in Elementary Education at UNK.
Drew McClellen (’15) for his B.A. in Biology at Doane.

Good News Shared… Congratulations to...

Natasha Martinez (’15) for her B.S. in Criminal Justice from UNL.
Olivia (Monjaras ‘85) Lundy for her Bachelor of General Studies from U of Wyoming.
Breeelyn Saner (’14) for her B.S in Occupational Therapy at Mid-Western U-Phoenix.
Micaelia Hernandez (’15) for her Associate of Science in Nursing from NPCC.
Jonathan Hastings (’17) for his Assoc. of Science and Assoc. of Arts from NPCC.
Jessica Slattery (’17) for her Associate of Science from NPCC.

Kristina (Ruhlman ’04) Cors for receiving the NASA Silver Achievement Medal "for a stellar achievement that supports one or more of NASA's core values."
Julie (Doyle ’79) Sullivan for her Crystal Apple Award for "Making a Difference in Education." She is a pre-school teacher in Sterling, CO.
Don Piper (’54) for being awarded a Quilt of Valor on Veteran’s Day, honoring his service in the U.S. Air Force from 1954-1974.

Dean’s List Recognition:
Drew McClellen (’15)-Doane; Natasha Martinez (’15)-UNL; Aaron Allison (’17)-UNL; Ellie Buhrman (’17) - UNL; Riley Nitsch (’17)-UNL; Chase Ochs (’17)-UNL; Allison Waltman (’15)-UNK; Jessica Slattery (’17)-UNK; Jonathan Hastings (’17)-UNK; Tyler Heiss (’18)-UNK; Emily Parker (’16)-Chadron.

Calling All Honored Classes!

Friday, July 3rd: Alumni Golf (1:00 p.m.), Individual Class Gatherings in the evening
Saturday, July 4th: BBQ/Open House (11:00-1:00), Reunion Banquet (4:00 p.m.)
Please make time to contact your classmates and join us!
1965 Elementary Faculty
Back: Mrs. Don O’Brien, Mrs. Nora Miller, Sr. Margaret Mary, Mrs. Della Snyder, Mrs. Regina Teichert
Front: Sr. Constance, Sr. Lawrence, Sr. Francesca, Sr. Casimir, Sr. Thelma, Sr. Samuel

1980 Speech Team
Back: Becky McNamara, Paul Monjaras, Vince Cooper, Greg Batenhorst, Tony Richards, Karlene Burbach, Annette Wiemers
Middle: Lori Lingo, Jeanne Altig, Lori Cantral, Monica Winkler
Front: Terri Brouillette, Aimee Dumas, Michael Davis

1960 Senior Class Play
“Lena Rivers”
Kay Wallace, Bob Forest, Marge Arensdorf
Grab your friends and golf with us!

2020 St. Pat’s Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament

**When:** Friday, July 3rd at 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** River’s Edge Golf Course
(Check-in at clubhouse)

**Cost:** $200 per team (*can be paid at check-in*)

**Teams:** 4 golfers per team, includes cart

**Prizes:** Flag prizes to be awarded

**Contact:** Wendy Dodson
(308) 534-5939  w.dodson@npcschools.org

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**2020 Reunion Banquet Reservations**

*July 4th, 2020 • Ramada by Wyndham (formerly Quality Inn)*

**Social—4:00 p.m. • Dinner—5:30 p.m.**

**ALUMNUS**

(First)       (Maiden)       (Last)       (Class of)

**ALUMNUS**

(First)       (Maiden)       (Last)       (Class of)

**SPOUSE/GUEST**

$35 per person • Payable (cash, check, CC) at registration on July 4th

*Please make your reservation by June 29, 2020.*

**Send this form to:** PO Box 57 North Platte, NE 69103

**RSVP by E-mail to:** wmcegahan1943@gmail.com, w.dodson@npcschools.org, 308-534-5939

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**Reunion Open House**

*Saturday, July 4th • 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.*

*St. Pat’s High School*

*Check out the campus, tour McDaid and St. Pat’s, browse the old yearbooks, and enjoy lunch on us!*

*Lunch served in the St. Pat’s cafeteria. Families and friends welcome!*

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**Send Your Reunion RSVP’s to:**

w.dodson@npcschools.org or wmcegahan1943@gmail.com

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**REUNION HOTEL ROOMS**

Recommended hotel accommodations:

**Fairfield Inn & Suites**—308-532-9900

**Hampton Inn**—308-534-6000

**Tru by Hilton**—308-532-8700

**Ramada by Wyndham**—308-946-7846
Our Deceased Classmates and Families

Prayers and sympathy go out to all who have lost loved ones in the past few months. Please support them with your prayers and condolences. May they rest in peace. Remember, if you need a mailing address to send a sympathy note, you can contact Bill McGahan (wmcgahan1943@gmail.com) or Wendy Dodson (w.dodson@npcschools.org).

Special thanks to the families who have chosen to remember the North Platte Catholic Schools with memorial designations to the Endowment. Their legacy lives on through the dedication and good works of our current students.

Kathleen (Pflaum) Rose (’53): Mother of Damon (wife Isabel). Grandmother of Eric and of John Pitts. Sister of Cecelia (’55-Deceased), Mary Clare (’59), Regina (’61). She was a life-long active medical technologist.

Joe Renteria: Former SP Head Coach during the three-sport era (Football, Basketball, Track) 1959-1960. Father of Joe, Jeff, Brenda. Grandfather of six. Great Grandfather of three. Joe spent much of his career in the Multicultural Affairs office at UNL and as Dean of Students at Central Community College-Beatrice.

Tom Lannon: Brother of Jane (’60), Ann (’71), Nancy (’57-Deceased), Jim (Deceased) and Mary.

Christine Best (’68): Sister of Catherine. Several Nieces and Nephews. Was an emergency nurse for 44 years.


Don Siffring: Husband of Beverly. Father of Christi (’82), Monte (’83), Mike (’86), Mark (’90). Ten Grandchildren, Five Great Grandchildren.

Joan (Beran) Lyons (’76): Wife of Dennis. Mother of Josh (’00). Daughter of Ivan & Shirley (Deceased). Sister of Ruth (’71-Deceased), Sue (’72), Dave (’73), Tom (’81).

Gloria (Dillon) Piper (’57): Wife of Don (’54). Mother of Chris (’80), Larry (’82), Angela (’83), David (’87). Thirteen Grandchildren, one Great Grandchild. Siblings: Larry, Roger (’62-Deceased), Mike (’65), Cathy (’71).

Jim Ostermeyer: Husband of "Mrs. O." Father of Jay, Tracy, Cory, Katy. Eight Grandchildren.


Janice (Babcock) Visscher (’53): (Sorry - no obituary was available.)

Alpha O. Milburn: Mother of LeaAnne. Grandmother of Jared Albers (’07), Krista Albers (’09).


Frank Henley (’50): Brother of Dick (’52-Deceased), Henry (’58). Two nephews, Four Nieces. He worked as an electrical engineer for forty-one years for General Dynamics and later for the U.S. Air Force on various weapons systems.

Mary Martinez: Wife of John (Deceased). Mother of Jack (’77) and wife Nancy. Grandmother of Nickole and Noah. Many siblings, nephews/nieces. Mary worked many years as a cook at St. Pats HS.


Evelyn Reed: (’44). Aunt of Mike (’68), Ron (’70), Mary Ellen (’72), Susan (’75), Tom (’77), Linda, Dan and Jerry Johnson.


Earl J. "Skip" Carstensen (’71): Husband of Jane. Father of John (Deceased), Tim and Mary. Son of Earl H & Joyce (Callaghan) Carstensen. Father of the two. Brother of Peggy (’64), Tim (’68), Tom (’69), and Jim.


Maria Kolodziejczyk: Wife of Piotr. Mother of Tomasz (’03) and Pawel.


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This website could hold something special for MANY of our classmates and friends. If you go to this site and then click on the link at the top of the page, called "Brown-Harano Photos," you will find approximately 70,000 envelopes of pictures/negatives listed by name of person/persons pictured. We have entered many St. Pats names, and the names of many of their parents/grandparents. Please take a moment online to check it out!
2018-2019 in Review

Thank you for being a part of another successful year for the North Platte Catholic Schools! As we look back at all we have to celebrate from last year, we have great anticipation for the growth and potential that awaits in the 2019-2020 school year.

The Endowment has initiated a new capital campaign to address pressing facility needs, and the PR/Enrollment department has launched a campaign to “Keep the Faith” by growing enrollment from Preschool up. Please take a moment to look at our Year in Review, and accept our thanks for your role in the great things happening at NPCS. We invite and encourage you to be a part of our growth and success in this new year!

Academic Summary

Class of 2019

25 Graduates – 100% Graduation Rate
18 Graduates attending 4-year colleges or universities

- University of NE-Lincoln
- University of NE-Kearney
- University of NE-Omaha
- Doane University
- Mount Marty College
- Hastings College
- Midland University

7 Graduates attending 2-year community colleges

- Mid Plains Community College (North Platte)
- Southeast Community College (Lincoln)

$796,000 earned in college scholarships

Financial Summary

North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment-Trust, Inc.
July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Contributions: $522,033.64
Earnings & Dividends: $167,667.87

Disbursements to School: $540,087.60
Project Construction: $121,979.79

Restricted Assets: $3,076, 045.03
Unrestricted Assets: $831,539.07
Other Assets: $51,682.84
Total Assets: $3,959,266.94

The Endowment is always grateful for donors who have left their legacy through the creation of named or scholarship funds. Named funds can be created within the Endowment with a donation of $10,000 or more. These funds can help with specific school programs, NPCS tuition assistance, or college tuition scholarships. Interest generated from the principal of these funds creates life-long revenue for the purpose you designate, or for the general benefit of the Endowment. Contact the Endowment office for information on establishing a named fund or for opportunities to contribute to any of the funds listed below.

Tuition Assistance Funds

- Phil & Helen Breen Memorial
- Brittan/Swanson Fund
- Brownell-Hirsch Memorial
- Dunn/McGovern Fund
- William C. McGahan Fund
- Bill Ramaekers Memorial
- Seranton Family Fund
- E. Dale & Lucy T. Smith Fund
- Ursuline Sisters Fund
- Young Family Memorial
- John Kirchner Memorial

Endowed Funds

- Emily McNeel Doyle Fund
- Great Teaching Fund
- St. Ann’s Burse
- Hastings Service Fund
- McDaid/St. Patrick’s Fund
- Capital Fund
- Bill McGahan Fund
- Craig Baxter Memorial

Scholarship Funds

- Kent Boyer Education Fund
- Major Alvin Maurice Mougey Fund
- Al Robinson Memorial
- Robert E. & Margaret E. Rea Scholarship
- Sharon Goffena Welton Fund
- Mary Salcetti Pandorf Scholarship
- Linda Rae Harrach Memorial
- CASH for College

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Legacy Society

Legacy Society members are donors who have shared with us their intentions to remember the North Platte Catholic Schools with a planned or estate gift. We are eternally grateful for their generosity and forethought as they make their long-term financial plans. If your name belongs on this list, please be sure to let us know so that we can thank you appropriately. If you would like your name to be added to this list, please contact the Endowment office for information on planned giving options.

Annette (Jurado ’84) Astuto
Steve (’75) and Linda Astuto
James Aydelotte
Jeff and Connie Brittan
Gerald Campbell (’55)
Edith Chevalier
Ken and Lorraine Cox
Fr. Bryan Ernest
Rose Ann Farrell
Richard and Sandra Foran
Jerome and Janet Gilg
Jana Greenwood
JoAnn Greenwood (’75)
Fr. Gerald Harr
Terry Hernandez (’72)
Dave (’55) and Lois Hudson
J. Daniel (’77) and Sandy Keenan
Ward and Shirley Lingo
Joyce (Duncan ’46) McConahay
Bill (’60) and Marilyn McGahan
Matt (’88) and Michelle McNamara
Patrick McNamara
Sara Morris
Robert (’54) and Iva Mueller
Nancy Oates
Martin and Joyce Piskorski
Jeanne (Gannon ’59) and James Popke
Viola Ramaekers
Margaret Ressegieu
Brenda Robinson
Joseph Salcetti (’44)
Anne Schmit
Eric and Kim Seacrest
Stanley (’65) and Nancy Sedlacek
Stanley and Sherry Weatherly
Carol Williams
Mary (Pieper ’71) Wyatt

G.R.E.E.N. Keeps Growing!

Seventeen years strong! The Endowment’s largest fundraising event of the year, G.R.E.E.N., welcomed a crowd of over 250 on Saturday, October 19th. Generating Resources for Educational Excellence Now featured silent and live auctions, cash prizes awarded in the Heads or Tails game and Lucky Lotto, a drawing for Spirit Wagons, and toe-tapping entertainment with the Fun Pianos! The Endowment is happy to report that this was the best G.R.E.E.N. yet! Net proceeds will exceed the $150,000 mark. Plus, G.R.E.E.N. donors showed amazing support by giving over $40,000 for the Endowment’s special “Fund-A-Need” project for classroom supplies, furniture, subscriptions, and technology needs. Please save the date for next year’s G.R.E.E.N. on Saturday, October 17th, 2020!

Alumni fun at G.R.E.E.N.

Jessica (Fleck ’99) Furmanski, Ty & Danessa Fleck
Fr. Mark Seiker, Fr. Josh Brown, Jerry Campbell (’55)
Marilyn and Bill (’60) McGahan
Ruth and Mick (’56) Hayes
Collin Pieper (’14), Renae Schwanek, Shelby (Pieper ’10) Kolling
David (’84) and Ann (Lupomech ’83) Pieper

Raegan (Greenwood ’82) and Mark Skillstad
Donor Recognition

Our sincerest thanks to all who supported the North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment-Trust, Inc. with financial gifts in the 2018-2019 year. We remind our alumni of the importance of giving to the Endowment’s Annual Fund. The Endowment is responsible for providing nearly 1/3 of the overall operating budget for NPCS. This equates to over $500,000 annually to fund the basic necessities of the school system. Your gifts to the Annual Fund allow the Endowment to provide for teacher salaries, facility operations, and tuition assistance at NPCS. Thank you for your past and continuing support!

1944 - Donald & Velma Ryan
1946 - Mary Pieper
1948 - Marcia Bieber
1949 - Margaret Coker
1950 - Cathy Coder
1951 - Della Brown
1952 - Clinton & Carol Dorwart, Dorothy Van Cleave
1953 - Ella Mae & Norm Kuzel, Robert & Judy Rea
1954 - Robert & Iva Mueller, Bernard & Rose Wilson, Donald Piper
1955 - Gerald Campbell
1956 - F. Michael & Ruth Hayes, Jerome & Betty Steffes, Joan & Lawrence Ward
1960 - Bob & Cindy Forest, Bill & Marilyn McGahan
1961 - Patricia Faulkner
1962 - Patricia & John Daigger, Linda & Dean Goad, Kent & Linda Swanson, Philip Faulkner
1963 - Elizabeth McGahan
1964 - Theresa McGahan
1965 - Stanley & Nancy Sedlacek, James & Marcia Petersen
1966 - Kathryn Lowe, Cynthia & William Mills, Tom & Joyce McCraw
1967 - William & Jan Breen, Bob Guillaume, Jim Langford
1968 - Bill & Linda Smith, Jean & Pat Struckman, Kathleen & Doug Wenz
1969 - Randal & Denise Burbach, Thomas & Kathleen Sullivan
1970 - Henrietta & Jim Boots, Thomas Dieringer, Albert Mueller
1971 - Douglas & Karen Brouillette, Mary Wyatt
1972 - Daniel & Ann Greenwood, Susan Keith
1974 - Dennis Farrell, Jan & Teresa Smith
1975 - John Campbell, Patrick & Kathleen Keenan, Lynn & Randy Kuhlmann, Patrick & Kari Richards
1976 - Patrick & Lori Clinch, Randy Mroczek, Kurt & Jeanne Pieper, Tim & Karen O'Connor
1977 - Vicki & Kent Adney, Jeff Eastman, Lori & Tim Jorgensen, Dan & Sandy Keenan, Joe & Julie Lupometch, Tom & Merry Sedlacek, Jeff & Robyn O'Connor
1978 - Michael & Debbie Campbell
1979 – Suzy Dodson, William & Julie Mackley, James & Linda Tucker
1980 - Steve & Linda Dilsaver, Cheryl & Ross Thalken
1981 - Kristine & Rodney Griffiths, Michael & Janet Jurado
1982 - Becky & Lynn Ehrman, Jay & Mary Ann Morris, Amy & Mike O'Gara
1983 - April Bailar, Monica & Craig Bedke, Lewys & Holly Carlini, Steve & Kim Clouatre, Tim & Guisela Dodson, Ann Pieper, Julie & Brian Pott, Monte Siffring, Jeff & Robin Szwanek, Mark Young, Carol & Bill Zakavec
1984 - Jeannie Campbell, Dennis & Jennifer Kellogg, Toni & Dave Slattery, David Pieper
1985 - Michael & Beth Nozicka, Lorne & Holly Sedlacek
1986 - Rich Harrach
1988 - Daniel Murphy, Steve & Keri Ramaekers, Luke Ranck
1989 - Kevin & Wendy Dodson
1990 - Candace Books, Christopher & Julie McGahan, Shelly Ranck
1991 - Michelle & Heath Hoffman, Shelly Huckfeldt
1992 - Theresa & Stephen Fromm
1993 - Dayna Foster
1994 - Mary Jo & Cory Fromm
1995 - Lynette & Matthew Whisler
1997 - Michael Furmanski
1998 - Dan & Lanna Phelps
1999 - Moriah & Josh Eickhoff, Jessica Furmanski, Emily & David Pandorf
2000 - Renae & Troy Brandt
2001 - Matthew & Jackie Pieper
2002 - Cassie & Sean Condon, Sheena Fleck, TJ & Sarah O'Connor
2003 - Nathan Kramer, Jessica & Nathan Sorensen, Justin & Hannah Pieper
2004 - John & Neely Miller
2006 - Dane & Randi Carlini, Kayla Wood
2007 - Kayla Brei, Sean O'Neill
2008 - Kelsie O'Neill
2009 - Jory & Nikki Torres
2010 - Natalie & Jeff Cox
2011 - Amber & Ben Thomas
2017 - Nelson Jett
What our Supporters Accomplished in 2018-2019

Thank you for your investment in the students and staff of the North Platte Catholic Schools during the 2018-2019 fiscal year!

McDaid Chapel Renovations ....................... G.R.E.E.N.
4 Great Teaching Requests ($4,312.50) ....................... Great Teaching Fund
6 Gift of Faith Tuition Assistance Scholarships ($8,300) ....................... Gift of Faith Fund
College scholarships ($13,600) ....................... Named Funds
SCRIP Tuition Assistance ($6,846.69) ....................... SCRIP
Reflex Math Subscription for McDaid ....................... Modern Tire Pros Oil Change Fundraiser
New gym lighting at St. Patrick’s High School ....................... North Platte Giving Day
HVAC repair/replacement ……. Forward in Faith Campaign
Mobile computer labs and new technology ....................... Forward in Faith Campaign
St. Pat’s Library Renovation … Forward in Faith Campaign
New partition walls in McDaid Chapel & SPHS junior high … North Platte Giving Day/Annual Fund
$540,087.60 general support of NPCS operating budget ....................... Annual Fund

Welcome New Faculty!

The North Platte Catholic Schools are happy to welcome some new, and some familiar, faces to the 2019-2020 staff.

Shalea Cooley
Little Leprechaun Preschool

Pamela Felix
Spanish

Toni Guthrie
Junior High Math

Tracey Welch
1st Grade

Emily (Wyatt ‘99) Pandorf
Theology

Janet Victory
Health, PE, Volleyball Coach

Get on the Grain Train!

Did you know… that YOU can support the North Platte Catholic Schools with gifts of grain? There are a number of benefits for donating grain, or other crops, directly to the North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment-Trust, Inc:

• The cash-basis farmer avoids including the sale of the cash crop in income, saving on self-employment tax and federal income tax.
• The cash-basis farmer can still deduct the cost of growing the donated crop as long as the crop is given in a different year than it was grown.

Your gift of grain or crops can net a significant donation to the Endowment. Please call the office to learn more, or for delivery instructions. We’d be happy to refer you to a donor who’s been through the process!

Beef… It’s What’s for School Lunch!

The North Platte Catholic Schools are benefiting from the generosity of local beef producers. Two donors have gifted beef to NPCS through the Nebraska Cattlemen’s “Beef in Schools” program… totaling over 1,400 pounds of beef!

Processing costs were covered by a donation from a generous NPCS family. A portion of the first beef donation was grilled up for school lunch at McDaid and St. Pat’s on October 30th. Our grill-masters included (L-R): School Board President Hank Knisley, Endowment Board VP Dan Phelps (‘98), and NPCS Superintendent Kevin Dodson (‘89).

Help Us Grow Enrollment!

A warm IRISH welcome has been given to Gwen Covey, the new Public Relations and Enrollment Director for the North Platte Catholic Schools. Gwen comes to us with a passion and excitement for Catholic education. She’s a graduate of David City Aquinas, and Catholic education was a top priority for her family growing up.

At G.R.E.E.N. 2019 Gwen kicked off an enrollment campaign titled, “KEEP the FAITH!” Please contact her with family names and recommendations. We want to share all that NPCS has to offer, and Gwen is excited to grow our efforts! She can be reached at 308-532-1874 or g.covey@npcschools.org.
Pieces of Our History

Fr. Patrick McDaid came to Nebraska from Ireland in 1906. He was the Pastor of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church from 1910-1948. During that time he directed the building of St. Patrick Catholic School and the current St. Pat’s Church rectory.

Upon his retirement, he decided to return to his homeland in Ireland. He gifted the chairs he had brought with him from Ireland to Anne Hayes, a long-time friend who was the financial secretary of the Parish. Upon her passing, the chairs were passed down through the Hayes family, with plans to keep them within the North Platte Catholic Schools system. One was given to Francis “Mick” Hayes (’56), and one to CJ “Bud” Hayes (’45), which was then passed to his daughter Mary (Hayes) Sharkey. Both Mick and Mary wanted the chairs to have a home in the North Platte Catholic Schools, so this fall they gifted them to NPCS. One chair resides in the front office of St. Pat’s High School, and the other at McDaid Elementary.

*Information courtesy of Mick (’56) and Ruth Hayes

Fall Sports Recap

Football

The 2019 Irish Football team finished their season as District Champions and qualified for the C-2 playoffs once again. The Irish have qualified 19 out of 20 seasons for the playoffs. The Irish started the season off 0-3, but finished strong behind the leadership of a talented and experienced Senior class. Ten Irishmen received All-District Honors. Offense: Matthew Elseten, Talan McGill, Trayton White, Charlie Gale, and Justin Schroll. Defense: Charles Aufdenkamp, Dolan Branch, Alex Davies, Mick Ekdahl, and Jack Heiss.

Cross Country

The St Pat’s girls had a fantastic 2019 season. They won the St Pat’s Invite, Chase County Invite, UNK Invite, SPVA Conference Championship, District Championship, and earned a 4th place finish at State. The boys team had a solid season placing higher in each meet this year than last, and were runners-up at both SPVA Conference and Districts. Logan O’Malley and Dax Connick both qualified for the State meet, finishing 4th and 13th, respectively, at Districts. On the girls side there were three individual State qualifiers; Kate Stienike was district runner-up, Genna Blakely 3rd, and Hayley Miles 5th.

Volleyball

The Lady Irish volleyball team enjoyed a successful 18-13 season under new coach Janet Victory. Senior Brooke McClellen broke both school records in digs, and three state records: Digs in one season (839), Digs in one match (70), and Digs season per match (27.1). The Lady Irish set a state team record for team digs in one season with 2,874. Senior Jocylin Sellers broke both blocking school records, and two state records: Solo blocks in one season (256), And solo blocks in one match with 22. The team broke the state record for solo blocks in a season with 421. Another highlight was Coach Victory recording her 200th career win.

STAY CONNECTED!
North Platte Catholic Schools Website www.npcschools.org
Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter (@NPCatholic) and Instagram (npstpatricks)
We always love to share the correspondence we receive from alumni and family. Your notes (snail-mail AND e-mail) are ALWAYS welcome! We hear often about how much classmates enjoy reading the letters included in the Shamrock. Please keep them coming!

Mail your notes and letters to:
St. Pat’s Alumni Assoc.
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North Platte, NE 69103
E-Mail to: w.dodson@npcschools.org, or wmcgahan1943@gmail.com

November, 2019

Thanks for the beautiful plant in memory of Cathy and all of your prayers during this difficult time.
Sincerely,
The family of Cathy Lupomech (’75)

May, 2019

I am happy to share the publication of my memoir, Living When Everything Changed: My Life in Academia. I describe how a Catholic girl from small-town Nebraska discovered her callings as an academic, and a university administrator. Of the thirteen chapters, two are devoted to my family’s Nebraska roots and the centrality of St. Patrick’s Parish to our lives.

Thanks,
Mary Kay Thompson (’56) Tetreault

July, 2019

A BIG thank you to Wendy & Kevin Dodson, Mr. & Mrs.McGahan, JoJo Pecenka Jensen and all other Endowment Staff and Friends who worked so hard to put on such a nice weekend of reunion activities! I heard great things about the golf tourney, the barbecue and of course the banquet. I thoroughly enjoyed being able to tour the schools with Lynn, Jennifer, Barb, Suzy and Sandy....memories and laughs abounded! I deeply appreciate everyone's efforts, time and talents to make this annual event such a wonderful time! Our Catholic Community and schools are truly blessed by all of you!

Hello Class of 1979! Just wanted to say it was so special and wonderful to see so many of you at our 40th reunion activities! Thank you Andrew Mueller for arranging our Friday evening gathering, and to Sandy Sedlacek Jensen, Suzy Sedlacek Dodson, and everyone who contributed. I believe everyone had a fun time Friday night!! *(If truth be told it was into the early morning hours! LOL!)*

I appreciate everyone who made the effort to come Friday and Saturday. Like the Sedlacek twins stated, "No one is promised tomorrow so let's make the most of this time..."
And we did with lots of memories, anecdotes, and laughter! Here are some 1979, 40th Reunion SUPERLATIVES that I would like to share with you:

#1 Attendees: 23 out of 46 attended Friday night
#2 Traveled the farthest distance: Jennifer Buhrman O'Holleran (California); Pat Mooney (Alabama)
#3 Traveled the shortest distance: Lynn Lupomech
#4 Longest married couple: Sandy Sedlacek Jensen & hubby Brad 40 yrs in Oct 2019
#5 Most Kids: Mark Pieper (6)
#6 Most Grandkids: John Tucker (10)
#7 State with most attendees (besides NE): Iowa-Lauretta Clark Shaver; Ann Hoffman Nemanis; Bill Buhrman
#8 Two Sets of Twins Attended: The Sedlaceks and Tuckers
#9 Most Laughs: Tom Allberry & Mark Pieper
#10 Most Gray Hair: the guys of course! (Ladies, I'm not saying a thing!)
#11 Rockin' the Hair: Diane Farrell Lyngdal...Blondie!
#12 Hearing Aids, walkers, canes, etc: 0 (must've been hidden!)
#13 Long Distance Classmate (unable to attend): Angela Mueller Schipper, Hamilton, New Zealand
#14 As far as we know: All 46 classmates alive
#15 Closed the 2019 St. Pat's Banquet Down (again!)
[nice try 1974!]

All the Best to the entire Class of 1979 and God's Blessings Always!
Julie (Doyle) Sullivan, *proud St. Pat's Grad, Class of'79

You Are Always On My Mind...

One of the Blessings of spending 45 years (plus another nine now) heavily involved with North Platte Catholic Schools and SP Alumni is that I know most of our readers and you are often on my mind. I go to many funerals and other "church" activities. One of my great personal sorrows is going to funerals where I know the deceased as a parent who sacrificed much to send students to our school, and as a faith-filled Catholic, seeing a high percentage of their extended family (offspring/grand-offspring) not receiving Eucharist or even knowing how to participate at Mass. Folks ... our Church needs us in these days of challenge in Church and Country. We need God in our lives ... And our younger generation needs our Faith and determination to give them example and hope to help them raise their own families as people of Faith. Maybe a wonderful "resolution" come 2020 would be to try to find our way back to the Mass and Sacraments.

Blessings to all!!
Bill McGahan (60)