



Alumni NEWS



Developing Futures with Mobile Makers

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From the Principal



Greetings! Last month, St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Parish hosted a parish mission event, "Ignite Your Faith," which included speaker, Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck. Fr. Chase also visited St. Anthony High School to share his message with our students. I was reminded about his message as we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week.

Fr. Chase, a stand-out Division I college athlete and former professional soccer player, shared his personal story about being called to the priesthood. He shared how he felt especially called to help lead others to experience Christ. Fr. Chase invited all of us to "be somebody for somebody who needs somebody". He encouraged us to share the message of God's love through both our actions and words so we can be a "somebody for somebody."

I, too, invite all of you to be "somebody for somebody" and pray for our students as they begin discerning the vocation for which God is calling them to serve whether it be for marriage, consecrated life, priesthood or the single state as a lay person.

John 15:12-13

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you...Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Sincerely in Christ,
Greg Fearday
Principal

Calendar of Events

NOV 20 Meet the Bulldogs

NOV 25 Turkey Tourney Begins

DEC 6 Homecoming Game

JAN 11 St. Anthony Shootout

JAN 26 Catholic Schools Week

FEB 19 Grade School Open House



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Cover Story

New Mobile Makers Program Develops App Building Skills

Introducing Mobile Makers, a mobile app coding course made possible thanks to the generosity of alumni, Mr. & Mrs. John Keenan.

Mobile Makers is a technology literacy class that teaches students about coding, tech languages used by professionals, and even how to make their own Apple mobile app. Throughout this mobile app coding course, students build working apps for Apple's mobile devices using the language and tools of professionals – Swift and Xcode.

Students work in a newly renovated computer lab that simulates the experience of working in an authentic workplace environment. The classroom design is intended to emulate a small software company. It's intended to be a very collaborative learning environment.

The year-long course teaches students how to apply the methodologies and practices of real-world developers, and acquire skills around teamwork, problem-solving, collaboration, and communication.

"We have kids who are very tech-savvy," said Phil Zaccari, who went through training and now serves as the facilitator for class. "We wanted to provide something they could build on and take with them. I think at least half of these kids are considering pursuing something like this as a career."

The teaching style of the course is designed to have the students collaborate with each other, which stimulates teamwork and problem-solving. "As the facilitator, I'm more of a coach," Zaccari added. "We want them to learn on their own. When they do that, they will retain it much longer and much better."

"We have deadlines, so they learn how to be disciplined," he pointed out. "But the most significant thing is collaboration, working together as a team and learning to solve problems on their own."

"At some point, they're going to come across problems in their own lives," Zaccari added. "Hopefully, they will remember the steps they used in this class to solve problems. It's no secret; we need more problem-solvers in our world today."

If you are interested in learning more about the program, visit <https://www.unchartedlearning.org/student-programs/mobilemakersedu>.

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Giving Back



Pressing on to the Goal of service to the LORD by stretching our intellect, confirming our values, and living our faith. - Phillipians 3:14

Box of Joy

Freshman class sponsor Jenny Bierman in coordination with Cross Catholic Outreach assisted the freshmen class with their Box of Joy ministry to send Christmas gifts to children in developing countries. A total of 43 boxes was collected to be sent to children in Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic.

Students Donate to Animal Shelter

To commemorate the feast of Saint Francis, Patron Saint of animals, on October 4th, the Spanish club collected items to donate to Effingham County animal shelter. Thank you to all who donated items or money. The shelter was very grateful for our much needed donations.



Academic Excellence

National Merit Scholarship Commendation

Congratulations to senior, Rachael Kemme, who was named a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program! "Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC.





Fall Sports Scoreboard



Boys Golf

The boys golf Team, coached by Phil Zaccari, had a very successful season, finishing undefeated (9-0) in 9-hole matches, and consistently in the top 5 of all tournaments, including three tournament titles.

The team won the school's 21st IHSA Regional title, qualifying them for sectionals for the 28th year in a row. Sectionals turned into a mini-state tournament as 7 of the top 8 teams in the state were all at the same sectional. The team competed very well, but finished 6th with a score that would have placed them in the top 2 of every other sectional in the state.

Senior Jayden Rios qualified individually for the State finals where he represented the team.

Thank you to seniors Luke Flaig, Darin Hutchison, Ryan Schultz, and Jayden Rios for four great years and good luck in your future adventures.



Soccer

The soccer team, coached by Martin Reyes, finished the year with 8 wins (+2 more than last year), 12 losses and 2 ties.

The team improved in many areas from the previous year. For example, we scored 58

goals (+18 from last year), had 47 assists (+26), took 244 shots on goal (+50) from 364 shots (+87).

Thank you to seniors Reilly Ashton, Jack Elder, Will Swingler and Grace Hakman, who were key contributors to our improvements and who played in a way that brought glory to God.



Baseball

Coached by Tony Kreke, the 2019 fall baseball team finished with a record of 17-7.

This year's team made some great improvement from the start of the year to the end. The team's strength was the pitching staff. Team E.R.A was 1.86 and a WHIP of 1.14. with a batting average of .311. They averaged 7.6 runs/game and only allowed 2.4 runs/game. The Bulldogs had 85 stolen bases. Their defense was another strong component to the team with a fielding percentage of .938.

Congratulations to Kaden Fearday and Gavin Braunecker, who were named to the NTC All Conference team.

Congratulations to seniors Gavin Braunecker, Kaden Fearday, Jack Hoene, Davis Tingley, Luke Rudolphi, and Aaron Webb.



Girls Tennis

The girls tennis team, coached by Darlene Esker, ended their season with a record of 11-1.

Tournament play highlights included finishing 2nd place in the St. Anthony Invitational, Sacred Heart Griffin and Bloomington Purple Gold Invite.

In sectional play, the team placed 2nd out of 10 teams. Individual qualifiers for state were Emilee Mossman (singles) who placed 7th and Allison Kowalke and Avere Greene (doubles) who also placed 7th. The team placed 5th at the state level.

Seven senior players - Emilee Mossman, Avere Greene, Catherine Willenborg, Caroline Deters, Madelyn Smith, Karen Canales Gonzalez, Quincy Buenker - will all be missed.



Girls Golf

The girls golf team, coached by Emily Konrad, finished their season 10-0 undefeated in weekday matches. The team placed 1st in the Charleston 9-Hole Scramble, Tuscola Invite, Richland County Invite, Windsor Invite, and St. Anthony Invite.

Continuing their success in the postseason, the team placed first at regionals, allowing them to advance to the sectional tournament, where they placed 4th.

Macy Ludwig, Lauren Schwing, and Reagan Westendorf placed in the top ten at sectionals and advanced individually to the state tournament. Macy Ludwig advanced to second-day play at state and placed 26th individually.



Cross Country

Girls cross country tied for 7th place at the Robinson Regional. Video review gave the finish place to St. Anthony which earned them the final advancing spot to the sectional meet.

The boys team ran a great race and finished in 2nd place, also advancing. The competitive sectional, hosted by St. Anthony, saw competitors from 31 central Illinois schools face off at Mid America Motorworks north of Effingham. The boys came away with an 8th place finish and the girls 17th.

Season highlights include the girls capture of the NTC conference meet, the boys winning the NTC Conference Championship and the boys taking 3rd place at our own Bulldog Classic.

The cross-country teams represented our St. Anthony Parish well, both on the course and off. See you next season!



Volleyball

This season was a learning experience for the team.

Beginning the year with a lot of youth and inexperience at the varsity level, the girls all improved their level of play as the year progressed.

The team ended the year with a 3-5 conference record and a 6-27 season record, which Coach Cathy Wenthe notes does not reflect their improvement as a team.

By the end of the season, the girls and Coach Wenthe were excited about their growth and prospects for the future.

2019-2020 Sports Program is here!

The program features all grade school and high school sports schedules, in addition to Booster Club membership forms. Pick up your copy at the SAHS office.



Zaccari Named IHSA Boys Golf Coach of the Year

Effingham St. Anthony High School boys golf coach, Phil Zaccari, was informed that the Illinois High School Association has named him the 2018-19 Boys Golf Coach of the Year.

“Your selection to receive this prestigious honor is based upon the positive work that you have done with the athletes in your program,” said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. “We at the IHSA are proud to submit your name to the National Federation of State High School Associations who sponsor the award.”

Zaccari can now compete with coaches across the country for further recognition and honors at the Sectional and National level.



Reunion News



Class of 1969

The SAHS Class of 1969 celebrated their 50 year reunion on August 31, 2019 at the Effingham Event Center.

Classmates attended 4:30 Mass at St. Anthony Church followed by dinner. Those in attendance include front row: Paula (Bernhard) Bushur, David Thies, Dan Worman, Paula (Sur) Ewald, and Ann (Althoff) Mayer. Second row: Jane (Bourgeois) Austin, Kathleen (Ruholl) Niebrugge, Vicki (Richards) Kispert-Quirk, Diane (Buenker) Apke, Roger Schultz, Frank Herboth, Irene (Schmidt) Koester, and Janet (Luchtefeld) McClure. Third row: Sharon (Bushur) Fulk, Susan (Thoele) Astley, Connie (Dust) Barr, Ruth (Goldstein) Bierman, Joyce (Koester) Niebrugge, Elaine (Bushue) Wilson, Lynn (Martin) Tuman, Joyce (Hoffman) Breeding, and Patti (Emmerich) Devall. Back row: Vic Springer, Mark Reis, Vic Goeckner, Richard Dust, Bob Einhorn, Joyce (Leith) Curry, Bob Harris, Dick Repking, and Tom Ring. Attending but not pictured: Irene (Willenborg) Donsbach, Darlene (Bloemer) Esker, and Ted Grunloh.



Class of 1974

The SAHS Class of 1974 celebrated their 45 year reunion on July 20, 2019 at Gopher's Grill in Effingham.

Those in attendance include seated: Greg Bushur, Patty Mette, Rosemary Holland, Laura Tays, and Teri Phillips. Standing: Kurt Haarmann, Mark Eden, Glen Dust, Jerry Emmerich, Phil Zimmerman, Mike Kabbes, Brian Hartke, Steve Raney, Doug Dasenbrock, Mike Hoene, Phil Nosbisch, Bill Grunloh, Eric Bernhard, and Steven Green.

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The Class of 1975's 45th class reunion is scheduled for Saturday, August 8, 2020.

More information will be available in the coming months.

Alumni Updates



Births

Joe and **Pam (Probst '00) Schumacher** are the proud parents of a baby boy, Wil Joseph Schumacher, born December 24, 2018. Wil was welcomed home by proud brothers and sister, Nolan, Bennett, and Alise.

In Memoriam

Bernard J. Nieman ('57)
passed away January 17, 2019.

Danny Dirks ('51)
passed away June 18, 2019.

Geraldine (Habing) Miller ('44)
passed away June 25, 2019.

Leonard Willenborg ('48)
passed away July 12, 2019.

Jamie Jarrett ('96)
passed away August 21, 2019.

Florence "Tot" (Braun) Peters ('43)
passed away August 23, 2019.

Mary Sur ('65)
passed away September 10, 2019.

Alumni Spotlight

Tressie (Dust) McDonough ('99)

Tressie graduated from St. Anthony High School in 1999. She continued her education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, earning a degree in mathematics and chemistry. After graduating from U of I, Tressie joined a national service corps, Teach For America, and taught high school math at Benito Juarez Community Academy, a Chicago Public School. Through this experience, Tressie came to understand that potential is equally distributed across lines of race and class, but opportunity is not. Committed to TFA's vision that every child has a chance to learn and grow, Tressie continued her impact as an educator. She earned a master's degree from Columbia University in New York City, and she served in a variety of roles over the past 15 years at Noble, a Chicago nonprofit that runs 18 open-enrollment public schools serving low-income students of color. During her 7-year tenure as founding leader and principal of UIC College Prep, a campus of Noble partnered with the University of Illinois, UICCP became the highest performing open-enrollment high school in Chicago where alumni college persistence rates are best-in-country. Tressie now serves as schools chief and oversees 7 of Noble's high schools, serving over 8,000 students.

Tressie's life work is rooted in the belief that outcomes for students must not differ because of their race, gender, income or any other marker of identity, and she believes in the positive impact of a quality education on life choice. She is incredibly grateful for the privilege of growing up in Effingham and the wonderful academic and character education she received at St. Anthony. In particular, she's grateful to have been part of the St. Anthony community where the values of integrity, humility, respect, justice, and excellence lived and breathed throughout.

Tressie lives in the West Town neighborhood of Chicago with her husband, Matt, and their three children, Colin, Sophie, and Charlotte.





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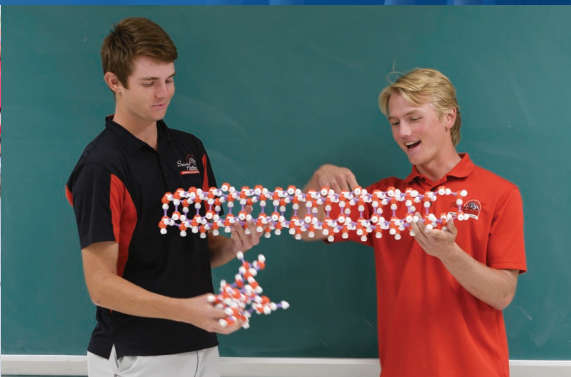
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