CLASS OF 1959 REUNION


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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2009

Class of 1969 40-Year Reunion Weekend

Friday: B.C. vs. Ridgewood football game at 7:00 P.M. Overpeck Park, Palisades Park (Directions: www.co.bergen.nj.us/Parks/directions/PalisadesPark.pdf).
Post Game Gathering: T.G.I. Friday’s, Continental Plaza (across from Riverside Square), 411 Hackensack Avenue, Hackensack, NJ (201) 342-7107.

Saturday: 7:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception and Dinner at Bacari Grill, 800 Ridgewood Road, Washington Township, NJ. $95.00 per person.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009

Class of 1989 20-Year Reunion
7:00 – 11:00 p.m. at Bacari Grill, 800 Ridgewood Road, Washington Township, NJ. Cocktail Reception with one-hour open bar, buffet with beer, wine, soda, coffee, and dessert. $65.00 per person.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009

16th Annual Craft Show
(AN ALUMNI MOTHERS’ CLUB EVENT)
10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. in the B.C. Gym. A quality juried show of lovely arts and crafts. Baked goods, homemade lunches, and snacks will also be available.
Contact: Sandy Pichetto at (201) 384-6676 for further information.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2009

2nd Annual Crusader Gala
(A PRESIDENT’S OFFICE AND PARENTS’ CLUB EVENT)
Rockleigh Country Club, Rockleigh, NJ. Join us for a memorable evening with an elaborate cocktail hour, entertainment, silent auction and many more surprises.
See Page 9 for additional details.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2009

Alumni Memorial Mass
(COURTESY OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION)
10:00 A.M. Mass in the B.C. Chapel.
By invitation only. Brunch immediately following at Bacari Grill, Washington Township, NJ.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2009

11th Annual Alumni Hockey Game
(Organized by the Hockey Club)
6:00 P.M. registration at the Ice House, Hackensack, NJ.
Contact: Regina Radoslovich for further details via e-mail at rradoslovich@bergencatholic.org, or call her at (201) 634-4146.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2009

Alumni Soccer Game
(ORGANIZED BY THE SOCCER CLUB)
11:00 A.M. at Crusader Stadium.
Contact: Trish Mellas at: trish28s@optonline.net.

Alumni Football Social
7:00 P.M. at Bacari Grill, Washington Township, NJ. Thanks to the continued generosity of our friend John Amoratis ’77, we’ll have the same great deal as we have in the past – $50 per person, which includes Open Bar all night and full buffet dinner. For those alums under 21, it will be only $25 (of course without the alcohol). To register for the event, all you have to do is call Marge Millus in the BC Alumni Office and RSVP. Marge can take a Visa or Mastercard over the phone or accept a check in the mail and can be reached at (201) 634-4142 or at mmillus@bergencatholic.org. Please call to RSVP regardless of method of payment... we really need to have a good idea of what numbers to expect for the night to go as smoothly as possible.
Contact: Tom Polifroni ’99 for further details via e-mail at: tpolifroni@aol.com.

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Marge Millus, AP ’05
Director of Alumni Relations

Unless otherwise noted, please call Marge Millus at (201) 634-4142 or email at mmillus@bergencatholic.org for event information, RSVPs and payment.
Dear Reader of *Bergen Catholic Today*,

As a reader of our magazine, you are part of our Bergen Catholic Community and participate in making Bergen Catholic the school we all want it to be. I thank you for your continuing support.

I write for the first time as President of Bergen Catholic. It was my privilege to serve the educational mission of Bergen Catholic twice before. My first service was as a teacher of Biological Science and Religion and my second ministry was as Chief School Administrator.

However, as the title of our magazine suggests, Bergen Catholic is about *today*. The Bergen Catholic of my past service and the Bergen Catholic of today are the same, yet different. The same dedication on the part of the faculty and staff…parents still make sacrifices to provide a Catholic education for their son…the enthusiasm of students for each other and the bond that allows them to say with pride, “I am Bergen Catholic.”

The Bergen Catholic of today is different in the technology that is helping to enhance the making of life-long learners, the quality and quantity of the opportunities for service learning, and the living out of the Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother education.

Today is the time that we examine all that we do in order to formulate a vision of our “Bergen Catholic In 2020.” We journey to the future with your support and guidance.

We are confident that being faithful to whom we were in the past and are today will keep us the same, yet different, in 2020.

May God and His Blessed Mother ever guard and guide Bergen Catholic High.

My best,

![Signature]

Br. Brian M. Walsh
President
BROther Brian M. Walsh returns for third term at Bergen Catholic

New B.C. President Started Career in Oradell in 1967

Bergen Catholic High School’s third President is no stranger to the school, having served during two previous terms at the school. BROTHER BRIAN M. WALSH, C.F.C., assumed the position of President in July, replacing BROTHER LAWRENCE T. MURPHY, C.F.C., who completed his tenth year of outstanding service to Bergen Catholic. Br. Murphy has accepted a new position within the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Leadership Team.

For Br. Walsh, his latest stint is one that he happily anticipates, having grown fond of the school during his two previous terms and cognizant of the way that his previous periods of service helped him grow as a person, as a Brother, and as an Administrator.

Br. Walsh’s first teaching assignment was, appropriately enough, here at Bergen Catholic. Upon his arrival at B.C. in January 1967, he taught two Math and two Religion courses for the remainder of the school year. He was immediately impressed by what he remembered as an “extremely fast-paced environment.”

“It was demanding to teach here, especially for a young Brother,” he remembers. “The kids weren’t afraid to ask tough questions!”

When the need for a Biology teacher arose the following fall, he accepted that assignment and retained his Religion class assignments. By the time he started his third year, he was already promoted to the position of Dean of Freshmen and would eventually take on additional responsibilities as the Director of Summer Session, the school Bookstore Moderator, and Advisor to the school newspaper, The Herald, until his departure in June 1972.

Br. Walsh established himself as one of the most popular teachers in the school during his five-and-a-half-year stay. Because of the presence of two other Brothers named “Walsh” at the time (BROTHERS JAMES B. WALSH and DONALD D. WALSH), the trio became known to the B.C. student body by their initials. Therefore, “B.M. Walsh” quickly became a household name at the school, and he was known as “B.M.” as well as by the additional letters of “G.B.T.,” which were bestowed upon him by his students in recognition of his reputation as a “Great Biology Teacher!”

Twenty years would quickly pass before Br. Walsh returned to Bergen Catholic, and his second stay would be a short one. He was assigned to replace BROTHER LAWRENCE A. KILLELEA, C.F.C., as the school’s seventh Principal in the fall of 1992. The President/Principal structure that exists today was not in effect yet at B.C., still two years in the future, so Br. Walsh served as the Chief School Administrator.

The now-experienced Administrator (having trained as the Chief School Administrator at two other schools since leaving B.C.) realized that he had walked into a great situation in his second stint in Oradell. “Br. Killelea did a super job,” he recalls. “The school was in great shape financially, we had more than 900 students, and the technology here was high-powered for the time.”

Br. Walsh immediately made several changes at the school, including the development of a new administrative office complex that would serve as his headquarters for what he had assumed would be a six-year term. However, things were in such good shape at B.C. that his expertise was needed elsewhere within the Province, and he was asked to accept a new assignment. He recalled having to call a staff meeting in one of the Science labs in January 1993 to announce the shocking news that he would be moving on at the end of the school year.

Now, 16 years later, Brother Brian M. Walsh returns for his third term at a school that is dear to his heart. He faces great challenges at B.C., as he did in his prior periods of service, especially considering the great economic challenges that face the school today. Returning to a place where he is known and loved makes the challenge a bit easier, “having been here before and accepted by the community.”

He could have accepted a challenging assignment at the Guadalupe Regional Middle School in Brownsville, TX, but he decided to return to B.C. “Who wouldn’t jump at the opportunity to return to Bergen Catholic? The quality of our graduates speaks for itself,” he adds, noting the number of alumni who have risen to positions of leadership and others who have made significant contributions to society.

As he prepares for his third term of service at B.C., Br. Walsh is especially impressed with
the advancements in technology that have taken place since 1993, particularly in the way in which technology is made available to and is utilized by the school’s faculty. Despite impressive improvements in this area, however, he states, “Technology is the ‘sizzle,’ but the ‘meat and potatoes’ of education are the relationships formed between the students and teachers.”

Br. Walsh looks forward to many productive days in the upcoming months and years. “The future will be different,” he forecasts. “We will make what we do better…and make ‘better’ the ‘best.’”

Brian M. Walsh was raised in the Dorchester section of Boston, MA, in a three-family house (a typical structure in that part of the city). He graduated from Catholic Memorial High School in West Roxbury, MA, a Congregation of Christian Brothers school that had just opened. His early interests included literature, prompting him to write for the school’s Yearbook and Science magazine. His writing interests indirectly led to his becoming a Brother when, at the beginning of his senior year, the Yearbook Moderator planted the seed by suggesting that he join the Brotherhood. Br. Walsh entered the Brotherhood on July 7, 1962, just weeks after his graduation from Catholic Memorial.

Br. Walsh matriculated at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY, where he earned a B.S. in Science Education with a concentration in Biology. He always loved Biology “because it was like dealing with everyday items in life,” a love that would become evident to his students during his first term at B.C.

Br. Walsh left B.C. for the first time in the summer of 1972 to start a 13-year term at Bishop Kearney High School in Rochester, NY. In his first seven years there, he taught Regents Biology, Microbiology, Human Anatomy and Physiology, Environmental Science, Religion, and Applied Economics, and also served as Dean of Students and Moderator of the Student Government and the hockey team.

It was at Bishop Kearney that Br. Walsh was named to his first administrative post. He took over as Chief School Administrator in the fall of 1979 at the co-institutional school that had an enrollment of 1,750 students and a faculty and staff of 135 members. Working at such a large school “was a wonderful experience for me. I really developed as a person while I was there,” he recalls. As if his schedule wasn’t busy enough, he also served as an Adjunct Professor of Environmental Science at Saint John Fisher College in Rochester and at Nazareth College of Rochester from 1974 to 1985.

When his six-year “CSA” term expired in 1985, Br. Walsh had planned to return “home” to Catholic Memorial, but his plans were sidetracked when an urgent need arose for a Chief School Administrator at Notre Dame – Bishop Gibbons High School in Schenectady, NY. He also taught Religion and General Science during his one-year stay there.

His leadership skills still in great demand, Br. Walsh was named as the Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Rochester in 1986, a position he held for five years. His main objective in that position was to move from a “system of schools” to a “school system” by removing the 78 elementary schools from parishes and forming them into their own civil and church corporations under separate Boards.

After spending one year in Rome, Italy as part of a Sabbatical and International Tertianship Program, Br. Walsh spent one year at B.C. and one year (1993-94) as the President/Principal at Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick, RI, where he oversaw the construction of major classroom and Library additions.

Besides his extensive academic resume, Br. Walsh has also served in many leadership positions within the Congregation of Christian Brothers. He has been a member of the leadership team of the Eastern American Province since 1993. As part of that team, he has served as both the Deputy Province Leader (1993-2002) and the Province Leader.
The Class of 1959 returned to Bergen Catholic over the weekend of June 19-21. The whirlwind weekend included golf on Friday afternoon at Hackensack Golf Club, with dinner following at the Club.

The next day included a reception in the B.C. Library with light refreshments and tours of the school, given by student members of our Red and Gold Club. Music was provided by a student pianist and songs from the 1955-1959 “era,” created by BOB ’59 and FRAN MURRAY’S son on CD, filled the Library. TONY MURPHY ’59 prepared a PowerPoint presentation, with music, for his classmates, provoking memories of their high school years. Music followed in the McKenna-Lawrence Chapel, recently named in memory of two icons in B.C. history by BOB ’59 and CYNTHIA HOEHL as a result of their generous financial support of the school.

At the conclusion of Mass, the Class was “surprised” when it was informed that it would now be treated to a “re-graduation” ceremony in the chapel. Each member of the Class of 1959 received a “replica” graduation booklet and a 50-Year Anniversary Golden Diploma in a beautiful leather case. Surprisingly, everyone who graduated in 1959 graduated again in 2009! Apparently, no one in the Administration bothered to check the archived grades to determine if they should have re-graduated in 2009, let alone in 1959!

The Class Dinner followed at Bacari Grill, where classmates and spouses were joined by COACHES JOHN BELL, JOHN MAZZIOTTA and BR. ED TRACEY, and the stories really began to fly. The camaraderie in the room was electric as the reminiscences of years ago brought joy to all in attendance. During the dinner, a DVD, created by our Student Media Intern group, was played, providing graphic, indisputable proof of their time at Bergen Catholic High School, set to Frank Sinatra’s “When I Was Seventeen” and Bruce Springsteen’s “Glory Days!”

Before the inevitable end to the evening, Bob Murray took to the microphone as Master of Ceremonies, followed by Bob Hoehl and many other classmates to reflect about the historic things that the first-ever Class had endured and had created. The school’s motto, “Deus Vult,” is still alive today, along with many other traditions that the Class began. Outgoing President, BR. LAWRENCE T. MURPHY, C. F. C. offered his oft-quoted view that “we look to the future, standing on the shoulders of the giants that went before us.” Of all the B.C. classes, that statement is most appropriate for the Class of 1959.

Jack Mostyn, Coach John Bell, Artie Prior, and Phil Deegan.
...AND THE FIRST 50 YEARS

As the evening neared its conclusion, the traditional Class group photo was taken and it is apparent on the faces in that photo (front cover of this magazine), that this was a memorable weekend for all involved—from near and from far!

On Sunday morning, those classmates with stamina returned to Bergen Catholic one more time to enjoy a send-off brunch and to continue to enjoy each other's company. We all know that the Class of 1959 was the “First” in so many ways—now, they are first again—setting the stage for a never-ending succession of 50-Year Anniversary Reunions to follow! Thank you, again, for continuing to lead the way into the great Bergen Catholic future that lies ahead!
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2nd Annual Crusader Gala

Friday, October 23, 2009 at 6:30 P.M.
Rockleigh Country Club
Rockleigh, New Jersey

Mark your calendar for Bergen Catholic’s most festive and largest fundraising event of the year! Enjoy a great evening with an elaborate cocktail hour, dinner, entertainment, live band and dancing. **All this for $110 per person!**

**Special Honoree:**
**Br. Lawrence T. Murphy, C.F.C.**

Join us in honoring and thanking Br. Murphy for his 10 years of dedicated service to the Bergen Catholic Community.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Bergen Catholic High School and Bergen Catholic's Scholarship Endowment. Please consider supporting this event for the students at Bergen Catholic.

For the 2009 Raffle, two winners will be chosen, which could result in payouts of $70,000 (35% of gross sales) and of $30,000 (15% of gross sales) if 1,000 books are sold!

**2009 Raffle Tickets**

| Individual Ticket(s) | $50 per ticket |
| Book of 5 Tickets    | $200 per book |

**Underwriting Sponsorships**

- **Crusader Sponsor** $10,000
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| Full Scarlet Page  | $350  |
| Full Page          | $150  |
| Half Page          | $100  |

For more information regarding this event, contact Marge Millus at mmillus@bergencatholic.org or 201-634-4142.

**Journal Deadline:** Wednesday, October 9, 2009
Bergen Catholic’s fifty-first graduation ceremony took place on June 7 at the Felician College auditorium in Lodi, NJ. BROTHER LAWRENCE T. MURPHY, C.F.C., President of Bergen Catholic, and MR. TIM McELHINNEY, Principal, presided over the ceremony, which was attended by more than 1,500 people. Two members of the Class of 2009, KEVIN THYCHERIL JOSEPH and JACK JOSEPH HOLUBA, spoke during the ceremony.

The Class of 2009 consisted of 182 students from 69 towns in six counties, bringing B.C.’s all-time total of graduates to more than 10,800 students. Fifty-seven percent of this year’s senior class (104 students) earned a total of more than $16.2 million in scholarships and grants.

19 Sons Join 19 Fathers as B.C. Graduates/Alumni

The Bergen Catholic Class of 2009 contained 19 graduates whose fathers are also alumni of B.C., bringing the school’s father/son grand total to 255 pairs. Here are the father/son pairings, with the 2009 graduates standing in the middle row and their respective fathers (with their graduation years noted) standing one row above each of them:

National Merit Finalists Donald Butterworth (left, also the Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice Award winner) and Daniel McNeely.
### TOP 15 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Br. Eugene D. McKenna, C.F.C. – Alumni Scholarship
(Funded by The Bergen Catholic Alumni Association)
Scott Andrew Monaco

The Br. Peter L. Lawrence, C.F.C. – Alumni Scholarship
(Funded by The Bergen Catholic Alumni Association)
Jack Joseph Holuba

AWARDS AND HONORS

Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice Award – “First in Merit”
Donald Joseph Butterworth

Br. Alfred X. Keane, C.F.C. Award – “Second in Merit”
Scott Andrew Monaco

Br. Patrick A. Gleeson, C.F.C. Award – Religious Education
Kenneth Anthony Kulig

Br. James H. Vaughan, C.F.C. Award – English
Patrick Michael Kenny

Br. Jerome A. Shannon, C.F.C. Award – History
Kevin Thycheril Joseph

Br. Edward T. Lopez, C.F.C. Award – Physics
Christopher Donald Clarke

Br. Francis K. Fish, C.F.C. Award – Chemistry
Michael Bernard McNicholas

Br. William M. Stoldt, C.F.C. Award – Biology
Maciej Kargol

Br. Matthew D. Sinnott, C.F.C. Award – Calculus
Seoungsoo Park

Br. Joseph M. Clark, C.F.C. Award – Mathematics
Christopher Elias Hobeika

Br. Joseph S. Smith, C.F.C. Award – French
Frank Paul Geiger

Br. Patrick S. Moffett, C.F.C. Award – Italian
James Carlo DiPalma-Grisi

Br. Michael H. Bradley, C.F.C. Award – Spanish
Daniel Patrick McNeely

Br. Arthur A. Loftus, C.F.C. Award – Latin
Donald Joseph Butterworth

Br. J. Anthony Reynolds, C.F.C. Award – Art
Jin Kyu (Briant) Lee

Br. Ken Grondin, C.F.C. Award – Music
Jeffrey Alexander Kyle

Br. Richard L. Connolly, C.F.C. Award – Computer Science
Zachary Gobeille

The John Courtney Award – Christian Service
Michael Pasquino Vitiello

The Victor Liggio Award – Outstanding Scholar-Athlete
Jack Joseph Holuba

FACULTY SERVICE AWARDS

2009 Pro Multis Annis Award
(Forty years of service to Bergen Catholic High School)
Br. Edward T. Beyer, C.F.C.

2009 Pro Operis Award
(Twenty years of service to Bergen Catholic High School)
Br. Lawrence T. Murphy, C.F.C.*

*Awarded by Virtue of the Office of President
1959

JOHN DONNELLY had been a lost address in our system for a very long time. We weren’t able to notify him about the school’s 50th reunion. Thanks to another 50th reunion that John attended in June, he sent us an e-mail to update us on his whereabouts since graduating from Bergen Catholic. “In 1957, I joined the Irish Christian Brothers by entering the Juniorate in Lakewood, NJ (St. Gabriel H.S.). In 1959, I graduated with the first graduating class at Bergen Catholic and that September, in West Park, NY, I took the religious habit as Br. John Gabriel Donnelly. I graduated cum laude from Iona College in 1963 with a B.A. in Classical Languages. I left the Congregation in 1971 after having taught as a Brother at St. Lawrence H.S. in Oaklawn, IL (1963-65) and at Essex Catholic H.S. in Newark, NJ (1965-70). In 1972, I was awarded a Master of Arts degree in Theology from the University of Notre Dame and a Doctor of Law degree from Temple University in 1977. From 1977 to 1988, I was an assistant district attorney in Philadelphia, PA and a deputy attorney general in New Jersey from 1988-90. Thereafter, from 1990-2001, I worked as a trial attorney with two law firms in New Jersey. I retired from law practice in 2001. The same year, my wife and I moved to South Carolina, where I taught Latin as an associate instructor at Coastal Carolina University (2001-08). In June, 2009, my wife, Deanna Mae, and I attended the 50th Reunion of the 1959 Christian Brothers habit group at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY, where I met several other graduates who had attended Bergen Catholic’s 50th reunion. Phil Schaeffer gave me a copy of the reunion CD.”

1962

DON HARTY e-mailed us in April to tell us that he has returned from a year of service in Iraq, where he was an advisor for the State Department. For 10 months, he was a Border Enforcement Advisor in Al Anbar on the Jordanian border with the U.S. Marines. Then, for two months, he was on the Iranian border in Basrah. While on vacation, Don was able to go to two audiences with the Pope, walk the Way of the Cross in Israel, and run with the bulls in Pamplona.

SIEGFRIED KORN sent us an e-mail updating his life story. “I am a merchant (shop owner) in Vienna after having sold my small publishing company. My main work is political, being a member of the regional council for the central district of Vienna (the capital of Austria) and their speaker of the majority party, which is the Christian Conservative Party, from 1978-96. There was a pause at that time because of a heart infarction and I resumed the position in 2005.”

1964

JAMES D. BURKE reported that he has been to the Persian Gulf and back in ’06, ’07 and ’08. He is a grandfather of four children – three girls and one boy.

1960

REV. PAT LYNCH, S.J. was honored at Canisius College in Buffalo, NY recently. He received the “Faculty Service Award” for his outstanding service to his department, the college, the community, and his profession. Fr. Lynch is chair and associate professor of Religious Studies and Theology. He teaches courses in Catholic Social Ethics in Religion and Politics. Fr. Lynch says: “My goal as a Jesuit educator at Canisius is to develop leadership skills in others, to nurture their talents – especially educational and spiritual – and to help them to find God in their lives. I also like to connect people with one another and therefore help them to become women and men for and with others who have a special concern for those on the edges of society. In all, I strive to witness to Jesus Christ and God’s greater glory.” Fr. Pat was rector of the Canisius College Jesuit Community from 2000-07.

1980

MICHAEL SHALHOUB is a father once again. He and his wife, Jean, welcomed another little girl, Ela, who weighed in at eight pounds, 12 ounces.

1981

JEFF ONORATO has written a dystopian novel, The SIN of Addison Hall. It warns about the horrific consequences that can accrue when a society devalues a portion of its population. The book is set in the country of Alpdon, a country where beautiful people are considered “The Master Race” and all others are considered sub-human. The book follows the life of Addison Hall, an unfortunate man who is unattractive. Shari Goldhagen, author of Family and Other Accidents, says, “With echoes of Vonnegut, Jeffrey Onorato creates a vivid, chilling dystopia where beauty rules. What’s even scarier is how close to home his world hits.” The book is available at www.blockislandbooks.com or amazon.com.

1982

JOE LOVI recently went sky diving while recovering from his recent brain surgery – check out his Facebook page.

1985

JOHN CROWLEY and his family recently had a once-in-a-lifetime experience. John, his wife, Aileen, and his children (Megan, Patrick, and John, Jr.) went to Portland, OR for a week of filming for their upcoming movie. CBS Films is in the midst of filming the motion picture (release date April, 2010) about the Crowley family, inspired by Geeta Anand’s book The Cure. The Crowley’s have a new website to keep family and friends up to date about the film: http://www.crowleyfamily5.com.
MIKE MINOGUE is president and CEO of Abiomed in Danvers, MA. His company’s artificial heart was recently implanted into a 76-year-old New Jersey man, who was the first person implanted with the AbioCor heart since the device was approved for commercial use three years ago. The AbioCor heart mimics the functions of a native heart by circulating blood to the body and lungs through two pumping chambers. The device’s motor is powered by an internal rechargeable battery, and a controller regulates the rhythm of the blood flow. The development of this device is an important step forward in the treatment of people with end-stage heart disease. “I think of it as an implantable heart with a brain,” says Mike.

1986

JOHN McNAMARA and his wife, Bridget, welcomed their third child, Erin Margaret, on December 19, 2008. Erin joins siblings Cate and John. The McNamara family resides in Fairfield, CT.

1988

MARK MADISON was awarded an M.B.A. from Wake Forest University in the fall of 2008.

1990

ROBERT BORDONE, who is the founding Director of the Harvard Law School Negotiation and Mediation Clinical Program and was a Thaddeus R. Beal Assistant Clinical Professor of Law, was promoted to full Clinical Professor of Law recently. Bob is nationally recognized for creating the Negotiation and Mediation Clinic. He creates outstanding and unparalleled projects for his students. Bob teaches several courses on negotiation and dispute resolution and is highly respected for his innovative and energetic teaching style. In 2007, the Harvard Law School graduating class selected Bob for the prestigious “Albert Sacks-Paul Freund Award” in the first year that he was eligible to receive it. The award is presented each year by the graduating class to recognize a professor for excellence in teaching, attentiveness to student concerns, and general contribution to the quality of student life.

1992

JOHN FITZSIMMONS is a major in the Marine Corps Reserves. He recently returned from his second deployment in Iraq.

1995

MICHAEL AMABILE and his wife, Joanna Tellis, announced the birth of their first child, Charles Joseph (Charlie) on February 12, 2009.

MATTHEW MORONEY married Kristin Rupich of Framingham, MA on September 26, 2008 at Old St. Mary's Church in Philadelphia, PA. Matthew’s brothers, TIMOTHY ‘98 and SEAN ’02, were groomsman. Also in attendance was MICHAEL RUIZ ’95. Matthew and Kristin honeymooned in Hawaii and reside in Philadelphia. Matthew was named a Pennsylvania Rising Star Super Lawyer for 2008. He is a civil litigation defense attorney with the law firm Goldberg, Miller & Rubin in Philadelphia.

1996

LEO CORRIGAN and his wife, Kerry, became the proud parents of John Anthony Corrigan on April 4, 2009. Jack, the first child for Leo and Kerry, weighed in at seven pounds, 10 ounces and measured 21 inches.

TODD GIBLIN graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, where he took a few courses in Music while majoring in Urban Studies. After receiving his degree, he entered Seton Hall Law School with plans to go into entertainment law and end up in the family law practice in Paramus, NJ. During the first semester, Todd realized his heart wasn’t in it. He had been captivated by the inner workings of the music business since early childhood. Todd first learned how the music business was run by handling contracts for artists signed by a major record label based in New York. While doing this, Todd was able to play drums and manage various bands, indulging both his love of music and gaining experience for his next career move. He went on to create Reform Records, an independent boutique label. Reform has worked with former New York Yankees’ outfielder Bernie Williams, among others. Todd’s goal is to help artists cultivate their careers and help them grow from regional recognition to national and international fame.

1998

JAMES HUFNAGEL and Holy Angels Admissions Director Margaux Pena married on April 4, 2009.

1999

AARON MARTIN and his wife, Jennifer, are expecting their first child, a girl, on November 27.
2000

JAMES TIENG proposed to Gabby Leong the night after Valentine’s Day. The wedding is scheduled for June 2010 at the Princeton University Chapel. James and Gabby graduated from Princeton in 2004 and 2003, respectively. He is a second-year student at Harvard Business School while Gabby is in her second year of teaching music at the Lower School of the Trinity School in Manhattan.

MICHAEL PANOS is with the 11th Engineering Battalion 60th Vertical Engineering Company and has been stationed in Afghanistan since April.

2003

KEN SINKOVITZ has recently relocated to London, England for his job with Credit Suisse Bank.

2004

CHRIS GRIEGO is in grad school in Atlanta, GA at Emory University in the Physical Therapy Program. He expects to graduate in 2011.

TIM SMITH is engaged to Megan Burchfield and will marry on May 30, 2010. Tim and Megan met at Quinnipiac University.

2005

BRIAN WALSH graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point on May 23, 2009. He will be commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army Corps of Engineers and assigned to the World Class Athlete Program for USA Team Handball in preparation for the 2012 Olympics.

2008

MICHAEL PIACENTINI recently received his Eagle Scout Award. He has been involved in scouting since 2001 when he was a Tiger Cub and, over the years, has held several leadership positions and has won a number of special awards. Michael’s Eagle Project consisted of the collection of collection of DVD’s, CD’s, and current magazines to send to the troops in Afghanistan. The project was extremely successful, with over 2,000 items collected. He received numerous acknowledgements from the troops. Michael received a large map of the area signed by the men and women serving in that area, some badges, hats, and an American Flag that had been flown in Afghanistan on his behalf.

Brother Walsh Returns

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(2002-2005). He worked to merge all of the North American Provinces into one single entity and served as the Deputy Province Leader of the newly-created Province of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America from 2005 to 2008. During his term as Province Leader, he also served as the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees to Bergen Catholic High School.

Despite his back-breaking responsibilities, Br. Walsh has continually upgraded his education. In addition to the B.S. degree in Science Education that he earned at Iona College, he also received an M.S. in Secondary School Education from Seton Hall University and an M.A. in Education (with a concentration in Learning Disabilities) from Nazareth College of Rochester. He also took numerous courses in Education at Boston College, the University of Dayton, the University of Notre Dame, and the State University of New York at Brockport.

Br. Walsh is also a member of the Chief Administrators of Catholic Education (NCEA), the Council for American Private Education, the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, and the Southern Poverty Law Center.

2009-2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010

Alumni Association Hall of Fame Dinner Reception

5:00 p.m. The Fiesta, Wood-Ridge, NJ
Stay tuned …Details to follow…Always a fun event!
BRIAN RISI ’90 and Hazel were married on September 22, 2008 in Berkeley, CA. Hazel grew up in California and works in corporate real estate with Cushman & Wakefield. Brian is a college and career counselor with the San Francisco Unified School District.

ADAM ACKERMANN ’00 (far right) married Lauren Kohut on Friday, April 17, 2009 in Naples, FL. Adam’s brothers participated in the wedding, STEVEN SPADA ’08 (second from left) as best man and CHRIS SPADA ’12 (front) as a groomsman. Other B.C. grads in attendance were groomsman JEFF GASTON ’00 (far left), DAN BUCKMAN ’00 (middle), and PETER DRAY ’00 (second from right).

KARL BOAK ’02 (back row, fifth from left, white corsage) married his college sweetheart, Maureen, on July 11, 2009 in New Hampshire. Bergen Catholic was well represented at the wedding, with no fewer than 10 friends and former classmates attending: (Standing, L to R) TODD MARCO ’02, TIM ENGELERT ’02, Matt Looney, Greg Oates, BOAK, MICHAEL KEHOE ’02, MATT RUTCH ’03, groomsman DAVID SORANNO ’02, and groomsmen MATT CAVANAUGH ’02. (Sitting, L to R) BOBBY JONES ’02, ROB HOLUBA ’02, BEN O’DONNELL ’03, and groomsman ANDREW WHITE ’02.

KRISTOPHER MINOGUE ’97 recently married Katie Oleske on May 10, 2009 at the Florentine Gardens in River Vale, NJ. Their wedding aired in September on a special one-hour episode of the Style Network show Whose Wedding Is It Anyway? Kris’ father-in-law, JEFF OLESKE ’76, his uncle, ROBERT BRENNAN ’81, and brother, ANDREW ’10, celebrated with the couple, as well as THOMAS DUGGAN ’97, WIL HORNEFF ’97, and best man THOMAS REDMOND ’97.

KEVIN KASAK ’00 and Ashley Weininger (center) married on June 26, 2009 and celebrated the special day with a reception at The Manor in West Orange, NJ. Joining the happy couple were B.C. graduates (L to R) MATT LOVECHIO ’00, CHRIS GUZMAN ’00, MIKE LINN ’00, MARK BOTT ’00, ROBERT FINCH ’00, and ROBERT OLSON ’01.
Class of 1999 Reunion

“To say that the 10-year reunion for the Class of 1999 was a success would be the understatement of the decade. There were roughly 65 alumni who came in from places including Florida and California. The turnout was also strong from some former teachers. Laughter, food and some drinking (non-alcoholic, of course!) were had by all in attendance.

About an hour into the reunion, we started an “open mike” session for all and everyone to share their favorite stories from the good ol’ days at Bergen. Several stories were shared and NO ONE was disappointed. Ahhh, the days of Bergen...I guess the only one who didn’t find it knee-slapping funny was former principal Dr. Fusco, even though a small smile could be seen after each story. We highly recommend that this become a staple of B.C. reunions. At the end of day, the success of the event can be measured by the fact that more than a few people want to make this a “five-year tradition”.

— Jason Porcelli ’99

Class of 1979 Reunion


Class of 1961 Golf Trip

Several of B.C.’s prominent alumni (most from the Class of ’61) got together for an alumni golf outing at Saddlebrook, Florida in February. (L to R): Dave Belli ’61, Joe Mele ’61, Bob Van Horn ’61, John Stenson ’61, Jerry Maitland ’61, Larry McDonough ’61, Pete Fenjello ’60, Jim Sheehan ’59, Jim Lucie ’61, Ted Noble ’61, Tom Von Ohlen ’60, and Jerry Quartarolo ’60.
Poker Night

On May 8, 2009, the Alumni Association held its first-ever Texas Hold’em tournament at Bacari Grill in Washington Township, thanks to JOHN AMORATIS ’77. The event was attended by 40 players who enjoyed the great food and atmosphere. This was our first-ever attempt at a Hold’em tournament, therefore, we did not know what to expect! Poker Night turned out to be great fun as well as a successful event for the Alumni Association. The Grand Prize winner was Kevin Carpentier, who took home a 37” LCD High Definition TV. A big thanks to all who attended, and LARRY CARPENTIER ’83 and JUSTIN LEPONE ’88, who ran the event. Make sure to be there at the next B.C. Texas Hold’em tournament.

Class of 1988
20-Year Reunion

February 28, 2009
REUNION COMMITTEE:
James Sullivan, Jerry Grandov,
Stuart Wells

We would like to thank everyone for attending the Class of 1988’s 20th reunion. It was great to get reacquainted with old friends and to remember old times. Everyone enjoyed the evening and is looking forward to the 25th reunion. We would like to thank everyone who helped organize the event, particularly MARGE MILLUS and JAMES SULLIVAN, who spearheaded the planning efforts.
Football Social

Former two-time All-County running back Justin Dunleavy ’98 (center) shows his stance to a host of former B.C. gridiron heroes that include (L to R) Jim Burt ’99, Dan Buckman ’99, Mark Fabish ’93, Tom Polifroni ’99, Mike Linn ’00, Joe Piela ’95, Justin Abramopoulos ’03, and Mike Poppe ’00.

(Standing, L to R): Nick Avella ’07, Dave Kuncio ’07, and George Kocher ’07. (Sitting, L to R): Joe Bendana ’07, Tom Didio ’07, Mike Grauso ’07, Head Coach Fred Stengel, Steve Spada ’08, and Joe Goggin ’08.

(L to R): Matt McGuire ’05, Brad Dussault ’05, James Polifroni ’05, Joe Dottino ’06, Wolfver Jean-Pierre ’05, Mike Martini ’04, Francis Corso ’04, James Kissinger ’04, Rick Calle ’04, and Ralph Squitieri ’04.

1977 Reunion

(L to R): Gerry DiFiore, Angelo Polli, John Amoratis, and Bob Malone.

(L to R): Steve Payne, Brian Mantone, Mike Maron, Bryant Parent, Gary Mazzie, and Gerry DiFiore.


Football Camp

(Standing, L to R): Shane Drummond ’11, Rich Scanlon ’99 (New York Giants), Nick Gerst ’09, Chris Andreano ’00, Troy McKenna ’08, Bill Schautz ’08, Dan Larkin ’05, Adam Watson ’05, Mark Ciavirella ’03, Matt LoVecchio ’00, Isaiah Williams ’05 (Baltimore Ravens), J.D. Skolnitsky (Washington Redskins), Tom Polifroni ’99, Tanner McEvoy ’11, Colin McEvoy (Rutgers University), and Domenic Natale (Rutgers University). (Sitting, Middle Row, L to R): Jack Holuba ’09, Wolfer Jean-Pierre ’05, Zeke Rodgers ’92, Brian Cushing ’05 (Houston Texans), Head Coach Fred Stengel, Matt McGuire ’05, James Polifroni ’05, and Brian Jackson ’05. (Sitting, Front Row): Karl Bostick ’11.

Former New Jersey “Defensive Player of the Year” and NFL star Rich Scanlon ’99 runs the show.

Isaiah Williams ’05 shows prospective receivers how to break away from defenders.
Alumni Baseball Game

(Standing, L to R): Cliff Oldfield ’06, Nick Benvenuto ’03, Tim Kelly ’81, Head Coach Al Barton, Bob Wallum ’08, Craig Boyarsky ’08, Brennan Pendergast ’08, Ray McCourt ’08, Tyler Haviland ’09, Brad Hotz ’87, Mike Haviland ’78, Assistant Coach Ed Mooney, Bob Cappadona ’78, and Steve Spadaccini ’93. (Kneeling, L to R): Matt Shirinian ’08, Rob Tandy ’91, John Daniello ’91, Brian Casey ’76, Don Demers ’91, and Assistant Coach Larry Fierro.

(LEFT) Former All-County shortstop Rob Tandy ’91 guns down another base runner. (RIGHT) B.C. assistant baseball coach Nick Benvenuto ’03 shows off his power stroke.

Alumni Lacrosse Game


The alumni team took on members of this year’s County championship squad.
Monday, June 1, 2009
White Beeches Golf and Country Club - Haworth, NJ

With a rare day of cooperation from the weatherman in place, the 38th Brother Burns Annual Golf Classic took place at White Beeches Golf and Country Club in Haworth, NJ. After a great day of fun and comradeship, the golfers enjoyed a wonderful dinner that included an awards ceremony that honored the numerous contributions of GARY ADLER AP '06 and BROTHER LAWRENCE T. MURPHY, C.F.C. to Bergen Catholic High School.

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for next year’s event!

HONOREES:
(Recipients of the Brother Martin P. Burns Award)

GARY ADLER AP '06
BROTHER LAWRENCE T. MURPHY, C.F.C.

2009 COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Terry Bottinelli ’69, AP ’03, ’09
Gerry Di Fiore ’77, AP ’08, CP ’11
Tisha Hamilton CP ’10
Jim Jacobsen ’66
Dan Kelly ’86
Gerard Quinn ’76, CP ’10
John Scirocco AP ’04, ’09

The Golf Classic Committee would like to thank all who graciously contributed to this annual event.

Thanks to all golfers, supporters, and sponsors!

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Low Gross, Alumnus ................................... Jed Hoban ’85 ....76
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Closest-To-The-Pin – Hole #6 ...................... Nick Avella ’07
Closest-To-The-Pin – Hole #13 ...................... Jon Stearns
Closest-To-The-Pin – Hole #18 ............. Jim Cavanaugh ’77
Longest Drive, Hole #8 ............................. Ryan Corcoran ’05
Longest Drive, Hole #10  Gene Hoban AP ’73, ’75, ’77, ’85
Longest Drive, Hole #14 .......................... Justin Clark
TWO OF B.C.’s FINEST RETIRE

The conclusion of the 2008-09 school year also marked the end of outstanding tenures for a pair of Bergen Catholic’s finest staff members...one short and one of legendary proportion! The B.C. community bids a heartfelt farewell to Brother Edward Thaddeus Beyer, C.F.C. and Mr. Stanley Zak and wishes them the best on their hard-earned retirements.

Br. Beyer, whose legendary 65-year career was highlighted in the last edition of Bergen Catholic Today, completed his 40th year as a highly-valued B.C. teacher and coach. Born in New York City, he entered the Eastern American Province of the Congregation of Christian Brothers in 1941.

Br. Beyer began his teaching career at St. Cecilia Grammar School in New York City, and eventually taught at Power Memorial High School in New York City, Boys Central High School in Butte, MT, Leo Catholic High School in Chicago, IL, and Essex Catholic High School in Newark, NJ before arriving at B.C. in September 1969.

Upon his arrival at B.C., Br. Beyer was immediately named as the chairman of the History Department, a position that he held for more than two decades. In addition to teaching American History and Modern History (as well as a variety of History courses over the years), he also taught a course in Theology and served as the Moderator of the Student Council.

He also made a name for himself as an outstanding freshman basketball coach, leading his teams to a record-setting total of twelve Bergen County championships.

Bergen Catholic staff member Stanley Zak had a much shorter stay at B.C. than Br. Beyer – three years – but he earned the same level of love and respect from his students and peers.

A graduate of St. Mary’s High School in Rutherford, Villanova University (B.S.), and the University of Pittsburgh (Master’s Degree), he arrived at Bergen Catholic in the fall of 2006 after outstanding terms of service at Ridgefield Park and Teaneck High Schools.

During the last three years, Zak has supervised the transition of the B.C. library from a desktop lab to a Mac-Graphics facility and helped to keep the school on the “cutting edge” of technology-based products. He also maintained a book collection of 10,000 volumes and managed subscriptions to 26 magazines and on-line data bases for staff and student use.

In his position as Media Specialist, Zak also taught a Media Interns course, which helped students produce items such as posters, videos, and still images for various uses within the school.

DR. ESKER HONORED AS “EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR”

Eleven-year faculty member Dr. Dominic Esker was rewarded for his outstanding work and dedication when he was announced as Bergen Catholic High School’s “Educator of the Year” during a year-ending ceremony at the school.

Dr. Esker arrived at the school in the fall of 1998 as a Science instructor and has taught courses such as Pharmacology, Honors and AP Chemistry, Earth Science, and Physics. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Science Department, the Moderator of the school’s Chess Club, and the Coordinator of the Summer Science program.

After attending Drew University (where he played basketball) and Jersey City State College, he transferred to Cook College, where he earned a B.A. in Geology. Dr. Esker furthered his education by earning an M.S. at Rutgers University and a Ph.D. in Seismic Studies at the University of Miami. While earning his post-graduate degrees, he served as an adjunct professor at Middlesex Community College, Rutgers, and Florida Atlantic University.

Dr. Esker has thoroughly enjoyed his 11-year stay at B.C. Asked what he liked most about the school, he noted, “B.C. is a unique setting. It’s one big family, with generations coming back to visit. The students and parents stay connected here. You get to know families over time.”

Dr. Dominic Esker (right) receives Bergen Catholic High School’s “Educator of the Year” from Br. Lawrence T. Murphy, C.F.C.
DR. LOUIS FASO NAMED AS B.C. “TECHNOLOGIST OF THE YEAR”

DR. LOUIS FASO, a six-year faculty member at Bergen Catholic High School, was named as the school’s second-ever “Technologist of the Year” during a year-ending ceremony at the school.

Dr. Faso, who teaches Biology, Chemistry, and Physics at the school as well as serving as the Moderator of the Science Club, has an extensive background in Science and Technology, making him an important member of the B.C. Technology Committee. As a member of that Committee, he continues to seek ways to improve the school’s highly-acclaimed Laptop Program.

On a personal level, Dr. Faso has integrated the use of technology into his classroom instruction, using “virtual labs” and “SMART board” programs to teach his classes (thereby helping to eliminate the use of textbooks), utilizing the “ExamView” program to instantly correct tests and to use older tests as a study guide for mid-term and year-end exams, and implementing the tools of the multi-faceted “Edline” program to improve student performance and to increase parental awareness of their son’s progress.

“Dr. Faso is a true leader and innovator in educational technology,” remarks JOE HAEMMERLE ’86, B.C.’s Assistant Principal of Technology and Student Affairs. “He is constantly looking to improve teaching systems and share his findings with our faculty. Lou has advanced the techniques with department members and all who sought him out.”

Dr. Faso, who earned his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in Biology at Fordham University, is also a Microsoft Certified Professional. Prior to his arrival at B.C., he taught at Fordham Prep (his alma mater), Fordham University Graduate School, and New York University Medical School. Dr. Faso also worked as a research scientist for the State of New York and as the Head of Technology and Education for an accounting firm.

Bergen Catholic High School’s Campus Ministry Student Leaders came through when they were needed most as they ran a “Gift Drive” in support of Shelter Our Sisters in Hackensack. The group, which spearheaded an effort that raised a staggering total of 678 gifts for needy mothers at the shelter, is comprising of B.C. students (left to right) Christopher Deraney ’09, Ian DiFiore ’11, Christopher Quinn ’10, Craig Homa ’09, Tyler Haviland ’09, and Patrick Kenny ’09. Kneeling is B.C. Campus Minister Rev. Tom Pendrick.
Through the extraordinary efforts of Bergen Catholic’s “Midnight Run” group, homeless citizens of New York City received much-needed food and supplies on three different occasions during 2009.

“Midnight Run” is a volunteer organization that dedicates itself to helping the less fortunate citizens of the metropolitan New York City area. In almost one thousand relief missions per year, “Midnight Run” volunteers from churches, synagogues, schools and other civic groups distribute food, clothing, blankets and personal care items to the homeless poor on the streets of New York City.

The B.C. chapter of “Midnight Run,” originally organized through the efforts of ROBERT DAVIES ’07, made its initial “run” in May 2006 and has continued to thrive since then. The current chapter contains about two dozen students and is moderated by Psychology and Spanish teacher ROSEMARY ORTIZ-WHITESIDE.

The group works throughout the year to raise funds and collect donated goods from the Bergen Catholic community, and then personally delivers those goods to people that need them the most.
In conjunction with Immaculate Conception High School in Lodi, this year’s musical, Footloose, was a huge success. Eight boys took part in the production, while first-year department chair Joe Charles ’02 joined in with a small role. Congrats to all on their “break through roles”!


PHOTO CAPTIONS


2) Stephen Rafferty ’10 and James DiPalma-Grisi ’09.


5) Andrew Degand ’11 and Maciej Kargol ’09.


8) Joe Bruzzesi ’10.

9) The B.C. bus rolls through the darkness on its way to Manhattan.


FINE ARTS

The Bergen Catholic Jazz Ensemble once again performed its “magic” at several events during the 2008-09 school year.

Eight Crusaders get “Footloose”

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In keeping up with a proud tradition at Bergen Catholic, some of the Crusaders’ sports teams performed group acts of community service to assist the underprivileged.

Last fall, the Crusaders’ soccer team traveled to the fabled Jersey City Armory for the second straight year to deliver donated equipment and to host an instructional clinic for the Jersey City Recreation Department under the guidance of the legendary St. Anthony High School basketball coach Bob Hurley, the director of the J.C.R.D.

The B.C. freshman basketball team visited the N.A. Bleshman Regional Day School in Paramus for a morning of service, where they assisted children with special learning needs.

In as much as the Florida trip has been an annual tradition for the B.C. varsity baseball team, so has the team’s commitment to donate some of its free time during those trips. This year, the baseball Crusaders spent an afternoon at a home for abandoned and troubled teenagers.
On the night of November 24, a group of approximately 30 Bergen Catholic students braved the outdoor elements to participate in the school’s first “Cardboard City” Night. The hearty participants experienced – for one night, anyway – the daily distress of the area’s homeless citizens by sleeping in makeshift “houses” formed out of discarded cardboard boxes and then “enjoying” a spartan breakfast in Hoehl Hall.
BUILDING BRIDGES TOUR VISITS NAPLES, FL, SAN FRANCISCO, CA AND ANAHEIM, CA

ANAHEIM, CA - APRIL 14, 2009

(L to R): Mike Bailey ’75, Mike Brennan ’75, Joe Tesoriero ’71, John Rodgers ’78, Dan Cahill ’72, Br. Murphy, Randall Logue ’62, Mike Jordan ’61 and Hank Lopez-Ona ’70.

(L to R): Jason Silletti ’87, Zeke Rodgers ’92, Director of Admissions, Patrick Ferry ’87, Stephen Mateerek ’86, Darren Marco ’98, Br. Lawrence T. Murphy, President, Chris Murphy ’00 and Mike Downes ’90.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - APRIL 16, 2009

The Building Bridges Tour made another stop in San Francisco, CA. Alumni in attendance for cocktails and dinner included: Front Row (L to R): Kevin O’Rourke ’69, Br. Lawrence T. Murphy and George Goin ’60; Back Row (L to R): Keith Lucas ’84, Brian Risi ’90, Brendan Lahiff ’90, Kevin Bukata ’00, Nick Shortway ’00, John McCaffrey ’77 and Chris O’Dea ’94.

FORT MYERS, FL

MAY 5, 2009

The Building Bridges Tour visited Fort Myers, FL for dinner with Florida alumni and spouses: Front Row (L to R): Kathy Warwick, Br. Murphy and Fran Murray; Back Row (L to R): Steve Warwick ’60, Bob Hoehl ’59 and Bob Murray ’59.
Yes, the economy is in the doldrums and it appears that recovery will be a slow, lengthy process. We know that many in the Bergen Catholic family have been touched by this in significant ways. Some have lost jobs and health coverage; others fear the loss of one or the other; still others have had to postpone their retirement dreams.

In spite of this turmoil, our loyalist investors—alumni, parents and friends of B.C.—have set a new record for the number of “consecutive-year” participants in the Crusader Annual Fund. Preliminary results indicate that more than 1,128 investors will have made a gift to continue their personal “streaks” for yet another year (compared to 1,092 last year (an increase of 3.3%).

Our “Consecutive Year Investors’ Club” (see preliminary chart to the right) recognizes all consecutive-year donors for three through nineteen years in a row! Remarkably, Club membership has grown each and every year since its inception in 1997-1998, averaging an increase of 6.8% compounded over those eleven years!

Look for the final results in the 2008-2009 Annual Report to Investors, to be published in the late fall. From all of us at Bergen Catholic who benefit from your generous and consistent loyalty—most importantly our past, current and future Crusaders—Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

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Donor Recognition

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Jason Silletti ’87, receiving his Horizon Lifetime Giving Award from Br. Lawrence T. Murphy during a visit to campus.

Jack Malvey ’69, receiving his Pinnacle Society Lifetime Giving Award from Br. Lawrence T. Murphy during a visit to campus.
Remember when you were a B.C. student and how daunting the process was when you were trying to decide your major for college, your career path? Choosing a career today is even more difficult!

You have the opportunity to help a young Crusader by sharing your experiences and insights about your career. Help him make his journey a little easier by answering his questions about your job. All careers are welcome!

If you are interested, or are already participating, please complete the form below so we can update our records, and mail, e-mail or fax to:

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OPEN HOUSE

HELP OTHER YOUNG MEN
EXPERIENCE THE TRADITION
AND THE INNOVATION!!

Share this information with your sons, nephews, grandchildren, friends, co-workers, neighbors…

B.C. Admissions Open House
Thursday, October 29, 2009
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Coop Exam
Friday, November 6, 2009
Online registration deadline November 1.
(See www.bergencatholic.org under Admissions for Coop registration.)

Check out the website for the Bergen Catholic Application and other opportunities to visit BC!
B.C. community in general and sports brotherhood in particular were rocked by the passing of basketball star Mark Fizulich ’93 and football star Chris Higgins ’04 during the first half of the 2008 calendar year. The players of B.C. varsity teams in those sports wore patches to honor the memory of two of the Crusaders’ greatest competitors.

Mark Fizulich was a two-time All-County selection for the Crusaders who scored 773 career points before moving on to Saint Michael’s College in Vermont, where he enjoyed a Hall of Fame career. His uniform (#50) was presented to his family during a halftime ceremony on January 22, 2009, and a blood drive was hosted by the school in his memory on April 28, 2009. The 2008-09 basketball Crusaders wore “FIZ” patches on their jerseys.

Chris Higgins was a rugged defensive end for the Crusaders. His play was a huge factor in the Crusaders’ 10-2 season during the fall of 2003, when the team came within one point of winning a State Championship. The 2008 B.C. football team wore Chris’ number (#51) on its uniforms in his memory.

B.C. HONORS FALLEN HEROES

Bergen Catholic High School sports’ teams honored a pair of prominent fallen heroes who passed away in 2008 by wearing commemorative patches on their game uniforms during the past school year.

B.C. senior players Pat Kenny (left) and Rob Aydin, both wearing “FIZ” patches on their uniforms, get ready for the jersey presentation with Head Coach Joe Dionisio ’77.
The Bergen Catholic Crusaders’ sports teams enjoyed considerable success during the winter and spring sports seasons, winning three Bergen County championships and reaching the County championship match in a fourth sport. Here’s a quick look at how our teams did:

**WINTER SPORTS**

The varsity basketball team suffered through an uncharacteristic losing season (12-13), but still opened the eyes of many observers with its consistent effort. Despite fielding its youngest team in several seasons, the Crusaders went toe-to-toe with several top-notch teams and came away with memorable wins over eventual Jamboree champ Teaneck and Rockland County powerhouse Albertus Magnus. Six excruciating home losses (all in the final minute) to strong opponents prevented B.C. from having a banner season.

The B.C. bowling team enjoyed another brilliant season, claiming yet another NNJIL Division “C” title with a sensational 103-23 record and winning the BCCA County Tournament for the fourth time in the last seven seasons. Along the way, NICK CORVELLI ’09 and ROBERT GRIPPO ’10 achieved perfection by rolling 300 games within two weeks of each other.

The Crusaders’ hockey team once again proved to be one of New Jersey’s strongest squads. The 2008-09 edition recorded a 14-8-1 mark and reached the semi-final round of the Non-Public State Tournament, where it opened up a 3-0 lead against top-ranked Delbarton before dropping a 5-3 decision. The squad was rated as the #4 team in New Jersey in the final Star-Ledger ranking.

The indoor track squad did itself proud, as usual, led by the First-Team All-County 4 X 400 Relay of THOMAS BOHLIN ’09, TARIQUE GRAY ’11, WILL RING ’09, and PATRICK RINGELSTEIN ’09.

The swimming team, despite heavy graduation losses, finished its season with a 7-3 record and finished in third place in the NNJIL league meet.

**SPRING SPORTS**

The B.C. baseball team, under the tutelage of former two-sport All-State alumnus JIM BURT ’99, laid the groundwork for future seasons of success by posting a 15-12 record while fielding one of its youngest squads in years.

The golf team, which was comprised mostly of underclassmen in 2008, reaped the benefits of the collective wealth of experience to enjoy a superb 27-2 season (and a #2 final State ranking). The Crusaders rolled to first-place finishes in the Non-Public “A” North Tournament, the Bergen County Group 3/4 Championship (Odel Nassar Tournament), the NNJIL team match, and the Arcola Invitational during a season in which veteran Head Coach JIM JACOBSEN ’66 recorded his 800th career victory.

The high-powered lacrosse squad (with five 30-goal scorers in the lineup) rolled to a successful 14-7 season, claiming a Bergen County championship and reaching the semifinal round of the State Tournament along the way. The Crusaders avenged a regular-season loss to Ridgewood by knocking off the top-seeded Maroons in the BCCA championship game on a goal by JOHN WALKER ’09 with five seconds left in the match to break a 6-6 tie.

The rebuilding tennis team suffered through a tough 1-9 start, but showed a lot of moxie and class by winning five of its last seven matches.

The track and field team proved to be one of the area’s strongest squads once again as it rolled to a 7-1 record in dual meets, and performed exceptionally well in the Pawlowski Relays (first place) and the NNJIL Division “C” Meet (second).

The most stunning accomplishment of the school sports year was produced by the volleyball team. In only its second season of existence, the squad overcame some early-season injuries and a rugged 2-6 start to reach the championship match of the Bergen County Tournament. The Crusaders then shocked the entire State by eliminating top-seeded Don Bosco Prep in the State Tournament. B.C. won 17 of its final 21 matches to finish with a final record of 21-12 and a shocking #20 State ranking.

**EDITOR’S NOTE**

Recent economic conditions have touched just about everyone, and Bergen Catholic High School is no exception. As a result, we are condensing the “Sports” section in the current edition of “Bergen Catholic Today.” Fear not, however! The same features that you are used to seeing (comprehensive recaps, scores, Sports Honor Roll, Sports Beat, etc.) will be available on the school’s website in “PDF” format. Please log in to the Bergen Catholic website (http://www.bergencatholic.org/) and click on the “Athletics” tab to find the PDFs relating to B.C. Sports News.

— K.P.

MATT SPATARO ’09 (152-pound weight class) won his third BCCA Tournament championship (becoming only the fourth Crusader to accomplish that feat) while JONATHAN BECKER ’09 (189) took home his third State medal in three tries.
MISSION STATEMENTS

Bergen Catholic High School
Bergen Catholic High School is a Catholic community of women and men that deepens religious faith, develops academic excellence, and strengthens social consciousness and responsibility in young men.

Office of Institutional Advancement
The Office of Institutional Advancement, guided by the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice, seeks to build growing, sustainable relationships with people and organizations who care about the mission of Bergen Catholic High School and to spread the “good news” of Bergen Catholic to all who care to hear it, embrace it, and support it with their time, talent, treasure and prayer.

2nd Annual Crusader Gala
Friday, October 23, 2009 at 6:30 P.M.
Rockleigh Country Club
Rockleigh, New Jersey

Mark your calendar for Bergen Catholic’s most festive and largest fundraising event of the year! Enjoy a great evening with an elaborate cocktail hour, dinner, entertainment, live band and dancing. All this for $110 per person!

SPECIAL HONOREE:
Br. LAWRENCE T. MURPHY, C. F. C.

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