

St. Bernard Happenings

St. Bernard Preparatory School



Spring 2018

34th Annual Bloomin' Festival Set for April 21-22



Festival Grand Prize

Fr. Joel Martin President of St. Bernard Preparatory School accepts the keys to a 2018 Jeep Renegade from Scott Spitzer, General Manager of Cullman Chrysler Dodge, to be given away as the grand prize at the conclusion of Bloomin' Festival!

New Director Appointed at Ave Maria Grotto

Abbot Cletus Meagher recently appointed Br. Marion Sanchez as the Director of Ave Maria Grotto following the retirement of former director, Bill Ellis.

Originally from LaSalle, Illinois, Br. Marion professed his first monastic vows at St. Bernard Abbey on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15, 2013. He is a graduate of St. Bede Academy in Peru, Illinois, a school run by the Benedictine Monks of St. Bede Abbey.

Before coming to St. Bernard he was in seminary studies for his home Diocese of Peoria, Illinois, and enrolled at The Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary of St. Mary's University in Winona, Minnesota.

In addition to this appointment, Br. Marion will continue to serve as the Director of the St. Bernard Conference and Retreat Center. He will oversee these two organizations which are part of the hospitality tradition for which Benedictines are known.

"At first, I was a bit apprehensive about being the director of the Grotto, but now I find that I really enjoy serving in this capacity," said Br. Marion. "I especially enjoy the history of the place and having the opportunity to welcome the visitors from all over the world who come here. Most of them have no idea what to expect when they arrive and are

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Br. Marion Sanchez

Excitement is building at St. Bernard in Cullman, AL, as everyone on campus prepares to showcase the 34th Annual Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair scheduled for the weekend of April 21-22. Over 170 artisans will cover the grounds to sell their handmade works. St. Bernard Prep and Ave Maria Grotto will combine forces to host one of the South's favorite arts and crafts fairs.

Artisans from across the Southeastern United States will bring their creations of arts and crafts. Pottery, jewelry, birdhouses, artwork, yard art, furniture, clothing, toys, blown glass, painted signs, handbags, hair bows, woodcarvings, and freshly made fudge are just some of the items to be

found at this year's festival. Visitors can also enjoy watching kettle corn being popped in a huge outdoor pot, or stroll across the yard to observe local blacksmith, Allen Kress, forge plant hangers, towel racks and other items. Just feet away from the Grotto, a mill will be grinding fresh cornmeal and grits which are so popular on southern tables.

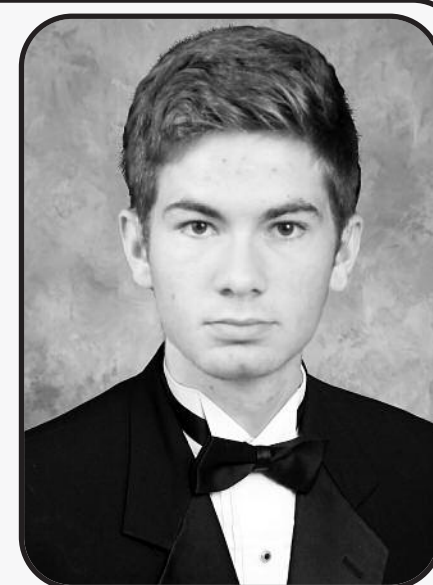
Along with the booths of the artisans, there will be large tents serving delicious concessions to include:

fresh smoked chicken, polish sausages, hamburgers, and all the fixings topped off with an ice-cold Pepsi or a cup of fresh squeezed lemonade. Deep fried funnel cakes have been a specialty for decades as are the hot strawberry waffles, and

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Genevieve Griffin



Andrew Sweeney

SBP Announces Two National Merit Finalists

Saint Bernard Preparatory School officials recently announced two seniors have advanced as finalist in the 2018 National Merit Finalist Scholarship Program. Seniors Genevieve Griffin and Andrew Sweeney are now in contention for some of the nation's top scholarships awarded to high school seniors.

The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955.

Of the 1.6 million entrants in the 63rd annual competition, some 50,000 with the highest PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores (calculated by doubling the sum of the Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores) qualified for recognition in the National Merit® Scholarship Program.

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National Junior Honor Society Members Inducted

Nineteen students in grades 7–9 met the requirements for membership outlined by St. Bernard Middle School's National Junior Honor Society Chapter and were inducted during a ceremony held in the Abbey Church on Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

President, Nikolas Borths, introduced each student and confirmed that they met the required qualifications needed to become members of National Junior Honor Society – Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character and Citizenship.

Borths began the program with a description of the guidelines for scholarship. At a minimum, each student must have a cumulative GPA of 85, B, 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent standard of excellence.

Next, Alex Lewis reminded students of the qualities needed for service. This involves voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation.

The standards set for leadership were presented by Kathleen George. Student leaders are expected to be resourceful, good problem solvers, and idea contributors. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.

Qualifications for the standard of character were delivered by Madeline McBride. A student of good character is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, and generally maintains a clean disciplinary record.

Marianee Pichardo described the standard of citizenship. The student must understand the importance of civic engagement, have a high regard for freedom and justice, respect the U.S. form of government, respect the law for all citizens at the local, state, and federal levels, and demonstrate mature participation and responsibility in activities such as scouting, community

organizations, or school clubs.

Headmaster, Fr. Linus Kluscarits congratulated the newly inducted students as

well as their parents. He recognized their achievements and encouraged them to keep being their best as they work toward their

goals.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Brahma Room for the inductees and their parents.



National Junior Honor Society

Front row (l-r): Fr. Linus Kluscarits, Riley Holmes, Piper Watson, Elizabeth Hazard, Chloe Lambert, Natalie Garcia, Allison Stidham, Nicholas Ruse, and Cole Bissot. Middle Row (l-r): Jorja Meiners, Samantha Stefani, Chloe Tombo, and Sara Barck. Back row (l-r): Kole Gentry, Druss Hays, John David Grey, Francis Mami, Connor Berry, Francisco Tona, Justin Anders and Deacon Tim Vaughn.

SBP Cheerleaders Launch Shoe Drive Fundraiser



Raising Funds for Cheer Camp

Seated (l-r): Lilly Nassetta and Alison Gongre. Standing from left: Ashley Morris, Gabrielle Bennett, Claudia Fallin, Abigail Curtis, and Riley Holmes.

St. Bernard Prep School Cheerleaders are conducting a shoe drive fundraiser from now until April 24, 2018 to raise funds to attend cheer camp. Cheerleaders will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes collected, as Funds2Orgs will issue a check for the collected shoes. Those dollars will help send every cheerleader to camp.

All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise (small business) partners. Funds2Orgs works with micro-entrepreneurs in helping them create, maintain and grow small businesses in developing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited. Proceeds from the sales of the shoes collected in shoe drive fundraisers are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send to her son to law school.

Shoes must be new or used, any size or style, and in wearable condition. Cheerleaders are paid by the pound at the end of the fundraiser and then the shoes are sent to other countries where they

are used to help individuals start their own businesses.

"This is both a fundraiser and a service project for my girls," said Cheerleader Sponsor, Elicia Fallin. "I hope along the way they realize how blessed they all are and that it is their responsibility to try to help others who are less fortunate. The money raised will go towards camp and new signs and pom poms."

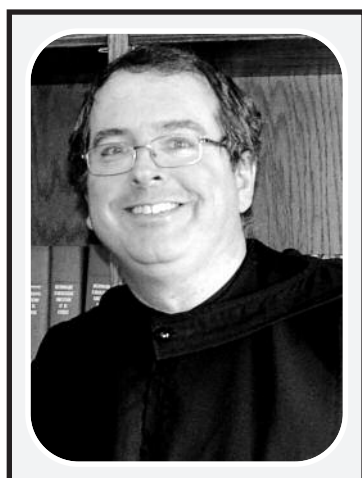
"We are encouraging everyone to do some closet cleaning and clear out those gently worn shoes that are taking up space. By doing so, we raise money for our cheerleaders at St. Bernard, and we have the chance to help families in developing nations who need economic opportunities. It's a win-win for everyone."

Anyone wishing to donate may drop off gently worn, used and new shoes at the following locations: Cullman County Sheriff's Office, St. Bernard Prep Administration Building, Sacred Heart Church and School in Cullman, Cullman EMS, and Journey Church in Eva, AL.

The discarded shoes will be given a second chance to make a difference in people's lives around the world.

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Headmaster's Report



Fr. Linus Klucsarits, O.S.B.

It has been a great joy for me to become Headmaster of St. Bernard Prep School. I accepted this position in January when Mr. Dan Baillargeon left to take another position in New Hampshire. There has been quite a learning curve for me. I began working in the school full-time in September as Assistant Headmaster. Honestly, I was hoping for a year or two as assistant to learn as much as I could about the school operations. However, with Mr. Baillargeon's departure, I was asked by Abbot Cletus to take the reigns as Headmaster. I quickly learned we are blessed with so many outstanding students as well as dedicated teachers and staff. The transition has been smooth and the year has flown by. I would like to mention in particular the help of Mrs. Carrie Woods, Assistant to the Headmaster, and Mrs. Kelley Gentry, administrative assistant at the

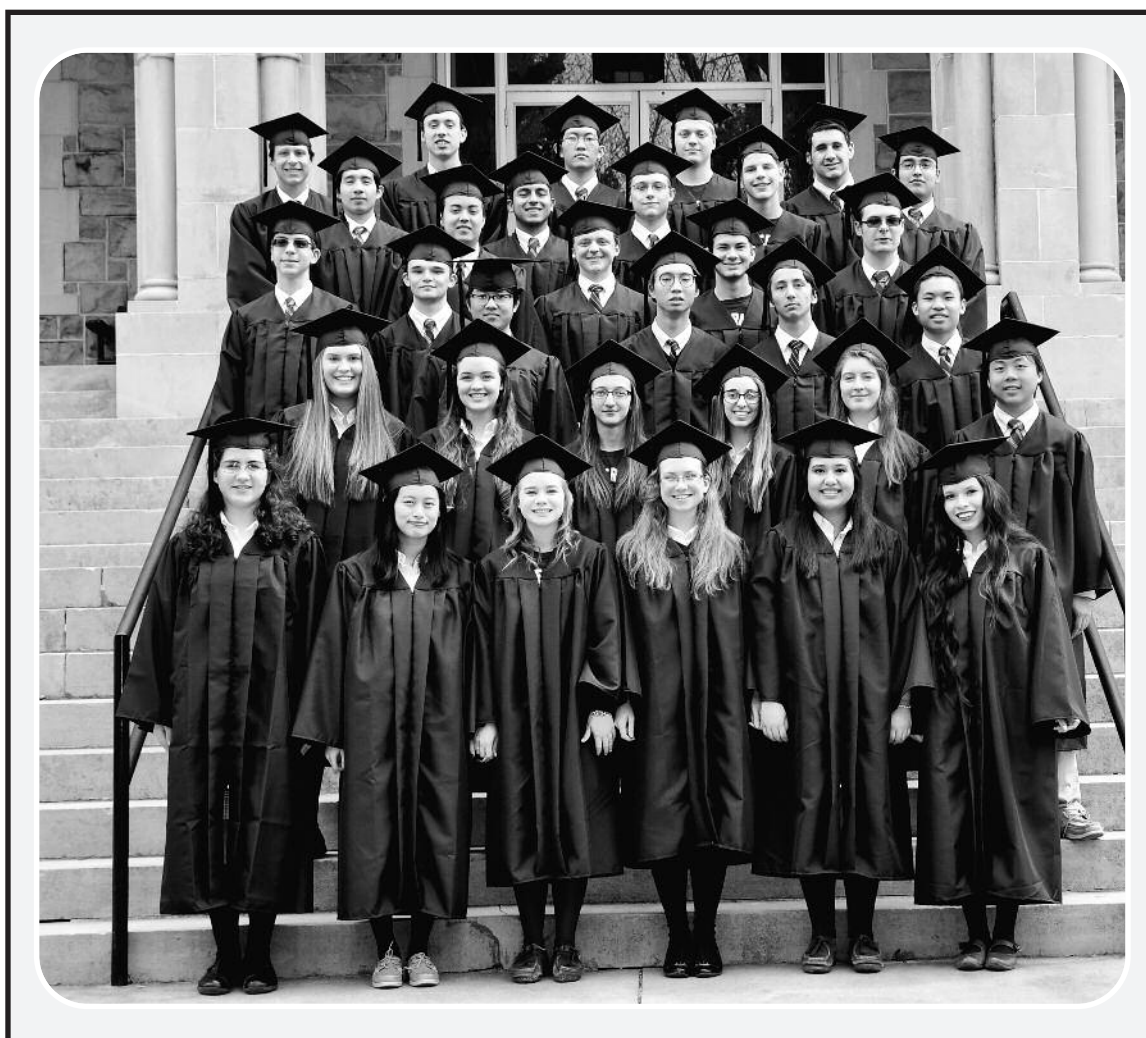
middle school. Their knowledge and patience with me in this new role has been invaluable.

Since taking over I have had the opportunity to meet with each of the teachers and staff individually. I have learned their vision for St. Bernard Prep and how we can improve our school. I also have observed all the teachers in the classroom and I am so impressed with the quality of the education provided at St. Bernard Prep. One of the many joys of this position is being able to attend sporting events and shows put on by our arts department. Again, I am so proud of the skill and enthusiasm shown by so many of our students.

Mr. Brendan Flannery, Director of Admissions, and I have been working to recruit new students to our school from across the nation and around the world. I have also been on a team to rework our website and our presence on the internet. Look for our revamped website coming this summer.

In the future I am hoping to continue the tradition of excellence at our school. The possibility of some new sports offerings, an expanded arts program, and some academic improvements are all in the works. I look forward to sharing these initiatives as they become realities.

Please continue to pray for me, our students, teachers, and staff. With God's help we can look forward to many more years of success at St. Bernard Prep.



St. Bernard Preparatory School Class of 2018

St. Bernard Preparatory School will host graduation on May 27, 2018 at 2:00 pm in the Abbey Church. 1st Row: Irina Biedenstein, Thao Nguyen, Anna Faulk, Eva Barck, Isabel Santiago, Rita Guevara. 2nd Row: Avy Whaley, Cailin O'Donnell, Leahrose Mami, Olivia Tafazoli, Genevieve Griffin, Duy Nguyen. 3rd Row: Ben Swalley, Michael Bain Clemmons, Haohua Xiao, Josh Chiodo, Yu-yang Hsieh, Andrew Sweeney, Nicholas Gil, Sid Rivard, Chanh Pham. 4th Row: Christian Peterson, Luiz Zatarain, Victor Fentanes, Lexiss Gallegos, Luke Marti, Blake Burman, Luis Sanchez. 5th Row: Elijah Price, Angus Wong, Alec von Thuelen, Austin Long.



Senior Class Officers

Class officers are Ben Swalley, President; Irina Biedenstein, Vice-President; Olivia Tafazoli, Secretary; Leahrose Mami, Treasurer.

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fresh caramel-apple chips.

Another signature item at the Bloomin' Festival is the homemade Monk's bread baked by Br. Benedict Dyar. In addition to Monk's Bread, the monks will be selling their Benedictine Brew coffee.

Festival t-shirts are available on the grounds for \$20 each as well as St. Bernard hoodies, caps and a limited number of sweatshirts.

Live entertainment provided by students at St. Bernard will be held throughout the weekend with a special performance of Blue Grass Music by the Cotton Pickin' Kids on Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

"Weather is always a factor in an outdoor event such as Bloomin' Festival," said festival director, Joyce Nix. "Still, the show will go on, rain or shine, unless EMA (Emergency Management Agency) advises us

otherwise. Only once in the past 34 years has a show been cancelled due to inclement weather," Nix continued. "Either way, our vendors will be prepared."

Sunday afternoon, at 5 p.m., Fr. Joel Martin, President of St. Bernard Prep, will draw a lucky name from a barrel to choose the winner of a 2018 Jeep Renegade and other valuable prizes.

Sponsorships are very important to the Bloomin' Festival as it helps with promotional expenses. The school is thankful to have such wonderful support from the following businesses and encourage the community to support them as well: Cullman Chrysler Dodge, O.F. Richter & Sons, Leaffilter, Pepsi, Billy Ray Taylor Auto Sales, Hendon & Huckestein Architects, Jet Pep, Merchants Bank, Walmart Distribution, Cullman Jefferson Gas, Cook's Pest Control, and Regions Bank.

"Volunteers make Bloomin' Festival happen," said Joyce Nix. "Everyone working at the event is a volunteer. We pull together as a school community to make Bloomin' Festival a success for our school, and are very blessed to have a campus that can accommodate the number of visitors who come to Cullman. We have an outstanding show this year and look forward to welcoming everyone who comes."

Festival hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, Saturday and Sunday.



Craftsman George Jones



Bloomin' Festival offers something for everyone!

Grotto Director Appointed

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continually amazed at the beauty and uniqueness of the place. Most are surprised to learn that it is the creation of a monk of our Abbey."

"Just reviewing the comments recorded in our registry, many visitors, who have visited the Holy Land, leave comments about the beauty, uniqueness and accuracy of the miniatures built by Br. Joseph. This is especially amazing since Br. Joseph never visited the Holy Land but only had pictures to help him envision his creations," Br. Marion continued.

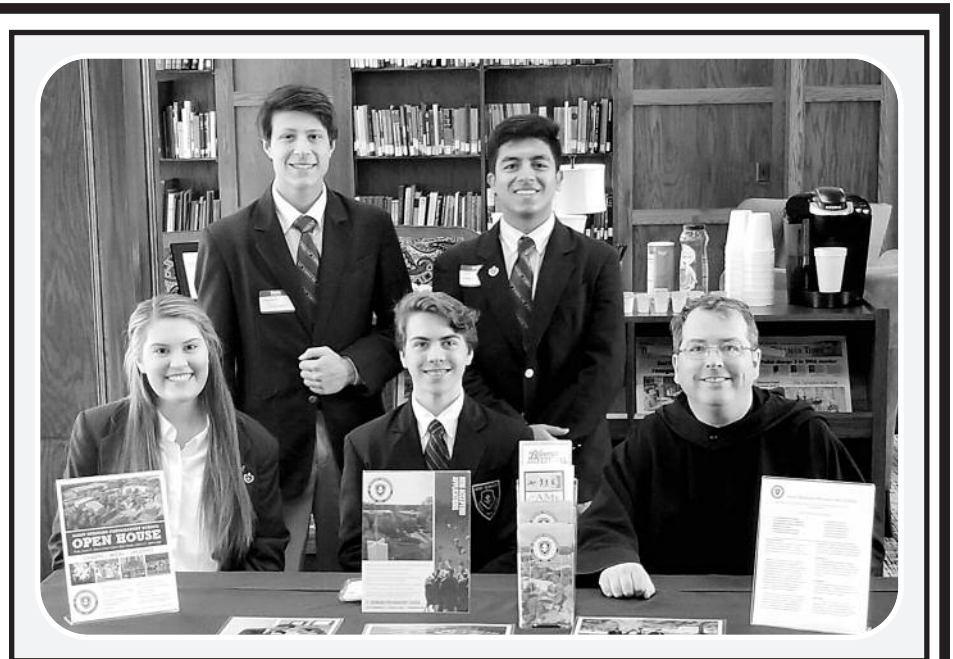
"As we prepare for Easter, many people who visit the Grotto at this time of year often leave comments in the registry about the section in the Grotto called 'Scenes from the Holy Land.' They comment that it's like being there in miniature," he said.

"I'm amazed at how the gardens seem to be protected by God," Br. Marion said. "Recently, a damaging hail storm ripped through the Cullman community. Though we had damage on St. Bernard's main campus, the Grotto itself was spared with only minimal damage being done in the four-acre park."

Br. Marion concluded by saying, "Everything is budding and hopefully in the next few weeks all the flowers and trees will be in full bloom just in time for the Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair scheduled for April 21-22, 2018. We are expecting thousands of visitors that weekend. Flower beds are being prepared for those days and the Gift Shop had a whole new line of merchandise."

The grotto gift shop offers a full line of bibles, books, rosaries, crucifixes, medals and first communion items. In addition, fresh made Monks Bread, jams, jellies and Benedictine coffee, are also available.

Ave Maria Grotto is open daily from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. for self-guided tours. For guided tours contact the grotto at (256)734-4110.



On Friday March 9th and Sunday March 11th St. Bernard held its semiannual open house for the spring semester. Prospective students and their families were invited to come visit the campus and receive a tour given by some of the student ambassadors.

Each tour group upon returning remarked on the beauty of the campus and they all mentioned how impressive the students that they encountered were.

St. Bernard offers tours as well as shadows days for the prospective student throughout the year. If you or someone you know would like to visit campus and receive a tour, or to schedule a shadow day please contact Mr. Brendan Flannery in the office of admissions; admissionssbp@gmail.com, bflannery@stbernardprep.com or call 256-255-5890.

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Booster Club Drawdown Held at St. Bernard

St. Bernard was the talk of the town February 3 as 425 friends and supporters of the school gathered in the Fazi- Richard Athletic Center for the annual Booster Club Drawdown Dinner.

Booster President, Josh Whaley said this was the largest dinner the club has hosted.

The appetizers and meal were prepared by Cullman Chef, Judy Pitts owner, of Designs by

Grace. Pitts served up delicious bacon wrapped sausage appetizers, with her own specialty spinach dip, and cheeseballs with all the trimmings. A fresh garden salad

along with tender pork tenderloin, stuffed chicken breast, squash casserole, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls and dessert completed the dinner.

The evening was hosted by John Arndt who served as the emcee for the event along with his father, John Arndt, Sr. A wonderful silent auction lined the west side of the center with great gifts donated by area merchants and artisans.

Parents stood near the stage selling keys to open locks on baskets containing spirits, cash and a Louis Vitton purse. A drawing for an extra hold out ticket was also in the mix of

winnings.

Whaley said the drawdown is an annual event that takes place the Saturday before the Super Bowl on Sunday. "Friends and family look forward to participating because it is not only fun, but bargain priced for a couple to enjoy an evening of fun and bingo," he added.

Wayne and Patricia Willingham were the grand prize winners of \$10,000; Sherry Calvert claimed the \$1,000 spot, while the St. Bernard Basketball team garnered \$750; Josh Campbell took home \$500; and the school's beloved Miss Martha Ann Warnke won \$250.

Tax Deduction Changes

Kassouf & Co., P.C. Tax Alert
State and Local
Tax Deduction Changes
February 2018

Under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, taxpayers who itemize deductions will encounter a limitation of \$10,000 for all state and local taxes, including income and property taxes in 2018. In prior years, this deduction has essentially been unlimited. Fortunately for Alabama taxpayers, there is limited relief available if you act in a timely manner.

Under the Alabama Accountability Act, taxpayers have the opportunity to make a contribution to an SGO (scholarship granting organization) and receive a tax

credit for one half of their state tax liability, up to \$50,000. This payment is treated as a charitable deduction for Federal income tax purposes; for Alabama income tax purposes, the payment will reduce your tax liability dollar for dollar (up to the maximum). You will also be allowed to reduce your Alabama state withholding or estimated payments if you choose to make such a contribution.

The state has allocated \$30,000,000 to this program; currently, there is \$17,000,000 remaining for 2018. If you are inclined to take advantage of this opportunity, we encourage you to act quickly. If you have questions, please contact your Kassouf representative for assistance.

Record Sized Hail

Brutal storms containing hail the size of softballs and larger rolled across sections of Cullman County during the last days of March. The hail crashed through the roofs of many residents and forced the closing of major shopping centers and restaurants. Car dealerships on the south side of the city of Cullman lost the majority of their inventory because of the fierce storms.

While it wasn't the worst storm Cullman has witnessed since the 2011 tornadoes, it was just as devastating to local residence who were forced from their homes to relocate to hotels and with family members until help could arrive.

"Most of the hail stones we experienced at St. Bernard were about the size of golf balls with some being larger," said Fr.

Marcus Voss, Development Director. "A good number of windows in the Administration Building were broken as well as windows in Benedict Hall. Even the Abbey Church has window damage. All the vehicles that were parked outside have damage ranging from broken windshields to dents and dings in the metal work."

"The most significant damage seems to be on the roofs of our buildings," he continued. "We are in process of evaluating how extensive it is, but it looks like several roofs will have to be replaced."

"We are especially fortunate that no one was injured," he concluded. "We are also fortunate that Ave Maria Grotto sustained only minor damage. That was a blessing in itself."



Members of the Class of '64 living in Jacksonville, FL, recently got together for a reunion at the Town Center. (l-r) Dick McCarthy, Clem Sterck, and Mike Mossman.

National Merit Finalists Named

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About 16,000 students of the 1.6 million entrants earn Semifinalist status. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships

worth about \$32 million that will be offered this spring.

About 1.6 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

(PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.

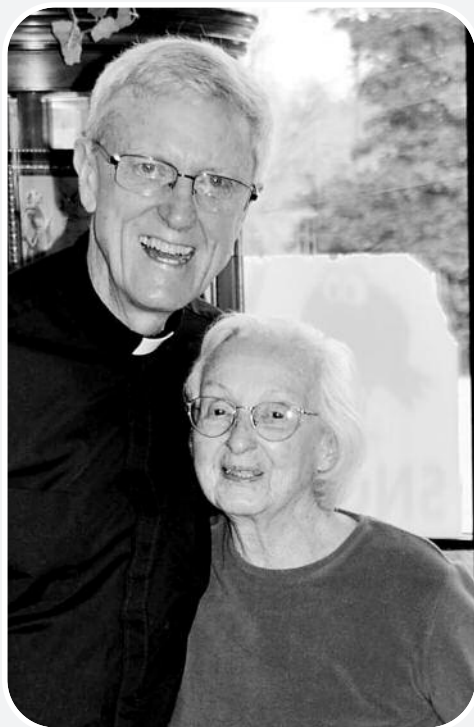
From the approximately 16,000 Semifinalists, about 15,000 advanced to the Finalist level, and in February were notified of this designation. All National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of Finalists.

Griffin and Sweeney started St. Bernard Prep School as freshmen and have served in many areas of leadership, community service, athletics, and more.

St. Bernard President Fr. Joel Martin said, "We're happy to see these students recognized for their gifts and hard work."

Margaret Schwaiger celebrates 91st birthday

St. Bernard celebrated the 91st birthday of Margaret Schwaiger recently at the grotto. Margaret worked at the Abbey and grotto and is the wife of the late Leo Schwaiger who was a stonemason at the grotto.



Abbey news

Br. Bernard Assists Pope Francis at Vespers, Mass

By Br. Bernard Denson, OSB
Rome, Italy

For the last three years of studying in Rome, people back home would frequently ask me, "So, have you met the pope?" My answer was always, "No, but I have been very close to him on several occasions." While that was true—I had been within ten feet of Pope Francis a handful of times—I still remained hopeful that before I finished my studies here, I'd have the opportunity to greet him personally. But now, all of that has changed, as I've exchanged handshakes and a few words with the holy father twice in the course of three weeks (with another scheduled encounter coming in April).

I was invited by the abbot of St. Paul Outside the Walls (one of the four major papal basilicas and the burial place of the apostle St. Paul) to assist Pope Francis as one of four deacons when the pope came there to preside at Vespers on January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The annual occasion marked the conclusion of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and the pope was joined by the personal delegates of the archbishop of Canterbury and the ecumenical patriarch of Constantinople, representing the various Protestant traditions and the Orthodox churches, respectively.

Then, less than three weeks later, as

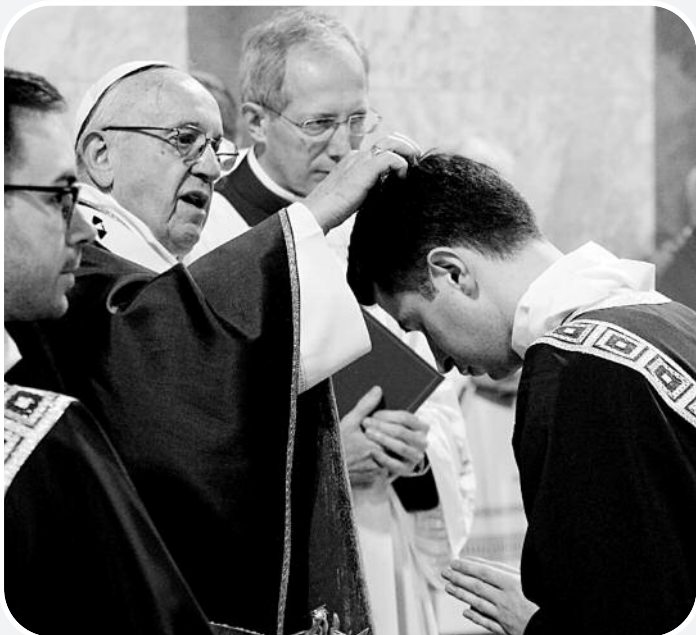
the senior deacon at the international Benedictine college of Sant' Anselmo, the privilege fell to me to assist Pope Francis once again as he began Lent—the season of spiritual preparation for Easter—with the traditional procession from our Benedictine church of Sant' Anselmo to the Dominican church of Santa Sabina (both on the Aventine Hill) where he celebrated Mass of Ash Wednesday.

So, perhaps now the question I will be asked is, "So, what's it like to meet the pope?" Based on both experiences, I have to say that what struck me the most is how surprisingly "real" he is. We grow so accustomed to seeing images of Pope Francis on the Internet, in newspapers and magazines, in our

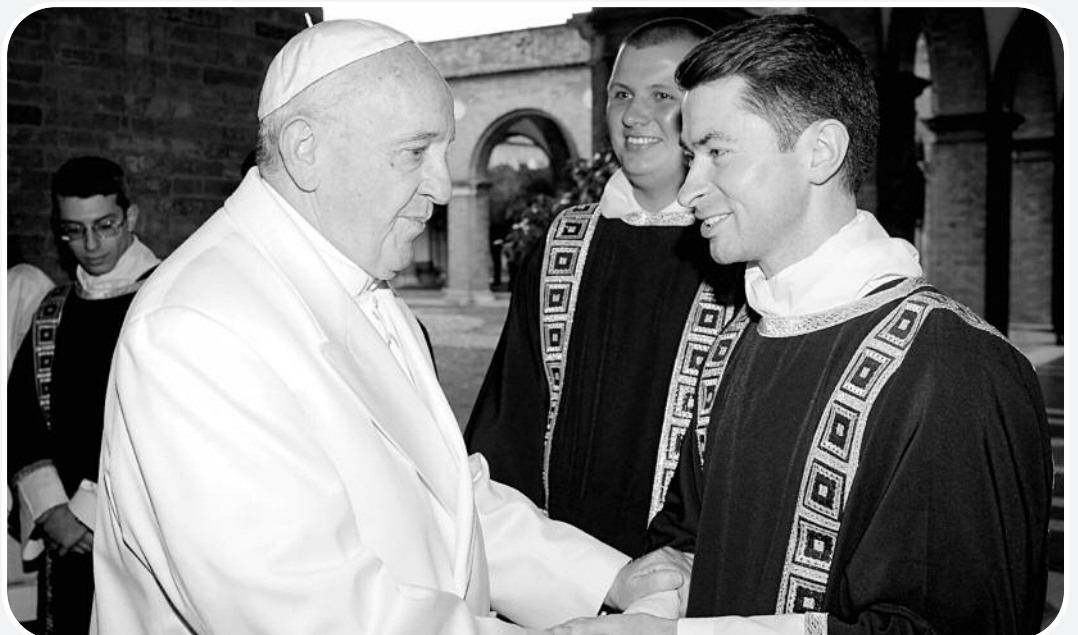
churches, that getting an "up-close look" is not really all that special. What is special is his presence, which is notable for its ordinariness, its sincerity, its authentic engagement with the other. With all the days of preparation, hours of rehearsal, armies of security personnel, and precise orchestration and protocol, I was quite unprepared to find the "Bishop of Rome, Vicar of Jesus Christ, Successor of the Prince of the Apostles, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church, Primate of Italy, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Roman Province, Sovereign of the Vatican City State, Servant of the servants of God" (as his official list of titles goes) to be the real deal: a totally genuine human being

and a simple, humble priest. Looking right into my eyes, he greeted with a smile, once with a handshake and the other time with an embrace, and we spoke to each other briefly but warmly in Italian.

Looking back, I can only say it was a great honor to assist at the liturgy with Pope Francis—yes, because of what the office of the papacy means for the Church and the world, but also because of the particular man that God has placed in that office today, a true pastor of souls who presents the unqualified love of Jesus Christ to each and every human person. As my ordination to the priesthood approaches, I can only be thankful for the gift of his example. Viva il papa!



Br. Bernard receives ashes from Pope Francis during Ash Wednesday Mass at Santa Sabina



Br. Bernard greets Pope Francis prior to Vespers at St. Paul Outside the Walls



Br. Bernard greets Pope Francis at Sant' Anselmo prior to the Ash Wednesday procession and Mass



Happy Easter from the St. Bernard crew in Rome! Three former students of Br. Bernard Densons visited the Eternal City to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. Pictured are Josh Chiodo, Christian Peterson, Br. Bernard and Michael Bain Clemmons.

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St. Bernard Students Travel Abroad

Over Spring Break, 9 students and 7 adults spent 9 days touring Ireland, Wales, and England. The group toured several castles in Ireland and Wales including Blarney Castle (kissing the Blarney Stone), Ross Castle, and Beaumaris Castle. In Ireland, the group enjoyed an excursion to the Ring of Kerry, visited St. Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College (where they saw the Book of Kells), observed a sheepdog demonstration, had students participate in traditional Irish dancing, and were able to attend Easter Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. The group traveled by ferry across the Irish Sea to Wales and on to

London via Stratford-upon-Avon. While in London the group shopped at Harrod's, observed the marching of the guards at Buckingham Palace, and took a walking tour through London seeing Big Ben, Piccadilly Circus, the London Eye, Westminster Abbey, and the Houses of Parliament (only to mention a few). Several of the group also took a tour to Hampton Court. The trip was a perfect opportunity to allow everyone to experience the history, culture, and cuisine (Shepherd's Pie, Irish Stew, Fish and Chips) of Ireland, Wales, and England.



Dee Gann, Jimmy Schomburg, Haohua Xiao, Thao Mary Nguyen, Joseph McCarthy, Phoebe Coccia, Elliot Deep and Dax Olszowka.



Jimmy Schomburg, Conor Berry, Dax Olszowka, Phoebe Coccia, Thao Mary Nguyen, Dee Gann, Elliot Deep, Haohua; Xiao.

Spring Break Cruise to Mexico

By Rock Turner, Residency Life Director

Normally during Spring Break, the few kids that remain in the dorms go with Fr. Joel on a small trip for a couple of days; however this year Spring Break fell during Holy Week, so Mr. Turner, Residency Life Director offered to take the kids on a trip. Originally they wanted to go to New Orleans but as we were checking on hotels and such we found a great deal on a cruise.

The kids enthusiastically wanted this option and when Fr. Joel approved the trip plans were quickly completed through an excellent travel agent who helped in every aspect of the preparation and reservations. So Mr. Turner and Bro. Pachomius took off with 6 kids early Saturday morning on March 24th to Mobile, Alabama to board the Carnival Fantasy for a 5 night cruise to Mexico. After we boarded we ate and then attended the mandatory Muster Drill, safety drill for all passengers and then promptly at 4pm we were off and sailing away. We enjoyed our first of five fabulous dinners in the Jubilee Dining Hall. We encouraged the kids to try new and exciting foods, things they have never tried before, because if you do not like it, they will bring you another choice. Throughout the trip kids tried new things like calamari, escargots, Braised rabbit, frog legs, blue crab ravioli, asparagus crème soup, tiger shrimp creole, mango bisque, crème brûlée and much more. The second day of the trip was a sea day and we once again had dinner in the dining hall but it was formal night, so we got all dressed up for the night. On the third day we docked in Progreso, Mexico where we took a guided tour bus through the jungle to the ancient Mayan ruins, including the famous Chichen Itza pyramid, one of the new Wonders of the Modern World. The visit was very informative and educational. The kids thoroughly enjoyed it and were amazed with the history and culture. The next day we went to Cozumel, Mexico and spent the day at Paradise Beach and shopping at Costa Maya Port. The crystal blue waters on the white sandy beaches were absolutely breathtaking. The kids spent their day playing in the ocean, swimming in the luxurious pool and dining on some of the finest authentic Mexican cuisine. Bro. Pachomius took some quality time relaxing on the beach as well!

We spent the next day at sea and then headed back to Mobile. Before we departed for home we toured the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Mobile. "I enjoyed the temples in Progreso and the beaches in Cozumel, it was paradise!" says Alex Shoaff. "As a senior, I really appreciate Fr. Joel and Mr. Turner giving me a special chance to go on a cruise trip. This is probably my one and only time to enjoy the sunshine and culture in Mexico. We visited one of the seven wonders of the world, Chichen Itza, in



Rock Turner, Alex Shoaff, Jay Kim, Leo Hsieh, David Kim, Jongha Park, Helen Kim, and Bro. Pachomius.

Progreso. It was a completely fresh experience for me. No matter the history or the size of it, it amazed me." stated Leo Hsieh. Leo continues "everyone enjoyed the sunshine, ocean, and music and last but not least, the FOODS are absolutely fantastic. There have lots of delicious Mexican dishes like Tacos al pastor, Chilaquiles, Chiles en nogada but my favorite food is tiger shrimp creole. It is just so wonderful with rice and the special sauce they provide." Jongha Park adds "this was my first time on a cruise ship. the ocean was really blue and beautiful." While on the cruise, the kids enjoyed live musicians and bands, Broadway style shows, comedians, music and dance parties, waterslides and pools, room service and 24 hour ice cream! They had a wonderful time and would love to do it again next year for spring break perhaps! Each day we began with a quick prayer and a meeting and we closed each night with our meal and night prayer, what a lovely Spring Break experience for all!



Br. Pachomius, Rock Turner, David Kim, Helen Kim, Alex Shoaff, Leo Hsieh, Jongha Park, and Jay Kim.

8 St. Bernard Sports

SBP Fall and Winter Athletes

St. Bernard Athletic Booster Club President Josh Whaley welcomed St. Bernard Prep athletes, friends and family to the Fall and Winter Athletic Awards Ceremony held in the Abbey Byre on March 7, 2018. After the opening prayer by Headmaster, Fr. Linus Klucsarits, OSB, the Athletic Director, William Calvert, thanked the coaches, parents, and athletes for their continued support of the athletic program at St. Bernard.

"It is a blessing to work with our coaches," said Coach Calvert. "They are knowledgeable, very professional and caring in dealing with their athletes. They have a passion for their sport and a heart for the kids. Our parents and boosters make our jobs easier by

providing the necessary help and resources needed to run our program."

It was noted throughout the evening that many of the athletes being honored not only excel in athletic competition, but also in the rigorous and challenging academic program at St. Bernard.

Each coach presented medals to participants of their teams and honored those who made outstanding contributions.

The swim team, under the direction of Al Woods, was honored by Coach William Calvert. Those members included: Dax Olszowka Francisco Tona, Justin Anders and Crystal Choi.

In girls' cross country, the season finished strong with a 5th place state finish, and Sectional Champ or Runner-

up for the 6th year in a row. Seniors Leahrose Mami, Anna Faulk, Eva Barck were recognized for their years of service to the program. Leahrose Mami, the 1A-2A State Champion, was awarded the Most Valuable Player Award while Eva Barck took home the Most Outstanding Runner Award. Mami finished up an amazing career making All-State four straight years. She will continue her running career next Fall at the University of Alabama.

Boys' Cross Country celebrated being Sectional Champions for the fifth straight year and ended the year by taking 4th Place at the 1A - 2A State Meet at the Oakville Indian Mounds in Lawrence County. Senior Awards were presented to Josh Chiodo and Andrew Sweeney. The Most Outstanding Young Runner Award was presented to Joseph Arriaga. The Most Outstanding Performance Award went to All-State runner Caleb Guthery, and the Most Valuable Performer Award was presented to the 1A-2A State Champion, Andrew Sweeney. Sweeney set a new SBP school record as well as setting a new SBP school record with a time of 16:02 for the 5K.

Calvert added, "When Andrew ran his first race at Oakman as a freshman, he finished in 148th place. Four years later he is the 1A-2A State Champion and state record holder. Sweeney will continue his running career next Fall at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Volleyball awards were presented by Coach Tiffany Pope. Seniors Avy Whaley, Gigi Griffin, and Olivia Tafazoli were presented plaques for their distinguished years of service and leadership. Ashley Duke was awarded the Most Aces and Most Assist Award; Olivia Brown - Most Blocks; Avy Whaley - Best Overall Serving as well as the Outstanding Leadership Award; and, Emma Tafazoli - Most Kills, Most Digs, and Best Server. The Lady Saints enjoyed a successful year advancing to the Super Regionals at Huntsville for the 2nd time in three years.

Bowling Coach Tyler Ayers recognized all players. Gracie Loyd took home honors as the Most Outstanding Bowler. The girls team finished 3rd in the 1A-7A Region narrowly missing the state play-offs.

Cheerleading Coach Elicia Fallin recognized all cheerleaders for their hard work and dedication to the sports program at St. Bernard. Emma Pierce and Abigail Curtis received Outstanding Leadership Awards. Riley Holmes was presented the Spirit and Performance Award.

Lilly Nassetta was selected as Encore Athlete of the Month. Dewayne Fortenberry, SBP's Encore Certified Athletic Trainer, presented the award. Lilly now joins Leahrose Mami, Andrew Sweeney, Christian Peterson, Emma Tafazoli and Elijah Price in the winner's circle at Encore!

Middle School and junior varsity boys basketball awards were presented by Coach Sean Moriarty. Awards were as follows: Most Improved Player - Giovanni Arriaga, Best Defensive Player - Campbell Whaley, and Most Valuable Player Award - Jose Zatarain. Nikolas Borths took home the Best

Defensive Award in JV Basketball while Anthony Diaz claimed the Best Offensive Award. Alex Shoaff was presented with the Most Valuable Player Award.

Coach Tiffany Pope presented the girls basketball awards. Middle school girls basketball awards included Jaya Bahadursesh- Best Defensive Player and Jacqueline Arteaga Best Offensive Player

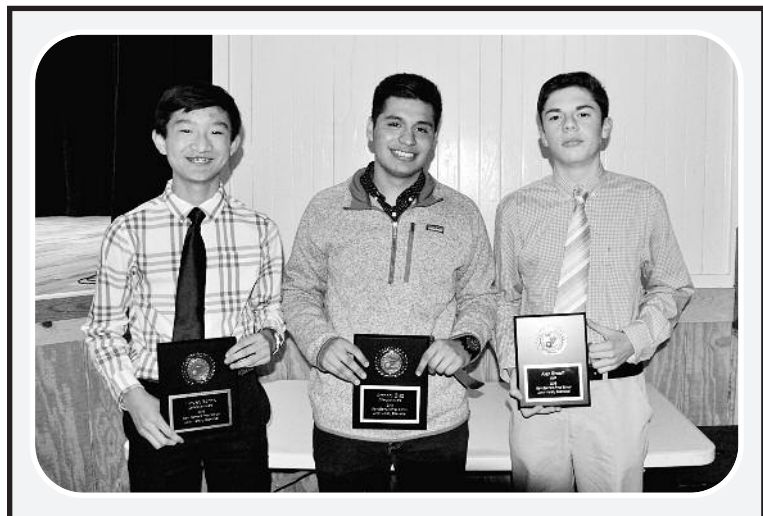
Varsity Girls Basketball Awards were presented to Claire Sanders and Emma Tafazoli for receiving All Area recognition. Claire was also presented a MVP Award for having the best 3 pt. percentage, most assists and best field goal percentage. Emma Tafazoli took the MVP award as being the most versatile player, with the most steals, rebounds and points scored.

Coach Greg Boatright honored the Saints Varsity Basketball Team for winning the 2A Area 13 regular season



Varsity Boys Basketball

Starting from the front, left to right: Luis Zatarain, Chanh Pham, Christian Peterson, Alec von Thuelen, Elijah Price, Caleb Guthery, John Christian Rose, David Kim, Gavin Whaley, Coach Greg Boatright and Coach Windell Calloway.



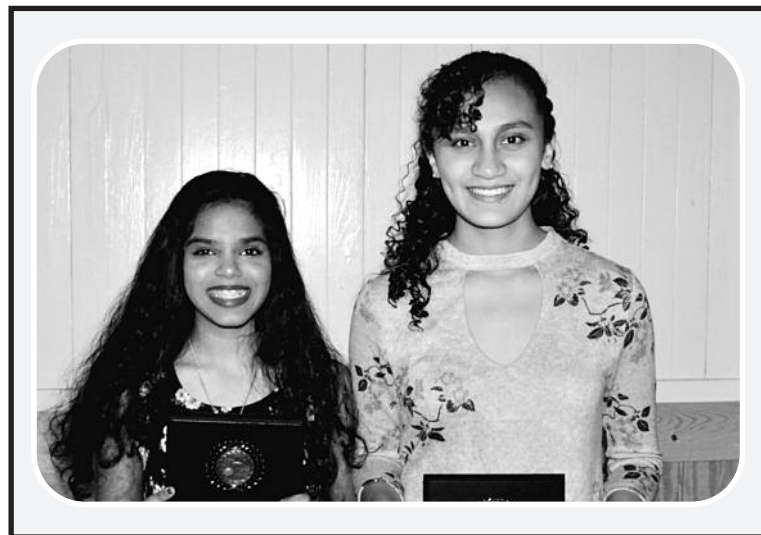
JV Boys Basketball

Nikolas Borths took home the Best Defensive Award; Anthony Diaz claimed the Best Offensive Award; and Alex Shoaff was presented with the Most Valuable Player Award.



Varsity Girls Basketball Awards

Emma Tafazoli was presented the MVP award as being the most versatile player, with the most steals, rebounds and points scored, and All Area recognition. Claire Sanders was also presented a MVP Award for having the best 3 pt. percentage, most assist and overall shooting; and Helen Kim served as Team Manager.



JV Girls Basketball Awards

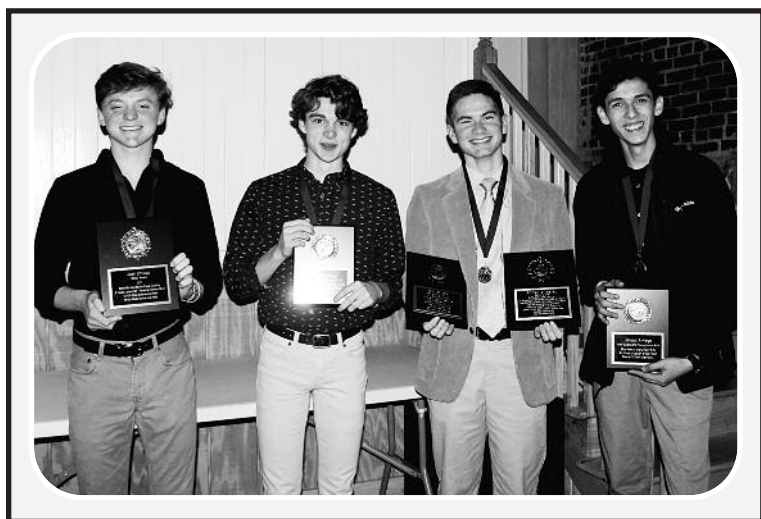
Best Defensive Award went to Jaya Bahadursingh; and Best Offensive Award to Jacqueline Arteaga.



Varsity Bowling Award Gracie Loyd

St. Bernard Sports

Recognized at Awards Banquet



Boys Cross Country Awards

(l-r) Josh Chiodo, Caleb Guthery, Andrew Sweeney, and Joseph Arriaga.

and tournament championships. The team also hosted the first round of the state play-offs losing to regional finalist Mars Hill. Each player received an engraved plaque as Coach Boatright commented on their outstanding accomplishments. Sophomore John Christian Rose claimed the outstanding award for leading the team with the most steals (55) for the season. Senior Elijah Price, who served as team co-captain, received several awards including the following: All Area 13 Tournament, highest 2-point field goal percentage 50%, highest 3-point field goal percentage 39%, most blocked shots (36), and most rebounds (138). Fellow senior and co-captain Christian Peterson was recognized as being a key player on the Saints varsity basketball team for four years. As a four year starter, Christian scored a career total of 1,417 career points, averaging 15 points per game. Peterson was selected to the 2A All-State Basketball Team by the Alabama Sports Writers Association for the 2nd straight year. He was also named to the All Area 13 Team. He was recently selected to the Cullman Times "All Cullman Area First Team."



Encore Athlete of the Month

Lillie Nassetta and Encore's Dwayne Fortenberry.



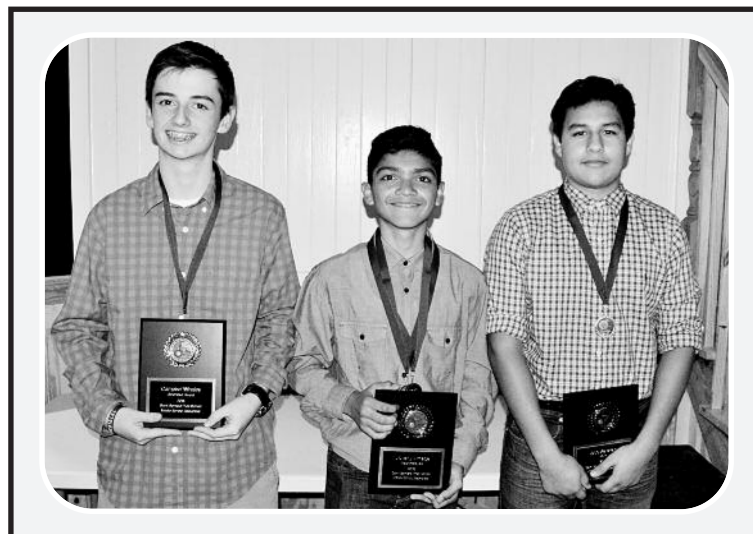
Cheerleader Awards

Abigail Curtis and Emma Pierce.



Girls Cross Country

Eva Barck and Leahrose Mami (not pictured).



Middle School Basketball

Campbell Whaley, Jiovany Arriaga, and Jose Zatarain.



Volleyball Awards

From the front (l-r): Avy Whaley, Emma Tafazoli, Olivia Brown, Ashley Duke, Gigi Griffin, and Olivia Tafazoli.

Area Champs

Back row: Carson Holmes, Chanh Pham, David Kim, Alec von Thuelen, Christian Peterson, Elijah Price, Luis Zatarain, Gavin Whaley, John Christian Rose, Jose Zatarain Orona, Roy Grimmett, Caleb Guthery. Front row: Emma Pierce, Claudia Fallin, Abigail Curtis, Riley Holmes, Gabrielle Bennett, Ashley Morris, Ian Sidley.



St. Bernard Alumni news

New Arrivals



Kade Parker Wassum

Jennifer (Kirk) (PS '07) and **Matt Wassum** announced the arrival of their son, Kade Parker Wassum who was born February 11, 2018, at 9:18 AM weighing 9 pounds 2 ounces and measuring 21" long. The Wassum family lives in Athens, AL.



Elizabeth Caeli Agnew

Joshua and Corrine Agnew on the birth of their seventh child, Elizabeth Caeli, born February 19, 2018 weighing 9lbs 4oz. Joshua is the Director of Fine Arts at St. Bernard Prep.



Samuel Ascherman

Angela (Kisbey-Green) (PS '02) and **Christopher Ascherman** on the birth of their son, Samuel Christopher Ascherman, who was born March 20, 2018, just after 10 a.m. weighing 9lbs 3oz. Samuel joins his four siblings at their home in Graniteville, SC.



Isabella Hutchinson

Director, William and Sherry Calvert. The Calvert's reside in Atlanta, GA.

Daniel (PS '98) and **Liz Hutchinson** on the birth of their daughter, Isabella Margaret born March 28, 2018 weighing 8lbs 1oz and measuring 21" long. Isabella will join her parents at her home in Gastonia, NC where her father is a professor at Belmont Abbey College.

Intae (PS '05) and **Brandi Suh** on the birth of their son, Torrin Intae Suh who was born on February 3, 2018. Torrin joins his family at their home in Cullman where his father is a member of the Cullman Police Department.

Robert (PS '06) and **Raven Lee** on the birth of their son, Ryker Maverick Lee who was born on March 5, 2018.



Torrin Intae Suh



Ryker Maverick Lee



The Stipes family

Chris and Dr. Katie Stipes (PS '03) on the birth of their son, Christopher Michael Stipes who entered the world on February 13, 2018 weighing in 8 pounds 5 ounces and measuring 21 1/4 inches long. The Stipes reside in Hoover, Alabama.



Owen McEntire

Jason (PS '93) and **Melissa McEntire** on the birth of their son, Owen Clark McEntire who was born March 19, 2018 weighing 8lbs and measuring 21 inches long. The McEntire's make their home in Austin, Texas.



Nathan Calvert

Stephen and Min Calvert on the birth of their son, Nathan, who was born March 25, 2018. Nathan weighed 6lbs, 1 oz and measured 19.5 inches long. He is the grandson of St. Bernard Prep's Athletic

Bockhold Presidential Fellow

Mackenzie Bockhold (PS '14) has been selected as a 2018 Presidential Graduate Research Fellow of Auburn University. As a Doctoral Degree Candidate to Auburn's Department of Chemical Engineering effective the Fall 2018 semester, Mackenzie will be prepared to become an important contributor to the field of chemical

engineering.

In his letter of congratulations, Steven Leath, President of Auburn University, wrote, "You are to be commended for your excellent academic record and credentials. The Ph.D in Chemical Engineering degree program at Auburn University has a very high reputation, an excellent faculty and search facilities, and its research programs are world class. I welcome you to the Auburn family."

Along with stipends, fellowships and other financial awards, Mackenzie will also receive a

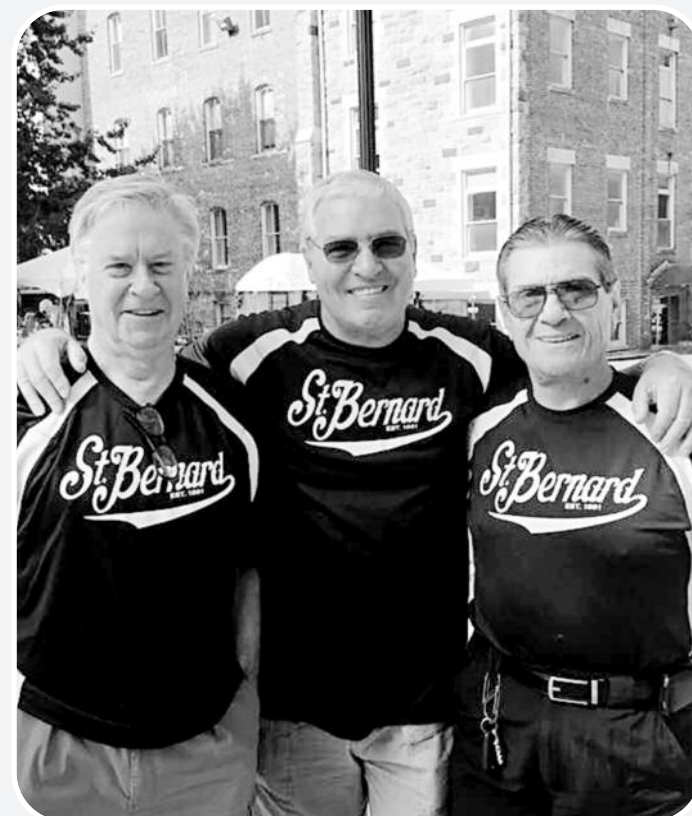
Graduate Tuition Fellowship making her total financial award approximately \$45,000 annually.

Mackenzie graduated as the Valedictorian from St. Bernard Preparatory School and was awarded the General Excellence Award. She is currently President of the Chemical Engineering Honor Society of the University of Alabama in Huntsville and will receive her Bachelor's in Science Degree in Chemical Engineering in Spring 2018. Mackenzie is the daughter of Don and Sandi Bockhold of Cullman, AL.

Congratulations

Robin Dieterich (C'73-'74) has coached boys' and girls' soccer for almost 40 years at Fr. Ryan High School in Nashville, TN. During his tenure, the boys team has won five and the girls have won four state championships. Congratulation to Robin who was selected this year for induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association's Hall of Fame.

Saint Leo University inducted **Robert "Bob" Sullivan (C'60)** into its Athletic Hall of Fame in a ceremony at the Marion Bowman Activities Center. Bob was the first junior college baseball coach for Saint Leo and served as an assistant men's basketball coach under fellow Hall-of-Famer George Sullivan. Bob was also the first chair of the Physical Education department.



John Wojick, Kevin Kelly, Larry Lenzi

This year the High School Class of 1958 will be celebrating their 60th anniversary, the College Class of 1968 will be celebrating their 50th anniversary and the Prep School Class of 1993 will be celebrating their 25th anniversary. Bob "Stewart" Keighery (HS'58), Phil Cabri (HS'58), Kevin Kelly (C'68), and John Wojick (C'68) are serving as coordinators in their respective classes.



Mackenzie Bockhold

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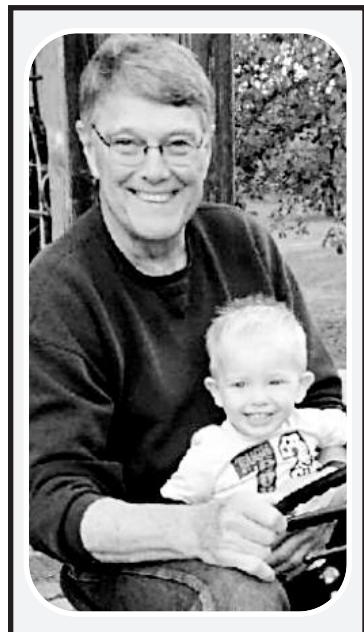
In Memoriam

Mr. Kevin A. Bilson (C'73) passed away on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at the age of 66. A native of Philadelphia, PA, he was the son of John H. Bilson and Eileen Ahearn Bilson, both deceased. After graduating from St. Bernard, Kevin received his Master's Degree from University of Alabama, Birmingham. He was a retired administrator for Kernodle Clinic in Burlington, Elon and Mebane, NC. He was past president of the N.C. Medical Group Managers Association. Survivors include his fiancé, Christina Young; two sons, Mason Bilson of Burlington and Max Bilson of Boone; and the mother of his children, Charla Bilson of Burlington.

James Edward Blackwood (C'59) of Cullman passed away on February 9, 2018 at the age of 81. He taught at Addison High School during his teaching career. Survivors are wife Barbara Blackwood, son Greg (Melissa) Blackwood, sister-in-law Bonnie Blackwood, Jan Higgins, and four grandchildren.

Nathaniel Eugene "Gene" Cain (HS'57, C'61), transitioned to the next life on February 20, 2018 surrounded by his family. Born in Birmingham, Alabama on November 26, 1939, he attended St. Bernard High School and St. Bernard College in Cullman, Alabama. He was a man of faith, loving husband and father, business owner, student of life, athlete and mentor to many. He lived by his convictions and instilled in everyone around him a perspective of living life with enthusiasm. His mark on the world can be noted by his constant giving to the less fortunate, his acceptance of the flaws in other people, and a loyalty to those close to him. In a changing world, he was able to find the balance between a solid foundation in core beliefs about God and about how people should treat each other in a loving and accepting manner. His legacy lives on through those he left behind: his wife Barbara Cain, three children Marianna Sullivan, John Cain, Beth Jackson, and nine grandchildren who strive to embody his character.

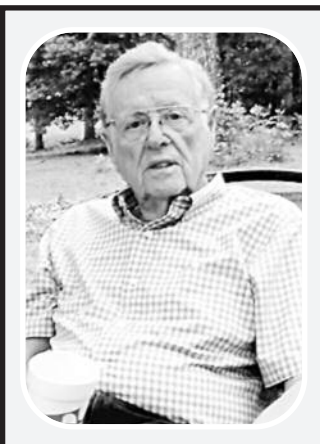
Marlin Lee Crumbley age 63 of Cullman died on Friday, March 9, 2018 at his residence. He was born, May 15, 1954 to Levie and Ada Crumbley. Marlin is survived by his wife of 41 years, Pamela Crumbley and is the father of **Clint Crumbley (PS'17)**.



Frederick Joseph Drach

and Sherry were happily married for 46 years until Sherry's passing last July from t-cell lymphoma. Fred was truly a wonderful father, husband, grandfather and friend. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary; father, Anthony; sister, Judy; and wife, Sherry. He is survived by his brothers, Dave, Rick and Ken; sister, Cathy; son, Peter; daughter-in-law, Jill; grandson, Tyson; and many nieces and nephews.

Riley N. "Coach" Duke, (C'59), of Logan, died on January 26, 2018 at the age of 82.



James Blackwood

After graduating from St. Bernard College, he spent his entire teaching and coaching career at Logan Jr. High School. He is survived by his loving wife Jeanette of 54 years; two daughters, Annette Duke McAdams (Richard) and Shelly Duke Elrod (Bobby); one son, Randy Duke (Angela); and, seven grandchildren.

Dr. Mary Margaret Galligan (C'70) died at home in Hagerstown on Monday, January 15th. Dr. Galligan, known as Meg to her friends, was born in 1945 in Washington, D.C. She was a tenured professor emeritus at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. She was educated in D.C. Catholic schools, including Immaculata College. She went on to earn her Bachelor's degree from Saint Bernard College in Cullman, Alabama; an MBA from Frostburg University; and a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland. Before starting at Shepherd in 2001, Meg taught at Penn State Mont Alto, Smeal College of Business and Trinity College in Washington, D.C. In addition to being a professional educator, she traveled extensively, performing accreditation reviews for the American Council on Education and the Distance Education Training Council. She was particularly proud of the reviews she conducted for all branches of the United States military. She is survived by her brothers John D. Galligan of Bristol, Rhode Island and Carl J. Galligan of Hagerstown; her son Donald Stevens and his wife Mary Stevens of Hermosa Beach, California; her daughter Alice Stevens and her husband Joshua Boone and grandchildren Henry and Charlotte, of Rockville, MD. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Stevens.

John Charles Gleason Jr. (C'69) age 63, of Louisville, passed away January 29, 2011 at his home. He attended Holy Ghost Catholic Church, graduated from St. Bernard College in Cullman, Alabama and the University of Tennessee. He was employed by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development as a supervisor for over 30 years, and was a U.S. Navy veteran. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Corene Gleason. Survivors: wife, Tonya Gleason; sons, Sam and Matthew Gleason all of Louisville.

Earnest Wayne "Earney" Miller (C'79) passed away on January 24, 2017 in Blountville, TN. He was born July 5, 1956 in Cullman County, Ala. to Floyd Woodrow and Dorothy Lue Quick Miller. Mr. Miller is a Holly Pond High School graduate and attended St. Bernard College where he received a degree in chemistry. He worked as a chemist at Raytheon. Mr. Miller was preceded in death by his wife, Debbie Gibson Miller; brother, David Miller; and sisters, Evelyn Miller and Mary Lue Miller. Survivors include his daughter, Debbie "Mandy" Holden; three grandchildren; three great grandchildren; brothers, Woodrow "Woodie" Miller and Mathew Miller; sisters, Shirley Fraley, Doris Harper, Carolyn Flanagan, and Martha Miller.

Mandy Lynn Patrum, 47, of Hanceville died on March 17, 2018. She is the mother of Lilly Nassetta, a current student of St. Bernard Preparatory School. She is survived by her husband, Mick Patrum; parents, Tommy (Sharron) Green and Sandra Green; children, Lilly Nassetta, Cori (Samantha) Patrum, Brittney Green, Joanie Patrum and Ion Patrum; and five grandchildren.



Florida Alumni

While Fr. Marcus was in central Florida, several St. Bernard alumni joined him for dinner. (l-r) Jim McInnis (C'76), Fr. Marcus, Joe "Doc" Martin (C'79) and Dan Lewis (C'76-78). Jim McInnis is the City Finance Director for the City of Greenacres, Doc Martin is an insurance agent with offices in Boynton Beach, and Dan Lewis is the Real Estate Manager for the Diocese of Palm Beach.

Sylvester "Buddy" Thomas (HS'58) passed away peacefully on September 24, 2008. Surviving daughters include Theresa A. Black and Kathleen M. Thomas; sisters include Beverly Griebbling, Sister M. Sylvester, Veronica Seeger and Angela Unchurch.

John J. Voelmle Sr. of Richboro died Monday, March 12, 2018, at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was 88. Jack was the beloved husband for 65 years to Anne L. Remer Voelmle. Born in Philadelphia, Jack was the son of the late Albert and Mary Enright Voelmle, and the brother of the late Albert and Joseph Voelmle. Jack was a former resident of Bensalem before moving to Richboro. He, along with his wife, Anne, were founding members and Communicants of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Bensalem for 40 years before attending St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Richboro. Jack lived his life to the fullest and was a true model of the Catholic faith. As a founding parishioner at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, he was active in his faith serving as a Eucharistic Minister and an Usher. He was an Altar Server at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, and volunteered countless hours in many parish activities. Jack worked with the Sears Roebuck Company in Bucks County, Philadelphia and King of Prussia as a Distribution Supervisor, retiring after 43 years of dedicated service. In his leisure, he enjoyed watching the Philadelphia sports teams especially the Eagles and Phillies. Jack was extremely family focused. He always put his family first and never missed an opportunity to spend quality time with his family, either at home or the beach. Jack was a man of character and conviction and will be deeply missed by his family and by all who came to know him. In addition to his beloved wife, Anne, Jack is survived by his children, Carol A. Zemnick and her husband, Ronald, of Ivyland, Barbara M. Holdren and her husband, Donald Sr., of Holland, **John J. "Jack" Voelmle Jr. (C'78)** and his wife, Mariann, of Hershey, Pa. and Alison T. Cacchio and her husband, John, of Richboro. He is also survived by his cherished 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Deborah Blair Ward (C'72) of Addison, entered into rest on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at the age of 67. Deborah was born on July 20, 1950 in Hartselle, Alabama. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church for 25 years. Deborah graduated from Falkville High School in 1968. After completing her education at St. Bernard College in 1972, she went on to her career as a school teacher. Deborah is survived by her husband of 48 years, Haskel Ray Ward; son, Frank S. Ward and wife Jeannette; daughters, Rebekah L. Graham and husband Shawn, Barbara W. Wright and husband Charles; sisters, Denise Blair, Zane Anne (John) Roberts; and 3 grandchildren, Raeleigh Graham, Shelton Wright, Chase Wright.



Deborah Blair Ward

St. Bernard Happenings

Alumni Reunion Set for June 21-24, 2018

St. Bernard Abbey and School will host the Alumni Reunion on June 21-24, 2018. This annual event is an open invitation for all alumni to return to their alma mater and enjoy time on campus for the weekend. A special invitation goes out to all classes to attend but especially the

anniversary classes. This year the High School Class of 1958 will be celebrating their 60th anniversary, the College Class of 1968 will be celebrating their 50th anniversary and the Prep School Class of 1993 will be celebrating their 25th anniversary. Bob

“Stewart” Keighery (HS’58), Phil Cabri (HS’58), Kevin Kelly (C’68), and John Wojick (C’68) are serving as coordinators in their respective classes.

“So much of our campus has changed over the years, yet so much has remained the same,” Fr. Marcus said. “We have had over 125 years doing the work of education in this place. In recent years, this gathering of our students has included alumni who graduated in the 1930s as well as alumni who graduated just this past year plus every year in between. Hearing them talk to one another makes me realize had strong is the tradition that unites the men and women who received their education in this special place.”

The event will kick off on Thursday evening, June 21 with a golf reception, followed by an early morning tee-time at Chesley Oaks Golf Course on Friday, June 22 at 9 a.m. Registration on Friday will begin on campus at 9:00 am and will continue throughout the day. At 5:30 p.m. alumni will join the monks for dinner in the Byre located at the Abbey Farm.

After Saturday breakfast, the campus will be open for tours in the morning. Later that morning, a town hall meeting is scheduled at 11:00 a.m. in the Switcher Classroom Building to talk about the events of the past year and plans for the future. Lunch will be service in the St. Bernard Dining Hall.

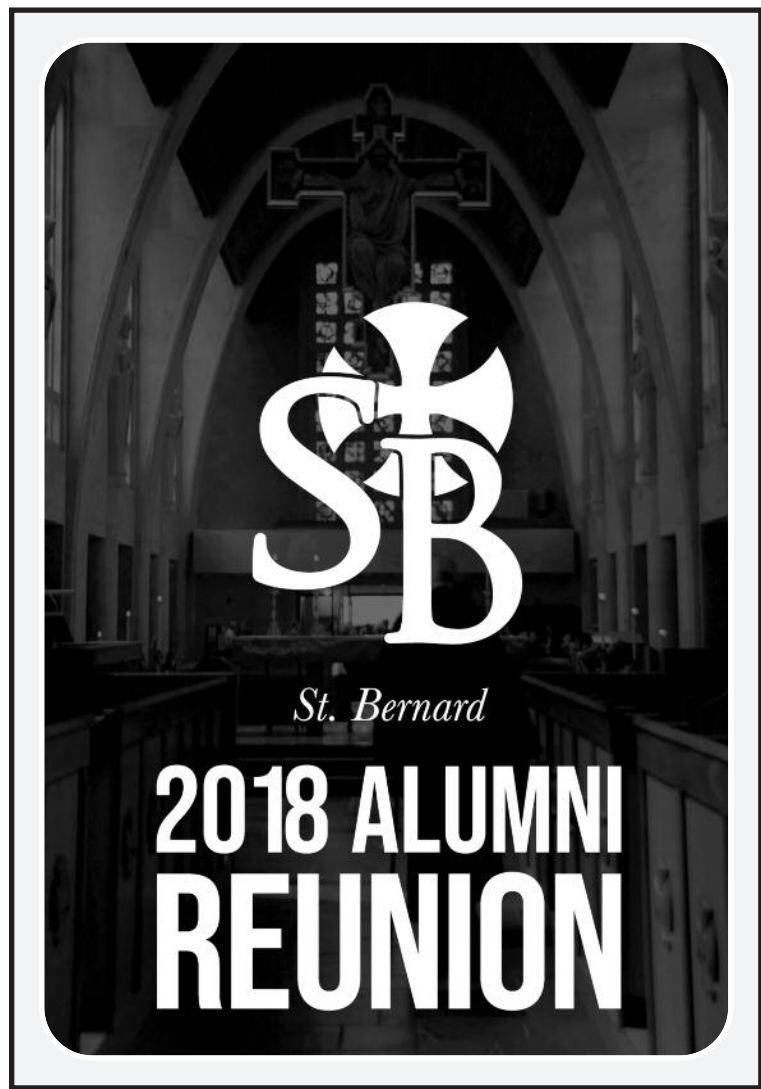
At 2 p.m. everyone is welcomed to participate in an Irish Wake in the Abbey Byre

honoring St. Bernard’s beloved Br. Augustine Campion. At 5:30 an alumni Vigil Mass will be held in the Abbey Church followed by the Alumni Dinner in the Fazi Richard Athletic Center at 6:15 p.m.

The weekend wraps up on Sunday morning with breakfast at 8 a.m. Alumni are welcomed to join the monastic community for Mass, which will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. in the Abbey Church.

Fr. Marcus encourages everyone to pre-register in an effort to make preparations. “Help us prepare for the weekend by registering early,” said Fr. Marcus. “This will help us prepare and accomplish all the many details needed for this event. It will be great to have everyone back for the weekend.”

Registration information will be mailed in late April or registrations may be made online at www.stbernardprep.com.



2018 St. Bernard REUNION REGISTRATION

Return this form and registration fee by June 15, 2018

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