

Blues and BBQ Festival - Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, 2020

St. Bernard

Happenings



St. Bernard Preparatory School

Summer 2020

St. Bernard Graduates 35 Seniors May 24

As a global pandemic took its toll around the world, it would not discourage the spirit of the St. Bernard Class of 2020 as they gathered on the soccer field for their graduation ceremonies on Sunday, May 24th. Thirty-five seniors were awarded their diplomas as the graduating class, faculty, parents, and friends wore face masks and braved the hot sun at a special 2:00 p.m. ceremony.

The crowd was unusually small and social distancing measures were in place, but hearts swelled with pride as these students formally said goodbye to their alma mater and their Saint Bernard families. Over the past two months, the graduates had time to reflect on their years Saint Bernard and how it helped them grow, both personally and academically, as they prepared to take their place in society. Hugs and tears were shed on the field as well as around the globe as classmates from China, Korea

and Germany were in attendance on YouTube.

Fr. Linus Kluscarits, Headmaster of St. Bernard Prep School told students they

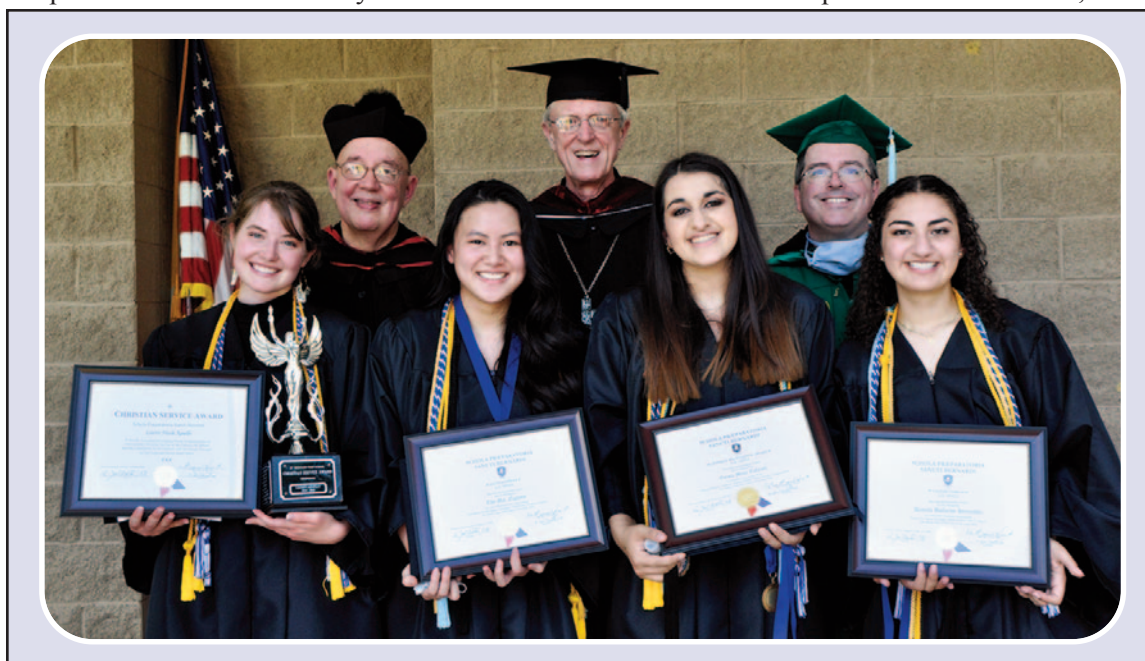
had endured much more than most classes that graduate from St. Bernard. "Your time was cut short, but you stayed the course and finished the

race. You are to be commended for your efforts," he said.

After the presentation of diplomas to each senior, Fr.

Linus announced the graduation awards. Daniela Hernandez was named Valedictorian, and Mai Thy Nguyen was named Salutatorian. The Christian Service Award was presented to Lauren Agnello. The Christian Service Award is the highest non-academic award that Saint Bernard Preparatory School can bestow upon a student. Those nominated for the award were of outstanding character, striving to live according to the difficult way of Christ. The award recognizes a life characterized by Christian values as exemplified by true selflessness, goodness of character and behavior.

Emma Tafazoli took home the General Excellence Award, the highest award given to a graduating senior. Fr. Linus stated that "the criteria for this award requires that a student must be enrolled at St. Bernard Prep for the last two full years, (Continued on page 2)



2020 Senior Awards

First row (L-R): Lauren Agnello, Christian Service Award; Mai Thy Nguyen, Salutatorian; Emma Tafazoli, General Excellence Award; Daniela Hernandez, Valedictorian. Back row (L-R): Fr. Joel Martin, President; Abbot Marcus Voss; and Fr. Linus Kluscarits, Headmaster.

St. Bernard Summer Appeal Underway

Like most of our society, St. Bernard is facing unprecedented challenges because of the Covid-19 pandemic. These challenges play a major role as the Abbey and School initiate the 23rd Annual Summer Appeal.

Following the required protocol caused by the pandemic, St. Bernard had to close much of the campus, including the School, the Abbey Church, the Retreat Center, and Abbey Byre Theater. There is only

limited activity at Ave Maria Grotto. The students are required to be off campus and are completing their final quarter of studies via "distance learning." The Bloomin' Festival, the school's major fundraiser, had to be cancelled. Camp St. Bernard, a popular summer camp for young boys and girls, also had to be cancelled. These closures and cancelations have significantly reduced the level of income.

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Prize Winner

Fr. Joel Martin, O.S.B., congratulates **Ethan Arndt** (PS '13) on winning Apple AirPods in the Bloomin' Festival drawing held in April. (See story on back page).

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St. Bernard Graduation 2020

St. Bernard Class of 2020 Graduation Ceremony

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be dedicated to academic excellence, exercise leadership and represent the values of the school.”

Hernandez’s valediction address spoke of greatness being achieved through suffering and sacrifices, which bring everyone who experiences them closer to God. “All the sacrifice and suffering was worth it because it is what brings us closer to God,” she said. “We don’t really know what the future holds, what crazy rides we will go on, what curve balls life will throw. Standing here today, on behalf of all of you, I want to say this: we cannot always count on greatness being thrust upon us but always remember that the opportunity to achieve greatness is within our grasp.”

Following a closing prayer by Abbot Marcus Voss, the group marched off the field with sounds from the Alabama Pipes and Drums.

The Class of 2020 garnered more than \$3.1M in scholarship offers.



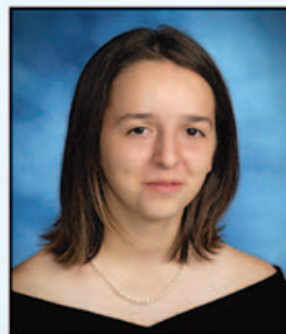
Lauren Agnello



Gabrielle Bennett



Olivia Brown



Ella Buckingham



Yadira Echeverria



Bridget Gallegos



Richard Gann



Alison Gongre



Caleb Guthery



Daniela Hernandez



Jungcheon Kim



Xiaoru Lin



Jordan McCormick



Aria McMillan



Lizbeth Medina



Lillian Nassetta



Mai Thy Nguyen



Jongha Park



Yessenia
Pascual-Contreras



Jenna Pechon



Lluvia
Ponce-Marquez



John Christian Rose



Claire Sanders



Chiara Schewczuk



Torben Schiele

St. Bernard Graduation 2020



James Schomburg



Alex Shoaff



Ian Sidley



Joshua Spitzer



Emma Tafazoli



William Tang



Carly Tombo



Terry Uhler



Macy Whaley



Yulong Yi

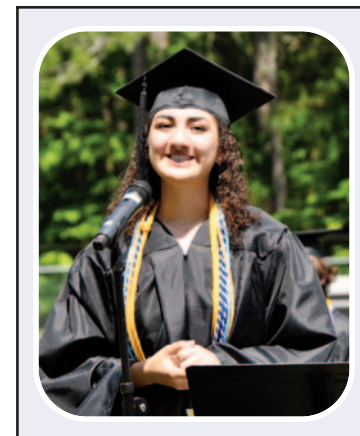


Valediction Address

by Daniela Hernandez

The sisters from up the road here suggested to imagine the crowd as brussel sprouts so as not to get nervous... it's not really working that well. Today is a very exciting day because I was told I had to give a speech, something I've been trying to avoid in all my high school career. I successfully avoided it, well, that is until this moment. I'd like to start by welcoming everyone. It's a blessing we're all able to be here despite the current situation we're living in. A very special thank you to Abbot Marcus, Fr. Joel, Fr. Linus, and our benefactors for allowing us this opportunity to come together. Thank you to our faculty and staff of St. Bernard, our parents, friends and family for putting up with us for all these years. Most importantly, I'd like to thank my fellow graduates. We all arrived the first day of Freshman year thinking we were hot stuff, but that's because we were and still are. Just ask anyone who won the spirit stick for the past four years. Maneuvering our way through high school, sophomore and junior year, we all just anticipated what senior year would be like. Little did we know it'd be cut short. Despite all the odds,

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Daniela Hernandez
Valedictorian
SBP Class of 2020

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Senior Class President Address

Over the years, I have attended five graduations at St. Bernard and listened to five valedictorian speeches. Speeches that expressed the opportunities ahead, how St. Bernard is like an anchor, how high school is like a game of chess, but what stands out most in my mind is the first valedictorian speech I ever heard seven years ago. The girl talked about how we grow throughout high school. She said that we come in as freshmen "with eyes as wide as saucers" and that we leave triumphant as seniors. Ever since I heard her words, I wondered what would be said



Alison Gongre

at my own graduation. I noticed that every speech held the same triumphant feeling, but it's hard to hold that feeling now. It's hard to feel victorious over high school when you don't get to finish it in person, but I know that we have the victory all the same. Our victories have come in many forms: big and small. For some of us, victories came in sports through winning state in cross country or track, qualifying for super regionals in volleyball, or making elite eight in soccer. Sometimes our victories are academic: like getting an A on a paper you stayed up all night to finish or making it into the National Honor Society. I often felt most victorious doing things with my class competing at field days, pep rallies, or working together to set up dances, and it is those together victories that I most cherish. Our victories at St. Bernard are often small like just making it inside a building before it starts raining or reading at Mass without messing up. I know that ending this school year apart does not feel as

triumphant as I expected, but I know that it is a victory all the same. There was one a time when we could not read or tie our shoes, but that time has passed and this time is passing too. Let us remember this year, one another, and all of the tiny victories that brought us here, and let us hold our heads high as we say goodbye to Saint Bernard and thank it for the victories.

Alison Gongre
Senior Class President

A Challenge Met

Just before spring break this March, St. Bernard Prep was faced with the possibility of the school not opening on time after break due to coronavirus. Little did we know, at that time that the school would be out for the rest of the year. Thankfully, our teachers and staff thought ahead and had our students bring their text books home with them over spring break.

We then had to make the quick and complicated

Student Council Address



Jimmy Schomburg

transition from a traditional school to a cyber-school in just a few weeks. Thanks to the dedicated work of all of our St. Bernard employees and the flexibility and cooperation of our families, we were able to make this transition and hold our fourth quarter classes online. There were a few bumps in the road but, overall, our teachers, staff, and families did an outstanding job. I want to personally thank everyone involved.

Our prayer is that we will be able to open the school again on time in August. But we are also making preparations in case the opening is delayed or we have to make St. Bernard Prep a cyber-school again.

God bless all of you and stay safe,

Fr. Linus Klucsarits, O.S.B.
Headmaster
St. Bernard
Preparatory School



Fr. Linus Klucsarits, O.S.B.

"This is the way the world ends, not with a bang but a whimper." This quote from TS Eliot summarizes the last months of our senior year with great accuracy. We have lost so much in so little time: spring athletics, the musical, yearbook pictures, the fine arts spring performance, field day, and the hardest hitter of all: seeing our classmates one last time. Most of you are probably saying to yourselves "this wasn't supposed to happen" "it's not fair" or "it can't end like this." I know because I've been thinking those things too. We really did lose a lot, but does that mean we should just give up? Absolutely not! Because when you think about all of the things that we lost, you realize that we gained so much more in the past four years. We have gained experience, knowledge, courage, strength, faith, confidence, and friendships that will last a lifetime. At St. Bernard, it is the lasting friendships that make it such a wonderful place. We are still getting the graduation we deserve, and we will end this year knowing that we have done great things and will continue to do great things for the rest of our lives. After four long years with all of you, I realize that I am not writing to my fellow classmates, I am writing to my family. And as a family we will end this year not with a whimper, but with a bang!

Jimmy Schomburg
Student Council President

Valediction Address

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a big congratulations to all of us for making it here today. Shout out to our friends overseas who are watching. We weren't able to finish this school year in person, but we still managed to graduate.

When I found out I might have to do this I spent countless hours doing research and asking friends what I should talk about. I did all of this last night. They all gave me the same basic template to which I replied, you know what I'll just wing it. Our whole class, as a whole and as individuals has always strived to achieve greatness, but this, I've learned comes with sacrifice and suffering. All of us at one point in time have had to make sacrifices. In athletics, we sacrificed our time and suffered through those first weeks of conditioning. We did this because we wanted to win the state championship, and because we wanted to qualify for super regionals, and because we wanted to make it into the elite eight. Academically, we most likely sacrificed long nights of studying and trying to meet deadlines because we chose to procrastinate, and probably most recently we suffered because we stayed up all night despite having to wake up early for that 8am zoom meeting. All the sacrifice and suffering was worth it because it is what brings us closer to God. We don't really know what the future holds, what crazy rides we will go on, what curve balls life will throw. Standing here today, on behalf of all of you, I want to say this. We cannot always count on greatness being thrust upon us but always remember that the opportunity to achieve greatness is within our grasp. Quiero que recuerden esto: no siempre podemos esperar que la grandeza se nos imponga, la oportunidad para alcanzar la grandeza está en nuestras manos. Greatness is not measured in money, or achievements. It is measured in happiness and hope we give people we cross paths with. Likewise the 2020 graduating class of Saint Bernard Prep School will not be remembered by grades or popularity, but by the relationships we formed at this school, by the family we became. From the bottom of my heart I wish you all the very best :) thank you.

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St. Bernard Happenings

St. Bernard Prep Honor Society Members Inducted

St. Bernard students, faculty, and staff along with a host of parents and grandparents gathered in the Abbey Church on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 to celebrate the induction of fifteen students into the National Honor Society.

The National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students on the basis of scholarship (at least 90 average), leadership, service, and character.

Jimmy Schomburg, president of the National Honor Society, presided over the ceremony. As a part of the service, the remaining

officers lit a candle representing one of the four qualities for NHS membership, and gave a description of each quality. Officers included: Vice President, Alison Gongre – Scholarship; Secretary, Macy Whaley – Leadership; Treasurer, Jackelyn Arteaga – Service; and Parliamentarian, Lauren Agnello – Character.

Those inducted include: Rachael Agnello, Claudia Fallin, Evehan Hayes, Riley Holmes, Maggie Holsomback, Joseph Keith, Madeline McBride, David Pascual-Contreras, John Pechon, Merrilee Schartung, Morgan Waites, Piper Watson, Campbel Whaley, Emma

Whaley and Mollie Woods.

Concluding the service, Headmaster Linus Kluscarits encouraged each newly

inducted member to keep up their good works and to keep setting examples for all to follow.

A reception followed immediately in the Brahma Room.



New National Honor Society Inductees and Officers

Front row (L-R): Secretary, Macy Whaley; Vice President, Alison Gongre; Maggie Holsomback, Mollie Woods, Emma Whaley, Claudia Fallin, Piper Watson, Riley Holmes, Parliamentarian, Lauren Agnello, and Treasurer, Jackelyn Arteaga. Middle row (L-R): Headmaster, Linus Kluscarits, OSB; Joseph Keith, David Pascual-Contreras, Morgan Waites, Merrilee Schartung, Madeline McBride, Rachael Agnello, and President, Jimmy Schomburg. Back row (L-R): Evehan Hayes, John Pechon, Campbel Whaley, and NHS Sponsor, Joseph Bond.

Tafazoli Receives National Jr. Honor Society Award

Saint Bernard Prep School's Amelia Tafazoli, an eighth grade student, was recently selected as one of 500 students nationwide as a 2020 National Junior Honor Society Outstanding Achievement Award recipient earning her first scholarship of \$500 to be placed in a college savings account.

Recognizing the need to help middle level students jump-start their quest toward higher education, the National Junior Honor Society offers the annual NJHS Outstanding Achievement Award. Her instructors, Tim Vaughn and Shelly Perry nominated her for the award.

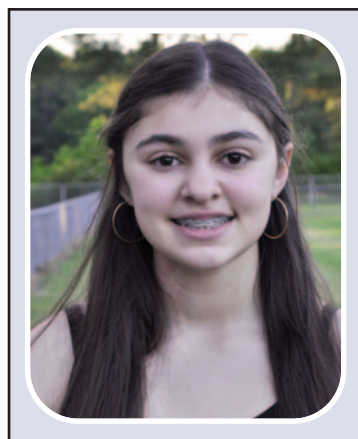
Active members of NJHS who are in good standing and attend a school with an affiliated NJHS chapter are eligible to submit an application.

The phrase "in good standing" pertains to active members of the chapter who meet all membership obligations set by their chapter, including minimum GPA requirements, service activities, expectations for character and leadership. Members should check with their NJHS advisers to confirm they are in good

standing before beginning an application.

The award recognized 500 exceptional NJHS students with \$500, to be placed in a college savings account program-managed by Oppenheimer Funds (OFI Private Investments) as part of the New Mexico Education Trust Board's 529 college savings plan: The Education Plan.

Deacon Tim Vaughn who nominated Tafazoli for the award says he expects this to be the first of many of Tafazoli. "Amelia is such a wonderful student, with a very promising life ahead of her. We are excited to work with her and see the fruits of her labor come to fruition."



Amelia Tafazoli

Honor, Merit Roll

HONOR ROLL

Grade 9

Bissot, Cole
Bryars, Annabelle
Buckingham, Ava
Cockerham, Mary Ella
Cortes-villegas, Adrian
Garcia, Kiara
Garcia, Natalie
Gentry, Kole
Gil, Charles
Hazard, Elizabeth
Morris, Ashley
Nguyen, Tam
Pautler, Xavier
Stidham, Allison

Grade 10

Agnello, Rachael
Fallin, Claudia
Hayes, Evehan
Holmes, Riley
Holsomback, Maggie
Jose, Anahi
Keith, Joseph
McBride, Maddie
Pechon, John
Schartung, Merrilee
Waites, Morgan
Watson, Piper
Whaley, Campbel
Whaley, Emma
Woods, Mollie

Grade 11

Anders, Justin

Arriaga, Joseph
Arteaga, Jackelyn
Barck, Sara
Borths, Nik
DeJesus, David
Garcia, Luis
George, Kathleen
Grey, John-David
Guthery, Anna Beth
Kim, Helen
Lewis, Alex
Norman, Caleb
Pichardo, Marianne
Shuper, Toni
Tombo, Chloe
Warden, Izzy

Grade 12

Agnello, Lauren
Bennett, Gabrielle
Buckingham, Ella
Gann, Dee
Gongre, Alison
Guthery, Caleb
Hernandez, Dani
Kim, Jay
Lin, Amber
McMillan, Aria
Medina, LizBeth
Nassetta, Lilly
Nguyen, Mai Thy
Pascual-Contreras, Yessi
Pechon, Jenna
Rose, John Christian
Sanders, Claire

Shoaff, Alex
Spitzer, Josh
Tafazoli, Emma
Tang, William
Tombo, Carly
Whaley, Macy

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Grade 7

Dailey, Carter
Hazard, Marissa
Kerber, Maddie
McBride, Abby
Smith, Willa

Grade 8

Agnello, Elaina
DeCicco, Scarlett
Tafazoli, Amelia

MERIT ROLL

Grade 9

Garcia, Brianna
Powell, Ethan

Grade 10

Gutierrez, Enrique
Hilb, Jonah
Pascual-Contreras, David

Sammon, Joseph
Shu, Xiran

Grade 11

Berry, Conor
Contreras, Gary
Gutierrez, Daisy

Loyd, Eli
Ortega, Annalyssa
Stefani, Samantha
Tona, Francisco
Yohe, Mary

Grade 12

Brown, Olivia
Echeverria, Yadira
Guthery, Caleb
McCormick, Jordan
Schomburg, Jimmy
Sidley, Ian
Yi, David

MIDDLE SCHOOL MERIT ROLL

Grade 7

Crabb, Leo
Cron, Dylan
Cruce, Makenzie
Daily, Carter
Garcia, Lesley
Gentry, Kambelle
Hilb, Rebekah
Miller, Ciara
Moody, Madison
Nguyen, Jade
Shadowens, Joey
Tillitski, Elle

Grade 8

Adams, Walter
Hernandez, Cesar
Lader, Christine
Powell, Emma
Wu, Ethan

St. Bernard Happenings

Senior Athletic Recognition Held at SBP

For the first time in eight weeks, Senior athletes gathered at St. Bernard on May 21 with their families to be recognized for their outstanding participation in Spring athletics for the 2019-20 academic year.

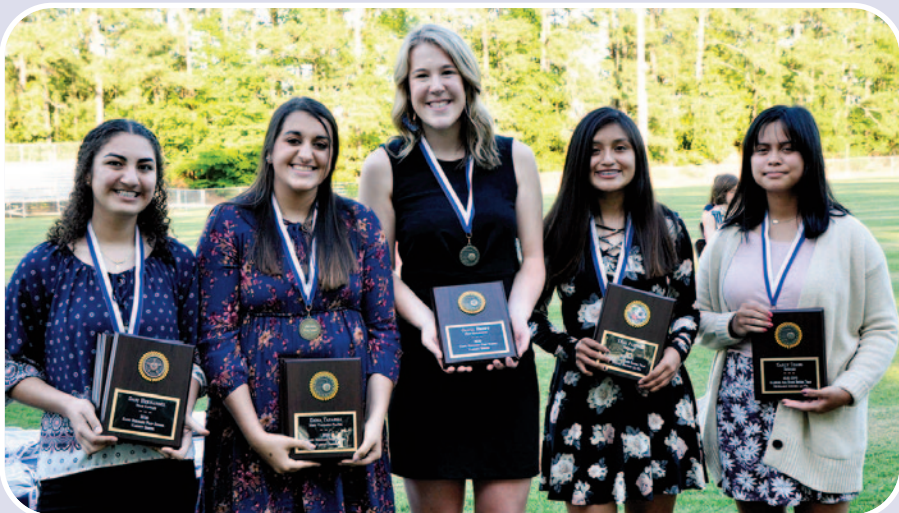
Athletic Director, William Calvert welcomed those in attendance followed by an opening prayer from Headmaster, Fr. Linus Klucsarits, OSB. Senior athletes were escorted by their parents onto the soccer field. Coaches recognized athletes for their outstanding performances, and wished them well as several are planning on running and participating at the collegiate level.



Fr. Luke Fazi Award Winners

SBP Athletic Director William Calvert (L), is shown with the Luke Fazi Award winners Emma Tafazoli and Caleb Guthery, along with Fr. Linus Klucsarits, Headmaster.

Following the recognitions, the Fr. Luke Fazi Award which is the highest athletic recognition presented annually at the honors and awards event was presented to **Emma Tafazoli** and **Caleb Guthery**. This award is given in recognition of leadership and performance as well as academic excellence, to the best of one's ability.



Senior Girls Soccer Awards

(L-R): Dani Hernandez, Emma Tafazoli, Olivia Brown, Yessi Pascual, and Carly Tombo

Other awards were presented as follows:

Girls Soccer:

Bridget Gallegos was presented the Impact Player 2020 Award - Midfielder - Alabama HS All State Soccer Team 2020; 2nd Team 1A - 3A; Honorable Mention 1A - 7A.

Emma Tafazoli - Best Defender 2020 Award; MVP 2020; Defender- 1st Team 1A - 3A; and Honorable Mention 1A - 7A.

Dani Hernandez - Best Midfielder 2020 - Team Captain; Alabama HS All State Soccer Team 2020; 2nd Team 1A - 3A; Honorable Mention 1A - 7A.

Olivia Brown - Best Goalkeeper 2020.

Yessi Pascual - Defender - Alabama HS All State Soccer Team 2020; 2nd Team 1A - 3A; Honorable Mention 1A - 7A

Carly Tombo - Defender - Alabama HS All State Soccer Team 2020; Honorable Mention 1A - 7A.

Boys Soccer:

John Christian Rose served his team as captain and received the Golden Boot Award.

Alex Shoaff - was recognized for his leadership as captain as well.

Girls Track and Field Awards:

Jenna Pechon - 6 Years Letterman- Competed in Shot Javelin Discus 100m 200m 400m; Served as Student Mentor and Workout Leader for Throwers; 2018 2A State Runner-Up Team 2019 1A State Runner-Up Team; 2020 1A State First Place Team (Season ended in March due to Corona Virus Pandemic).

Aria McMillan - 2 Years Letterman - Competed in 6 Events 300H, 400m, 800m HJ 4 x 400m Relay 4 x 800m Relay; 2019 1A State Champion in 800m Relay (10:58.05); 2019 1A State 300M Hurdles 9th Place (51.70) 1A High Jump 6th Place (4'4"); SBP School Record in 300 Hurdles (51.70) 2019 1A State



Senior Girls Track and Field Awards

(L-R): Aria McMillan and Claire Sanders



Senior All State Soccer Awards

(L-R): Carly Tombo and Yessi Pascual



Senior Boys Soccer Awards

(L-R): Alex Shoaff and John Christian Rose

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Runner Up Team; 2020 1A First Place Team (Season ended in March due to Corona Virus Pandemic).

Claire Sanders - 6 Years Letterman - Competed in 9 Events 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1600m, 3200m, LJ, 4 x 400m Relay, 4 x 800m Relay; Qualified for State Meet in 5 Events 2016-2019 880m, 1600m, 3200m, 4 x 400m 4 x 800m; 2017 2A State Champion in 4 x 800m Relay (10:53.48); 2018 2A State Champion in 4 x 800m Relay 2018 2A 800m 3rd Place (2:35.26); 2019 1A State Champion in 4 x 800m Relay (10:58.05) 1A State 5th Place in 1600 and 3200m; Personal Records: 400m (1:11.04) 800m (2:35.26) 1600m (6:03.95) 3200m (13:32.91); 2018 2A State Runner-Up Team 2019 1A State Runner-Up Team; 2020 1A State 1st Place Team (Season ended in March due to Corona Virus Pandemic).



Senior Boys Track and Field Awards

(L-R): Caleb Guthery, Alex Shoaff, Ian Sidley, and John Christian Rose

Boys Track and Field Awards:

Ian Sidley - 4 Years Letterman-Qualified for State Meet in 4 Events - 200m, 400m, 4 x 100m Relay, 4x 400m Relay; 2019 1A State Bronze Medal in 4 X 400m Relay (3:40.25); SBP School Record Holder in 200m Dash (23.35 HT) (24.39) 4 x 100m Relay (47.33); Personal Record 100m 12.13 200m 23.25 400m 55.02; 2017 2A State Runner-Up Team 2018 2A State 5th Place Team 2019 1A State Runner-Up Team; 2020 1A State 1st Place Team (Season ended in March due to Corona Virus Pandemic).

John Christian Rose - 3 Years Letterman-Competed in 9 Events 100, 200, 400, TJ, LJ, PV, JAV, 4 x 100, 4 x 400; Qualified for State Meet in 4 Events 200m, Triple Jump, 4 x 400m Relay, 4 x 100m Relay; 2019 1A State Champion in Triple Jump (43-2.25); 2019 1A State Bronze Medal in 4 x 400m Relay (3:40.25); SBP School Record Holder in 100m 11.85 Triple Jump 43-2.25 4 x 100m Relay 47.33 4 x 400m Relay (3:38.78); 2018 2A State 5th Place Team 2019 1A State Runner-Up Team; 2020 1A State 1st Place Team (Season ended in March due to Corona Virus Pandemic).

Caleb Guthery - 5 Years Letterman - Qualified for State Meet in 6 Events 2016-19 800m, 1600m, 3200m, 4 x 800m Relay, 4 x 400m Relay 4 x 100m Relay Scored 70 Points in State Meets 2017-2019; 2019 1A 800m State Champion (2:02.78) 2019 1A 3200m State Champion (10:31.82) 2019 1A 1600m State Runner Up ((4:46.11) 2019 1A 4 x 800m Relay State Runner-Up (8:52.52); 2018 2A 4 x 800m Relay State Champion (8:46.06) 2018 2A 800m 5th Place (2:07) 1600m 6th Place (4:51); 2017 2A 4 x 800m Relay State Champion (8:46.07) 2017 2A 3200m 5th Place (10:40) 1600m 6th Place (4:49);

SBP School Record Holder in 4 x 400m Relay (3:38.78) 4 x 800m Relay (8:31.11); Personal Record 800m 2:02.27 1600m 4:40.52 3200m 10:31.82; 2016 1A State Champion Team 2017 2A State Runner-Up Team 2018 2A State 5th Place Team; 2019 1A State Runner-Up Team; 2020 1A State 1st Place Team (Season ended in March due to Corona Virus Pandemic).

Alex Shoaff - 1 Year Letterman - Competed in

100m 400m High Jump and 4 x 400m Relay; SBP School Record Holder in 4 x 400m Relay (3:38.78); 2020 1A 1st Place Team (Season ended in March due to Corona Virus Pandemic).

Jordan McCormick - 1 Year Letterman - Competed in Discus, Javelin and Shot Put; 2020 1A 1st Place Team (Season ended in March due to Corona Virus Pandemic).

St. Bernard Preparatory School Grades 7 – 12 2020 - 2021 School Calendar

August	16	Orientation Day	Sunday (Revised)
	17	Classes begin	Monday (Revised)
September	7	Labor Day holiday, no school	Monday
	10	Mid-quarter	Thursday
	28	Benefactors' Day	Monday
October	9	End 1 st Quarter	Friday
	12	Columbus Day, no school	Monday
	23 & 24	Parents' Weekend (early dismissal)	Friday and Saturday
	31 & Nov 1	Bernard Blues and BBQ	Saturday and Sunday (Revised)
November	6	Mid-quarter	Friday
	8	Open House	Sunday
	23-27	Thanksgiving holiday	Monday - Friday
	30	Classes Resume	Monday
December	4	Board breakfast, school begins at 9:50am	Friday
	14	End 2 nd Quarter	Monday
	15, 16, 17	Semester exams (early dismissals)	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
	17	Students dismissed for holiday at 11:45am	Thursday
	18	Teacher workday	Friday
	18-January 3	Christmas holiday	
January 2021	4	Classes resume	Monday
	18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, no school	Monday
	27-31	March for Life trip	Wednesday – Sunday
February	3	Mid-quarter	Wednesday
	6	Draw Down	Saturday
	15	Presidents' Day, no school	Monday
March	3	Athletic Ceremony, evening	Wednesday
	5	End 3 rd Quarter	Friday
	7	Open House	Sunday
	15-19	Spring Break	Monday - Friday
	22	Classes resume	Monday
April	1-5	Easter holiday	Thursday – Monday
	6	Classes resume	Tuesday
	16	Mid-quarter	Friday
	17 & 18	Bloomin' Fest	Saturday and Sunday
May	5	HS Honors Ceremony, evening	Wednesday
	7	MS Honors Ceremony, 2pm	Friday
	12	Athletic Ceremony, evening	Wednesday
	17	End 4 th Quarter	Monday
	18, 19, 20	Semester exams	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
	20	Students dismissed for summer at 11:45am	Thursday
	21	Teacher workday	Friday
	23	Upper School Graduation	Sunday

St. Bernard Happenings

Grotto Sees Dramatic Drop in Visitors

Just like every business in Cullman and the state of Alabama, the current economic crisis created by the COVID-19 pandemic has caused various economic difficulties at the Grotto.

"Since early March till now, we've seen a drastic decrease in visitors to the grounds and also shoppers in our gift shop," said Roger Steele, Director of the Grotto. "Especially when Gov. Ivey locked the state down and the Abbey was forced to cancel the Bloomin' Festival, our normal business simply evaporated."

Faced with these issues, the Grotto staff began working with Br. Benedict Dyar to develop a marketing plan to drastically increase bread sales and other foodstuffs to the local community and North Alabama. These plans included social media, local newspapers and TV stations, flyers, signs on Hwy 278 and

coverage from TV stations in Huntsville and Birmingham.

The highlight of this campaign was Br. Benedict's appearance in a WBRC6 news story with Fred Hunter that featured the Abbey, our bread and the Grotto grounds.

"We've really seen a great response from our marketing campaign over the past two months," said Steele. "We've sold close to 2,800 loafs of bread since the beginning of March till now, which has expanded a really important revenue source for us during these difficult times."

Also, the Grotto staff planned "free admission" days for Good Friday and also May 1 to help boost visits to the grounds.

"We had good attendance for these free days and saw significant increases in our store sales," said Steele. "We had all of our visitors abide by mandated social distancing rules, which created some challenges for us, but

fortunately we had no issues,"

With the current crisis beginning to abate, the Grotto staff is currently working on plans for the remainder of the year. The goal is to restore revenue streams and also make up some of the losses from this spring.

"We've really ramped up our online sales though the Grotto website and also we've started home delivery within the county," said Steele. "We'll continue to offer these services throughout 2020 and beyond,"

Furthermore, the Grotto staff is planning on working closely with the Abbey and Prep School to market the upcoming "Blues & BBQ" festival that is scheduled for late October.

Finally, the staff is already making plans for an expanded "Christmas at the Grotto" event for this December. The goal is to make it the premier Christmas event in all of North Alabama and the state.

"We hope to see some really good things for the Grotto for the remainder of

the year," said Steele. "With God's help, we'll get through this crisis stronger than ever."



Br. Bernard discusses Monk Bread with Absolutely Alabama host Fred Hunter

St. Bernard Summer Appeal Underway

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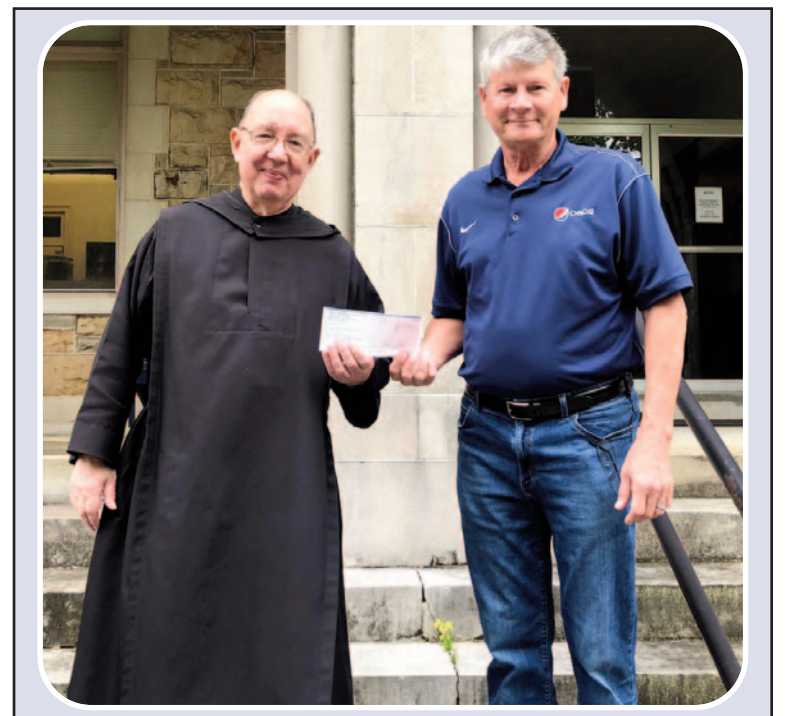
In addition, the State of Alabama has reduced by half a scholarship program that made it possible for students in failing schools to attend qualifying private schools. The loss of this income will have an adverse effect on every aspect of the school's program.

Given all these challenges, the goal of the Summer Appeal is to raise \$300,000. This will enable St. Bernard to continue its work and ministries by reaching out to serve those affected by these difficult times. "A goal of this size can only be reached if all of our alumni and benefactors are on board," said Fr. Joel Martin, President and Development Director. "Together, our donors will help St. Bernard do great things in a time of greatest need."

"We are truly grateful for your support this this year's Summer Appeal," said Abbot Marcus Voss, abbot of St. Bernard. "I join Fr. Joel and all the St. Bernard Community in thanking those who support this appeal. So many people are suffering because of this pandemic and your support makes it possible for us to help reduce their anxiety and concerns, which often come with so much instability."

Donations may be made online by visiting or by mail to: St. Bernard Summer Appeal, 1600 St. Bernard Drive, SE, Cullman, AL 35055.

<https://donate.onecause.com/sbpsummerappeal>
to donate online



Pepsi Donation

Fr. Joel Martin, President of Saint Bernard Prep, accepts a donation from Pepsi from Terry Shabel, the brother of **Rodger Shabel** (C '74).

St. Bernard Abbey news

From the Abbot's Desk...

When we published the last edition of *St. Bernard Happenings*, we could not have anticipated that we would now find ourselves in a much-changed world because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We had no idea, when our students left for spring break, that they would not be returning to the classroom, and that our faculty would be teaching their classes via distance learning for the final quarter of the school year. A powerful, unseen enemy had suddenly entered our lives, and in its wake came fear, anxiety and isolation.

However, it also brought with it a challenge to be resilient and to innovate. In observing "social distance", and the other new protocols associated with the pandemic, we learned to cooperate even more and to strengthen the bonds that unite us. Though we couldn't gather in our churches, we learned the strength that comes from personal prayer, and we united in worship when Sunday Masses were streamed into our homes. In a time when challenges

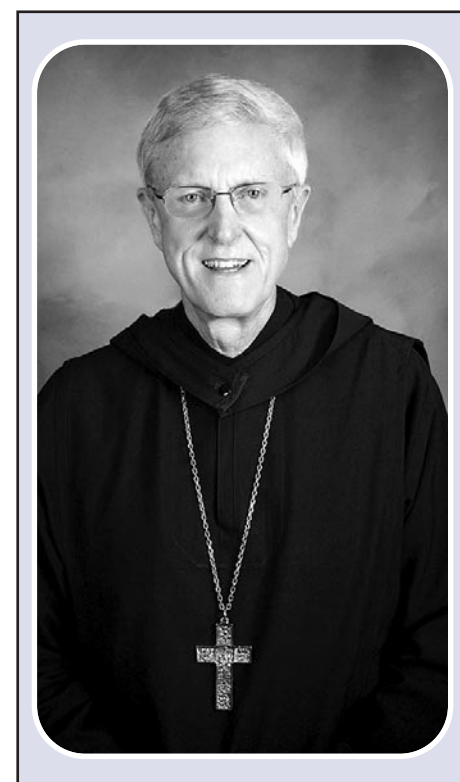
seemed overwhelming, people reached out at every level to create a community which was willing to give support and assistance.

At the start of the pandemic, most of the monks of St. Bernard who were enrolled in various academic programs returned home. They came from Indiana, North Carolina and Rome, Italy. As a reunited community, we could now pray for the world as one voice, asking God's blessing on those in greatest need, and remembering especially the victims of Covid-19.

This spirit of a united community was also demonstrated in the Prep School. The faculty and staff quickly learned new skills and techniques to insure that our students could complete their academic requirements. Thirty-five seniors completed their studies and graduated on the day which was originally scheduled. In addition, students in every class were able to move to the next grade level. Now, looking to the future, preparations are being made for the opening of the fall term.

Although it signals the end of the Easter season, the celebration of Pentecost, reminds us that the Holy Spirit remains with us always. The events of Pentecost are described powerfully in the Acts of the Apostles. We are told that the room was filled with a roaring sound like a violent wind, and that the once-fearful apostles were filled with the fire and the life of the Holy Spirit. Transformed into powerhouses of faith, they proclaimed the Good News of our Redemption in such a way that people from all over the world understood their message. God's Holy Spirit fueled a revolution, an event that is recognized today as the birthday of the Church.

My prayer is that we too, like the Apostles, may be filled with the Holy Spirit as we make our way through the sorrow and uncertainty of this pandemic. May we indeed defeat the virus that is causing so much fear, anxiety and isolation in our world, and may we grow in faith through the power of the Holy Spirit, who brings wisdom, unity



*Rt. Rev. Marcus J. Voss,
O.S.B., Abbot*

and love to the community of the human family.

+ Marcus J. Voss, O.S.B.

Abbot Marcus

Inaugural Giving Day Raises 120% of its Goal

Thanks to the overwhelming response and generous support of the St. Bernard Family, our first-ever Giving Day on March 21 raised \$36,126 for the St. Bernard Educational Foundation. Tyler Hooper (PS '07), St. Bernard's Development and Alumni Officer and creator of Giving Day, said of the event, "I am beyond thrilled by the tremendous outpouring of support by our donors. To be able to far exceed our fundraising goal in the event's first year is humbling."

Giving Day 2020 was the first event of its kind in St. Bernard's history and was a 24-hour event designed to raise funds and awareness for the St. Bernard Educational Foundation. St. Bernard partnered with OneCause, a world leader in event and fundraising platforms, to host and promote the event online and on social media using #SBPGivingDay.

This year's Giving Day beneficiary, the St. Bernard Educational Foundation, was established in 1998 to support the ongoing educational

activities of St. Bernard Preparatory School. Hooper said, "The Foundation makes it possible for deserving students in financial need to attend St. Bernard Preparatory School. Need-based scholarships are awarded annually and require that the recipients meet both the academic and behavioral standards of the school."

Donors were able to visit the Giving Day site, view photos, make secure donations, and track the event's progress all in real time. Hooper continued, "I was very pleased to see that so many of our alumni, parents, staff, faculty, and friends participated in and were excited about Giving Day – especially with the ongoing pandemic. We even had new donors make first-time gifts to St. Bernard which was a major goal achievement for us."

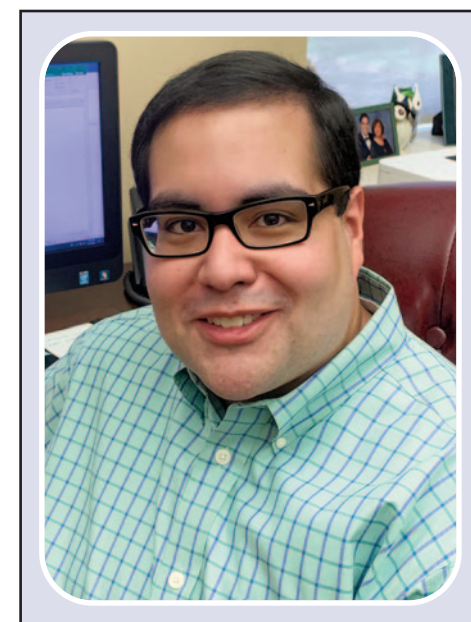
Hooper continued, "I am so happy that Giving Day 2020 could support the St. Bernard Educational Foundation in such a significant way. Real impact will be made for our young men and women thanks to the

generosity of our Giving Day donors. The Foundation truly sustains every part of the Bernardian experience - academic programs, campus ministries, classroom enrichment, fine arts, athletics, financial aid, and more."

Plans are already in the works for Giving Day 2021. Hooper said, "By 5:30 pm on Giving Day we met our goal and the gifts kept coming in – literally from coast to coast and even internationally! I'm confident we will raise an even greater amount for another worthy St. Bernard cause next year. My office has a mission to strive to continuously seek innovative, sustainable fundraising methods through active, intentional engagement of our donors and alumni. St. Bernard Development is forward-looking and excited to be implementing modern fundraising techniques to help ensure St. Bernard thrives for years to come."

To learn more about the Development and Alumni Office's work, contact Hooper at (256) 255-5857 or thooper@stbernardprep.com.

Visit donate.onecause.com/sbpgivingday to learn more about Giving Day 2020 and view our donor wall.



Tyler Hooper

SBP Development and Alumni Officer

St. Bernard Happenings

Fall Sports Individual Awards



Cheerleaders

(L-R): Lilly Nassetta, Alison Gongre, and Gabriel Bennett



Boys Cross Country

(L-R): Caleb Guthery and Joseph Arriagga



Girls Cross Country

Front (L-R): Liz Medina, Madi Kerber; Back: Aria McMillan, Claire Sanders.

2019 St. Bernard Saints

Cross Country

Senior Award - Caleb Guthery

5 Years Letterman
Personal Record 16:32 (Last Chance Inv. – Scottsboro 10-24-19)

2019 3A All-State 3rd Place (16:54)

2018 3A All- State 2nd Place(17:03)

2017 1A-2A All- State 15th (17:42)

2019 3A Section 3 Champion (16:36) All- Section 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Individual Winner of 10 Races 2018-19

Section Champions 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

1A-2A State Champions 2016

3A State 3rd Place 2018, 2019

Team Captain 2019

2019 St Bernard Saints

Cross Country

Senior Award – Claire Sanders

6 Years Letterman

Personal Record 21:31 (3A Section 3 Meet – 11-3-18)

All- Section 2015, 2016, 2018

Section Champions 2015, 2016 ,2018

1A-2A State Champions 2015

Team Captain 2018, 2019

2019 St. Bernard Saints

Cross Country

Senior Award - Lizbeth Medina

6 Years Letterman

Personal Record 21:31 (Athens Bible Inv. 10-20-16)

All- Section 2015, 2016, 2017

Section Champions 2014,2015, 2016, 2018

1A-2A State Champions 2014, 2015

2019 St. Bernard Saints

Cross Country

Senior Award - Aria McMillan

2 Years Letterman

Personal Record 22:11 (3A Section 3 Meet 11-3-18)

All- Section 2018

2018 3A Section 3 Champions

2019 St. Bernard Saints

Cross Country

Most Valuable Runner - Caleb Guthery

3A All-State Runner 3rd Place (16:54)

3A Section 3 Champion (16:36)

Individual Winner of 6 Meets 1st for the Team in 11 of 12 Meets

Personal Record 16:32 (Last Chance Inv. – Scottsboro – 2nd Place)

3A Section 3 Champions

3A State 3rd Place

2019 St. Bernard Saints

Cross Country

Most Outstanding Performance - Joseph Arriaga

3A All- State Runner 13th Place (17:24)

3A All –Section 4th Place (17:27)

Finished in Top 5 in 5 Meets

Personal Record 17:18 (Last Chance Inv. – Scottsboro - 5th Place)

3A Section 3 Champions

3A State 3rd Place

2019 St. Bernard Saints Cross Country

Most Valuable Runner - Madi Kerber

3A All-State Runner 11th Place (20:48)

3A Section 3 Runner-Up (20:36)

Hay of Run Champion (21:03)

1st for the Team in 12 of 12 Meets

Finished in the Top 4 in 9 Meets

Personal Record 20:18 (Jesse Owens Classic -2nd Place)

2019 St. Bernard Saints

Cross Country

Most Outstanding Performance - Emma Powell

3A All Section 5th Place (21:19)

Finished in the Top 15 in 8 Meets

Personal Record 20:44 (3A Section Meet 2018)

JV Volleyball:

MVP – Makenzie Cruce

Up & Coming Award – Elle Tillitski



Boys Bowling

(L-R): Ian Sidley, Alex Shoaff, and Jordan McCormick



Volleyball

Front row (L-R): Emma Tafazoli and Macy Whaley. Middle row: Yadira Echeverria and Olivia Brown. Back row: Gabrielle Bennett and Bridget Gallegos.

St. Bernard Happenings



Varsity Boys Basketball

(L-R): William Tang, John Christian Rose, Hose Zatarain, Caleb Guthery, and Alex Shoaff

Co-Captain – Amelia Tafazoli
(listed on medal, not a plaque)
Co-Captain & Outstanding
Defender – Brianna Garcia (listed
on medal, not a plaque)
Outstanding Defender – Emily
Garcia (listed on medal, not a
plaque)

Varsity Volleyball Awards:

Most Valuable Player 2019 –
Emma Tafazoli
Best Serving Percentage –
90.3%
Most Digs – 213
Total Kills – 110

2019 Offensive Player of the
Year – Macy Whaley
Most Aces – 65
Most Kills – 143
Most Consistent Hitter

Bowling Senior Awards:

Ella Buckingham
Bridget Gallegos
Aria McMillan
Mai Thy Nguyen
Carly Tombo



Most Improved JV Basketball

Jiovany Arriaga

Jordan McCormick
Alex Shoaff
Ian Sidley
Josh Spitzer

Middle School Girls Basketball

Awards:

2019 Most Valuable Player –
Makenzie Cruce
2019 Team Captain Award –
Amelia Tafazoli

JV Boys Basketball Awards:

Most Improved - Jiovany
Arriaga
MVP - Ethan Powell

Cheer Awards:

Senior Awards:

Lilly Nassetta-
3 years cheer squad
1 year pep squad
1 year captain
2019 UCA All American
2019 Dancing Diva Camp Award

Gabrielle Bennett
5 years cheer squad
2018 UCA All American
2018 So Sharp I'm Bleeding
Camp Award
2019 UCA All American

Alison Gongre
6 years cheer squad
2018 Little Miss Sunshine Camp
Award
2019 Squad's Choice Camp
Award
2018 UCA All American
2019 UCA All American
1 year Co-Captain

Captain - Lilly Nassetta
Co-Captain- Alison Gongre

2020 Varsity Girls Basketball Awards

Senior Awards:

Claire Sanders #10
Best Free-Throw % 56.6

Most Assists
Team Captain
All-Area 2019-2020
Total Points 2019-2020 Season:
234

Emma Tafazoli #33
Overall Best Shooting % 40.0
Most Rebounds: 201
Most Steals: 64
Most Points Scored: 292
All-Area 2019-2020
Macy Whaley #25
Most Blocked Shots
Team Leadership Award

Varsity Boys Basketball Awards

Senior Awards:

John Christian Rose
Caleb Guthery
Alex Shoaff
William Tang

Individual Awards:

Most Points - John Christian
Rose
Team Captain – Alex Shoaff
Team Captain – John Christian
Rose
SAINT Award – Jose Zatarain



MVP Runner

Madi Kerber



Girls Bowling

Front row (L-R): Ella Buckingham, Aria McMillan,
Carly Tombo. Back row: Bridget Gallegos
and Mai Thy Nguyen



Varsity Girls Basketball

(L-R): Emma Tafazoli, Claire Sanders and Macy Whaley



JV Volleyball MVP

(L-R): Elle Tillitski and Makenzie Cruce

Another Saint Marching to Collegiate Level

St. Bernard's Claire Sanders signed a national letter of intent with Sewanee last week and will continue her track and cross country career with the Division III Tigers beginning this fall.

The University of the South competes in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Sanders couldn't be more thrilled to make her way to the Tennessee-based school.

"I'm excited to continue running," she said. "I think it'll be a good experience to be challenged with new teammates and experience everything that comes with running in college. It's a beautiful campus there, and it's a small school. I can focus on academics and also participate in sports at a high level."

Sanders had quite a successful tenure with the Lady Saints.

In track, she helped St. Bernard claim back-to-back runner-up finishes at the state meet (2018-19).

She also comprised one leg of the 4x800-meter relay team that corralled three straight gold medals at the state meet (2017-19), and she qualified for five different events at the state level during her career.

Sanders was a member of the 2015 cross country team that took home the Class 1A-2A state title.

She was a three-time All-Section runner as well and also helped contribute to three section crowns.

The multi-sport athlete was even a five-year starter on the basketball team.

But what will Sanders miss the most?

"My teammates and coaches," she said. "I'm going to miss the teammates and coaches who were so instrumental to my success. I'm thankful for the abilities God has given me as well. As for St. Bernard, I'll really miss the school. It's a great place to be, and I couldn't ask for a better group of people."

William Calvert loves to see his athletes get rewarded for their hard work.

And the longtime St. Bernard coach will be closely monitoring

Sanders' journey at Sewanee.

"I am very excited that Claire has the opportunity to continue her track and cross country career at the collegiate level," he said. "Especially since it all ended so abruptly because of the pandemic crisis. She has been a solid performer and tremendous leader for our track and cross country programs. She was a joy to coach and always willing to do any event to help the team win. I look forward to seeing her progress in college as she will be able to focus on track and cross country throughout the year."



Sanders Signs with Sewanee

St. Bernard's Claire Sanders, front and center, signs a national letter of intent with Sewanee recently. She is joined up front (L-R) by her sister (Tessa), her mother (Lauren), her father (Rodney) and her sister (Caroline). Standing (L-R) are St. Bernard coach William Calvert, Claire's brother (Graham) and St. Bernard assistant Tim Vaughn. Courtesy of The Cullman Times – Jake Winfrey.

Archery Implemented at SBP

While St. Bernard is no stranger to world class archery, the school is new to implementing its own archery program as part of the NASP®.

Saint Bernard Preparatory School joined with the National Archery in the Schools Program - to create an in-school program aimed at improving educational performance. Through this program, students are learning focus, self-control, discipline, patience, and the life lessons required to be successful in the classroom and in life.

The Units of Study were written by Education, Conservation, and Target archery experts to meet state and national educational standards. This enabled NASP® to speak the language of educators who are intent on teaching core content throughout the school day. These units were designed for inclusion in a school's Physical Education curriculum but in a few NASP® schools these archery lessons are presented by history, language, art, and even Spanish teacher.

Instructor Training was developed so teachers in every participating school could be certified to present NASP® lessons that are safe for students, instructors, bystanders, and the facility. Teachers have a choice of being certified as NASP® Basic Archery Instructors (BAI – 8 hours) or Basic Archery Instructor Trainers (BAIT–24 hours). To date more than 90,000 people have been certified by NASP®.

Archery Equipment used in NASP® is highly standardized to be safe, durable,

economical, and most importantly, universal fit for almost every student. In NASP® learning the "process" of shooting is stressed far more than arrow scores. The only bow used in NASP® is a "Genesis®" compound which has no let-off and is adjustable from 10-20 pounds in draw weight at any draw length. And the only arrow is the Easton 1820 aluminum "Genesis" arrow.

Nineteen of the near 30 students in the club were introduced to archery at Sacred Heart School. The program is a club

organization and open any student in grades 4-12. It is an in-school program which has to be taught in the classroom. The main goal is to improve education performance by learning self-control, patience and discipline, etc.

In early March 400 students visited St. Bernard to compete in an archery tournament in the Fazi-Richard Athletic Center. Students came from as far away as Sumiton Middle School and Brooks High School in Killen, Alabama and as

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Archery

Saint Bernard students Mollie Woods, Warrior, AL; Morgan Waites, Pell City, AL; and David Parrish of Cullman, enjoying archery at Saint Bernard.

St. Bernard Happenings

SBP Students attend March for Life

Students and chaperones loaded two buses on the afternoon of Friday, January 24, 2020 to travel with the Diocese of Birmingham to Washington, D.C. for the

Archery

(Continued from previous page) close as Cullman City and County Schools. Seventeen teams competed in team and individual awards at the Elementary, Middle and High School Levels.

Competition consisted of shooting targets at 10 meters and 15 meters. Fifteen arrows were shot by each individual from each distance to score a perfect score of 300. The top two teams with the highest scores were presented trophies as well as the top three boys and girls in each division were awarded medals.

Elicia Fallin, who began the program after volunteering at Sacred Heart School under the direction of Holly Winfrey, started the program at St. Bernard to further enhance the existing programs offered at the school.

With a huge contagious smile on her face, Fallin said, "It's exciting to watch the two schools come together, and to watch the students continue to grow and improve. But for me the greatest satisfaction is witnessing students who once dreaded PE get excited about coming to the gym. They get dressed for archery and look

annual March for Life. Now in its forty-seventh year, the theme of the 2020 March, was "Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman."

This year's March was of

forward to getting started. To see their faces when scores improve, it just makes my day."

As for the first ever tournament, it was a huge success. Fallin was very pleased with the interest from each school who participated.

"We were elated to have such a wonderful two-day event which drew more than 1,000 people in attendance. The proceeds from the event will be used to purchase equipment such as targets, bows, etc.," Fallin said.

Winning the elementary team tournament was East Elementary School, Cullman, AL; followed by the runner up team Vinemont Elementary in Vinemont, AL. Vinemont Middle claimed the Middle School competition while Cullman Middle School was runner up. In the high school division, Vinemont High School took the first place, while Cullman High School placed second.

For information on St. Bernard Prep visit www.stbernardprep.com or call 256-739-6682. St. Bernard is Alabama's only Catholic Boarding School for grades 7-12.

particular significance, as President Donald Trump became the first U.S. President to address the March for Life crowds while the Democratic House trial managers were making the case for his impeachment in the U.S. Senate.

St. Bernard junior, Justin Anders has attended three marches since enrolling at St. Bernard Prep and declared the March of 2020 by far the most impressive in scale and enthusiasm.

"Not only was the enormous scale of the march incredible, estimated to be around 500,000 people in

attendance, but also the vigor and excitement of this year's marchers proved to be inspiring in and of itself. For the first time in history, the president of the United States addressed the March in person, and proclaimed his strong support for the dignity of the human person," commented Anders.

Anders said during the President's speech, he will always remember the National Mall being packed to the brim with attentive pro-life advocates. Once the actual march started, the excitement was palpable and groups played instruments or music

to show their support.

"Trump's advocacy of the pro-life movement struck a deep note with nearly all people present, and certainly attributed towards the huge crowds and general anticipation. The Attorney General himself even waved down to the March from an office window," Anders said.

Br. Cassian Konieczny, a monk and instructor at St. Bernard, served as coordinator of the March and was joined by eleven other chaperones who led the delegation of St. Bernard students to give witness to the dignity of all human life.



March for Life Participants

(L-R): David Parrish, Diego Garcia-Cerna, Gloria Contreras, Lupe Ponce, David Pascual, Jongha Park, Tam Nguyen, Mark Tomeny, Torben Schiele, Kiara Garcia, Xavier Pautler, Joseph Tomeny, and Josh Kennedy.



Scene from Archery Tournament

St. Bernard Alumni News

St. Bernard to Host Alumni Reunion Sept. 10-13, 2020

Saint Bernard has declared the weekend of September 10-13, 2020 as Alumni Reunion weekend. With several exiting changes the reunion is set to be one of the best to date. To kick off the event, the golf tournament at Terri Pines Country Club in Cullman will begin with a shotgun start at 8:00 am on Friday, September 11. You'll find pines scattered all over the property. From the course's lofty perch – the highest point in the county – you'll enjoy great vistas while enjoying some of the best golf in Alabama.

Culinary delights await you throughout the weekend, too! Meals for the event include breakfast prepared by St. Bernard's Dining Hall team, other meals catered by one of Cullman's most popular chefs - Freddie Day Catering, and the Saturday evening dinner prepared by alumnus Dyron Powell (PS '91) and his team from the legendary All Steak Restaurant. The highly-popular Grotto Reception in the Ave Maria Grotto will return again on Saturday amidst the beautiful grounds and summer blooms.

Consider being a champion for St. Bernard by contacting your high school and college friends to join in the plans to be a part of this greatly anticipated Bernardian tradition!

Bring the family and enjoy the athletic facilities, shop St. Bernard merchandise in the library, and enjoy all the campus has to offer. Boniface Hall does have rooms available, but they will book up quickly. To stay on campus, contact the retreat center directly at (256) 734-3946.

Cost for the weekend is \$100 per person; and \$125 for golf per person. Visit online to register or have your credit card ready and call (256) 739-6682.



Casey Daniel,
Ph.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Daniel Receives UAB Alumni Award

Casey L. Daniel, Ph.D., M.P.H., (PS '03), has been selected to receive the 2020 UAB School of Public Health Early Career Achievement Alumni Award.

Casey was chosen for the award for demonstrating excellence in public health as an alum of the UAB School of Public Health. She is an assistant professor of family medicine at the USA College of Medicine and works in the cancer control and prevention program at USA Health Mitchell Cancer Institute.

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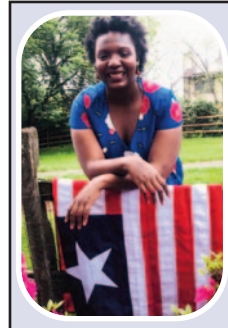


Congratulations

Aimme Cortes (PS '15) recently graduated from Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara School of Medicine in Guadalajara Mexico, and will start her residency in the Fall of 2020.



Aimme Cortes



Ramonah Gibson

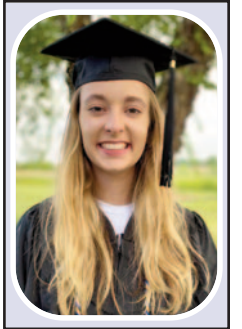
Ramonah Gibson (PS '16) graduated from Washington and Lee University in May 2020 with a BA in Theater and minors in Creative Writing and Film.

Abigail Mescher (PS '15) graduated on December 14, 2019, with honors, from the University of Alabama Birmingham. She now has a bachelor degree in both Social Work and Political Science. Abigail is currently working for Choices Foster Care, in Dayton, OH, as a foster care case manager. She plans to pursue her law degree and her masters of Social Work at either Ohio State University or University of Dayton.



Abigail Mescher

Alli Messick (PS '16) graduated from Birmingham Southern College in May 2020 with a degree in Spanish for the workplace. Alli plans to work as an interpreter in the medical and legal systems.



Alli Messick

Dean R. Smith (PS '16) graduated cum laude from Auburn University in May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major in Finance. He will be attending Belmont University College of Law in Nashville in the fall.

Victoria Elizabeth Grace Badar (PS '16) graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Arts in History from Saint Vincent College-Latrobe, PA on May 9, 2020. She will be attending University of North Alabama to pursue a Master's Degree in History in the Fall of 2020.



Tory Badar

Christopher Woods (PS '16) graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Alabama – Huntsville in April 2020 with a degree in Mathematics. Christopher plans to attend UAB in the fall of 2020 for a masters in Biostatistics with a scholarship awarded by The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health.

NEW ARRIVALS



Hackworth Family

Hunter (PS '08) and **Samantha Hackworth** welcomed their first child, Camden Tate Hackworth into the world on December 1, 2019. Camden weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz and measured 21 inches long. The Hackworths reside in Chattanooga, TN.



Taisley Rin Suh

Intae (PS '05) and **Brandy Suh** welcomed Taisley Rin Suh born January 14, 2020. She weighed 9 lbs., 7 oz. and measured 21 inches long. Taisley joins her big brother, Torrin at their home in Cullman where both parents work in law enforcement.

St. Bernard Alumni news

In Memory

Prayers are requested for family and friends:

James (Jim) William Alexander, Jr. (HS'58), age 79, of Tuckasee, NC, passed away on Sunday April 5, 2020, after an extended illness. He was a graduate of St. Bernard Preparatory School, attended the University of Georgia and was a retired Sales Representative for Ply-Gem Industries. Jim was a Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and a member of St. Mary, Mother of God Roman Catholic Church of Sylva. Before moving to Tuckasee, Jim served as a Fire Fighter for the Dawson County Volunteer Fire Department. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Kelley Alexander; his daughter Anastasia Alexander Crain and husband, Scott; a son, Nathan Alexander and wife, Sheila; and his four grandchildren.

Jim Boike, age 72, of Birmingham, AL passed away on April 28, 2020. Jim leaves a legacy of devotion to God and his family, generosity, and loving his neighbor. He was born on Christmas Day in 1947 to Andrew and Audrey (Lindsey) Boike in Decatur, AL. He graduated from Decatur High in 1966, and received a bachelor's in business at Athens State University. In July of 1967 he married his high school sweetheart, Linda Ridge Boike. Jim served his country proudly in the United States Air Force, where he was promoted to Staff Sergeant in under four years. He had a successful career with Bellsouth and retired after many years with the company. Jim was devoted in his faith; he was a member at St. Peters Catholic Church and Our Lady of The Valley. Jim leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving wife of 52 years, Linda Ridge Boike; children, Amanda Boike Sylvie (Jon), **Nathan Boike** (PS'94), (Leigh), Joshua Boike (Olivia); and five grandchildren.

Jim Galigansky (C'67) age 75, passed away on Sunday morning, April 19, 2020.

He was born in Detroit, MI on March 10, 1945. In 1963 he graduated from Chadsey High School in Detroit, MI, where he excelled in basketball. Standing 6'8" and given his athletic ability, he earned a scholarship to play basketball and baseball at St. Bernard College. He studied education and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree and went on to earn his Masters Degree in Education at Wayne State University. Jim became a dedicated and well-admired teacher. Jim, a dedicated father, raised his son and daughter from their early years as a single parent. He was a lover of nature and after thirty-nine years of teaching and coaching, he went on to volunteer at the Detroit Zoo, in the Butterfly Gallery. Jim is survived by his daughter, Brook A. (James T. Arthur-Dickinson) Galichansky of Delton; his son, James J. (Jennifer) Galichansky of Portage, MI; and, one grandson. As per Jim's request, cremation has taken place and his cremated remains will be entombed in the St. Bernard Abbey Columbarium, Cullman, AL.

Jimmy Jet (C'67), age 79, passed away at home after a long illness on April 6, 2020. A native of Warrior, AL, he was a well-loved teacher, principal, coach and member of the Warrior City Council. He served 52 years on the City Of Warrior Council, believed to have been the longest anyone in the state of Alabama has ever served. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years Nadine Roberts Jett, children Steve Jett, Lynn Jett, Lisa Jett, one granddaughter and one great granddaughter.

Patrick Edgar Kelley (C'69), age 74, passed away on March 24, 2020. He graduated from St. Henry Grade School in 1960, Father Ryan High School in 1964, and

St. Bernard College in 1969. He obtained a Master of Art's Degree from MTSU in 1973, where he was honored by Phi Alpha Theta Historical Honor Society. Pat owned and operated Northside Liquor Store in the 70's and Kelley Real Estate Co. in the '80's and 90's. He worked at Wilson Group Realtors from the '90's until his death. He also served as Chairman of the Historian Committee for the Nashville Board of Realtors in the early 1990's. Pat was involved in many charitable activities. He taught Religious Education to high school students at St. Henry Church for more than 10 years. He was long time member of the Knights of Columbus where he served 2 terms as Grand Knight, served as District Deputy for the State of Tennessee, K of C Council for 4 terms and also was President of K.C. Club Inc. for many years. Pat was also involved with the Catholic local radio and television station WBOU. He is survived by his wife Van Marie Kelley, daughter, Katie Nourse, son, Patrick "PK" E. Kelley Jr. (Mechelle), daughter, Brandy Jones (Jeff), Michael Kelley (grandson-adopted son), and nine grandchildren.

Dr. Betty Louise Lumby, age 94, died on Sunday, March 22, 2020. Dr.

Lumby was Professor of Music and University Organist at the University of Montevallo beginning in 1957 until her retirement in 2012. She was first introduced to St. Bernard through a chance meeting with Abbot Hilary Dreaper in the late 1950s. For many years she served as organist for St. Bernard Abbey for special occasions and then for about 20 years she traveled to St. Bernard every Sunday to play for the Conventual Mass, expecting no payment. Through a former organ student of hers, David Salmen, she arranged for the refashioning, building and installation of the fine organ now in the Abbey Church. For many years Dr. Lumby was very involved in the Boar's Head Madrigal Dinner at the Univ. of Montevallo. Though the monks did not attend, she always brought a piece of the event to the monks on Christmas Eve. In the monastery kitchen she prepared and presented with much fanfare a Christmas flaming "figgy pudding." Later in the evening she would give an hour-long organ concert, and then play the organ for Midnight Mass. She is survived by her many friends, the faculty and staff of the Univ. of Montevallo and her numerous students.

Murray Lynch (C'59) age 84, passed away April 21, 2020. Murray graduated from Holy Name grade school where his love for sports began. He graduated from Father Ryan High School in 1955 where he was the captain of the basketball team, and excelled in baseball, and football. He earned a basketball scholarship to St. Bernard College in Cullman Alabama and graduated in 1959. Murray also played varsity tennis at St. Bernard and was named captain of both basketball and tennis teams. He continued his studies at Peabody College in Nashville where he earned his master's degree. In the summer of 1960, Murray began working at Father Ryan High School where he was the assistant football and basketball coach and taught economics. Taking over the

head basketball coaching duties in 1968, he led the Irish to the State Final Four in 1974 before stepping down in 1976. He continued coaching football through the 1985 season. In 1969 he took over as the Assistant Principal and Disciplinary Dean. He continued in this position until his retirement in 1998. During his retirement, Murray and Sissy enjoyed spending time at their lake home on the Tennessee River. Murray is survived by wife of 61 years, Rosalyne "Sissy" McCabe Lynch, his sons, John (Brenda), Michael (Erin), and Thomas (Lindsey), his daughter Janice, and nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Frank Phillip Slovensky,

Jr. (C'68) passed away at the age of 74 at the Pell City Veterans Facility on April 1, 2020. After graduating from St. Bernard College, Phil was a Captain in the Marine Corp and a Vietnam War Era Veteran. He attended St. Patrick Catholic Church, where he enjoyed many activities with his family and friends. Phil was a great man and a role model for so many of us who got to know him over the years. He was truly respected and embodied what it meant to be a Catholic gentleman. Phillip served on the Brookside City Council and was in the Knights of Columbus, Boy Scouts of America, a Youth Baseball Coach and Past President of FOE # 972. He always adjusted to any and every circumstance and he will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Phillip is preceded in death by his Father and Mother, Frank & Margaret Slovensky, and Special Friend, Pete Meadows. He leaves behind Siblings, Mary Ann Hand (Donald), Frances Elrod (Joe), Jimmy Slovensky (Liz), Ron Slovensky (Debbie), Pat Maxwell (Greg) and Donald Slovensky (Pam); 14 Nieces and Nephews; twenty-seven Great Nieces and Nephews; and, one Great-great Niece.



Phillip Slovensky



Dr. Betty Louise Lumby

Henry Burk Sullivan (C'55) formerly of Haddonfield, NJ, passed away from complications of coronavirus in Collingswood, NJ on April 20, 2020 at the age of 90. Burk, as he liked to be called, spent his early years in Philadelphia. He received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Bernard College in Alabama, a master's degree in English from Villanova University, and a doctoral degree in English education from Rutgers University in New Brunswick. After teaching for several years in Pennsylvania, Burk and his family moved to Haddonfield in 1960. He served as chairperson of the English Department at Cherry Hill High School West from 1961 to 1966 and as founding chairperson of the English Department at Cherry Hill High School East from 1966 to 1970. He was subsequently a professor of English and philosophy at Gloucester County College (now Rowan College of South Jersey) from its opening day until his retirement in 1998. Burk was dedicated to his students and to the pursuit of the liberal arts. He was also a skilled cabinetmaker, amateur sculptor, and avid organic gardener. He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Miriam Clare (nee Fenerty); his children: Mimi Sullivan Hyde (Andrew), Christine Miller (Robert), Gerald (Abigail), Joseph (Dianna), and John (Mirela); and four grandchildren.

St. Bernard Happenings

St. Bernard Drawdown Dinner a Smashing Success

Saint Bernard boosters hosted a sold-out crowd for its annual Booster Club Drawdown Dinner on Saturday, February 1, 2020. Four hundred thirty-seven tickets were sold for \$100 each and a dozen were held out for bingo winners, along with a dazzling array of other prizes to collect the grand prize of \$10,000.

Friends, family, and alumni enjoyed an evening with dinner catered by All Steak of Cullman. Patrons were able to participate in a wide variety of entertainment including a silent auction, Saints Plinko, bingo and more to raise

monies for the Athletic Department here at Saint Bernard Prep School in Cullman.

Saint Bernard Athletic Director William Calvert says funds raised from the event help cover the costs of the 11 different sports offered by the school.

"These funds help us buy athletic equipment, uniforms, and maintain our athletic facilities and fields. It also aides in our coaches' educational programs, assistant coach supplements, and the annual athletic awards ceremony," Calvert stated.

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currently is facing a number of costs associated with its athletic programs, including its new archery team, which debuted this semester, and the funds generated will help defray some of the associated costs; a new Pixellot camera system, which is a national network of streaming sporting events live online to include volleyball, basketball and soccer; and new soccer goals are needed to replace the ones that have been in use since the 1996 Argentina Olympic team trained at Saint Bernard.

Booster Club President Dyron Powell was delighted with the outcome of the evening. "I think we hit a record in crowd size, and I understand it is the second time in history we have sold all tickets," said Powell.

Saint Bernard wishes to thank Leah Messick and Elicia Fallin who were instrumental in organizing the event and to the many parents, staff, and friends who sold tickets. Powell commented, "Community support is vital to all the work we do at Saint Bernard, and we are blessed to have such a dedicated group!"

Winners for the evening were as follows: \$250 – Sharon Collier; \$500 – Heather Gudger; \$750 – Matt

Dabbs; \$1,000 – Tim Burleson; and \$10,000 – Denise Arndt. Saint Bernard hosts the

Booster Club Drawdown Dinner annually on the Saturday before the Super Bowl.



Drawdown Winners

(L-R): Matt and Chanda Dabbs, Sharon Collier, Tim Burleson and Denise Arndt, winners at the St. Bernard Drawdown Dinner.

2020 Bloomin' Festival Cancelled

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey postponed all events and closed all nonessential businesses statewide from March 28 to May 15 due to the coronavirus spreading through the United States. As a result, the pandemic claimed the life of the 36th Annual Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair. "Because of circumstances beyond our control and with much regret," Joyce Nix, Director of the event, announced, "we must cancel the 36th Annual Bloomin' Festival."

This year's show promised to be one of the best and a record number of vendors were scheduled to participate. "I really feel for the artist who were to be with us," said Nix. "As it turns out, all of their shows are being cancelled. The vendors play a vital role in making our festivals a huge success, and for many of them, it's their full time job."

Vendors were refunded their booth fees, and this year's sponsors had the option of donating their sponsorships to the school, applying their funds to the Fall Festival or requesting a refund.

"It's heartwarming and gratifying to see the widespread support of this annual event," Nix said. "Generous support came to us not only from the local community but also from across the country. In these uncertain financial times, this support is critical for the on-going work of St. Bernard Prep School."

Even though the festival itself was cancelled, the awarding of the 2020 Jeep Renegade and other sweepstake prizes were given away as scheduled at 4:00 pm on April 19th via Facebook Live. Winners of the 2020 Bloomin' Festival Sweepstakes include the following:

Rev. Allen Humbrecht – Soddy Daisy, TN- 2020 Jeep Renegade

Ethan Arndt – Cullman, AL – Apple AirPods

Jose G. Angeles – Montevallo, AL – Google Home

Melanie Glasscock – Cullman, AL – Fitbit

Therese Mosher – Miami Lakes, FL – Weather Radio

"I thank Joyce Nix and her team for all their hard work for this year's festival," said Fr. Joel Martin, School President. "It was disappointing that we had to cancel the Bloomin' Festival but we do look forward to our fall festival and ask everyone to mark their calendars. The 4th Annual Bernard Blues and BBQ Festival is scheduled for October 31 – November 1, 2020. Make plans to join us!"

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