

Season's Greetings



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TENTH ANNUAL WINE TASTING EVENT

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*O*ur success is attributed to all of the Wine Tasting Event Coordinators. A sincere congratulations are in order. This year's event proved once again the continued support from our Alumni. Celebrity hosts: Dave Bender and Diana Penna (Channel 13). Warren Armstrong and Monica Wood (FOX 40) were on site greeting guests and enjoying the camaraderie of our CB heritage.

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My Heartfelt Pride

MARK WARREN, PRESIDENT

In the last issue I mentioned that Christian Brothers has a number of things that make it unique. The most visible is the fact that we are Sacramento's *only* Catholic, secondary, *co-educational* option. If you recall, I cited four unique characteristics – academics, spiritual development, co-curriculars, and community service.

I would like to focus on the academic side for a moment. Christian Brothers High School provides a college preparatory program that is second to none. Through a rigorous and flexible college preparatory curriculum, we prepare students who come to us with a wide range of abilities, in fact a wider range than many other schools. Most of our students are accepted at four year institutions. A large complement of our graduates earn admission to the prestigious University of California System schools. Some attend Harvard, Stanford and other major universities. A number choose to attend our Community Colleges.

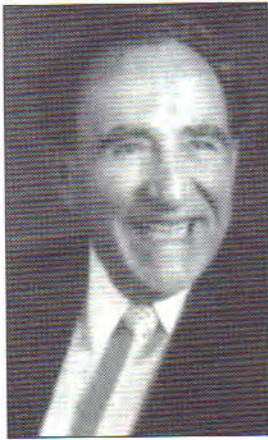
The key is preparation – and our faculty prepares our students well. Ninety-eight percent of last year's graduates entered college this fall.

Last year, we had seven National Merit Scholarship Finalists. This year we have two. Nine in two years is unprecedented and is a testament to the strength of our Honors and Scholars Programs.

Our curriculum is also designed to prepare the many kids who are not Honors level students. We offer a program called SAGES (Students Achieving Greater Educational Success) for students who otherwise would not be accepted at CBHS given their test scores and elementary school grades. Because they show exceptional loyalty and desire to succeed at Brothers, they are accepted and given a shot. These students are put through a rigorous freshman year program designed to bring them up to grade level by sophomore year. The SAGES Program works. We have retained over 90% of our SAGES students who now attend classes with everyone else.

Christian Brothers High School does a tremendous job with students of *all* ability levels. The credit for all of this rightly belongs to our competent faculty, our caring parents, and our tremendous students. And I am very proud of this. ♦





Alumni and Friends

BY JACK STASSI '40

Be sure to send me a note or give me a call so I'll know what's going on out there!

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With Christmas just around the corner, it's a perfect time to see what our friends are doing.

There was a nice article in *The Sacramento Bee* on the late fire chief **Terrance Mulligan**, one of the true friends and supporters of CBS. During the Depression years of the '30s, the Brothers were having a tough time of it, and Terry was always there to lend a helping hand. ... It was also reported on our local sports pages that **Joe Franzoia '37** scored a hole-in-one in a local golf tournament. Pretty darn good for an old duffer.

George Reta '38 is celebrating his Golden Wedding Anniversary. George owns the Golden Tee Restaurant at the Monterey Airport. His three boys also graduated from Christian Brothers - **Michael '66**, **George Jr. '67**, and **Ronald '69**.

Steve Cuckovich is one of CBS' new quarterbacks. He should be terrific as he comes from a great blood line. His father, Mel, was an All City quarterback for Luther Burbank High School, and his

grandfather was an All City quarterback for Sacramento High School.

Talk about a guy on the move! **Ronnie King '46** is the chief evaluator of talent for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Whenever there is a potential big league ball player, Ronnie is there. As a matter of fact, the Pirates had one of the lowest payrolls this year but were very competitive. **Robert Neves '56**, CPA, is doing volunteer work for the Sacramento Association for the Retarded and serves as their treasurer. ... **Gary Brown '86** was recently hired by the Fair Political Practices Commission as an investigator, but wife Nicole says his biggest thrill was the arrival of his son Ryan Garrett. ... **Jim Morandi** sends this update on his son **Patrick Morandi '78**. Pat graduated from Sacramento State University and received his Ph.D. in math from San Diego State University. He then taught at the University of Texas and Indiana University and is now teaching at New Mexico State

University at Las Cruces. ... Sweet little **Gina Stassi, Manogue Class of '84**, is the Communications/Media Manager for the California Sesquicentennial (the 150th anniversary of the State of California). She will be involved in several events and parties throughout the state in '98 and '99 including pregame activities for Super Bowl XXXII happening in San Diego. ... **James Keating '55** is becoming very active in the politics of the Sacramento Elks Lodge.

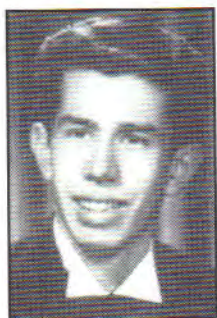
Archie "Hot Dog" Crossland '39 and **Louis Desmond '45**, the Bishop's legal eagle, voyaged to Italy with their wives. Poor Louis was certainly at Archie's mercy as - believe it or not - Arch is a fantastic linguist and speaks High Roman fluently ... Former legal eagle **Richard Barbeau '45** is enjoying his retirement.

Al Puliz, the old Gallopin' Gael footballer, has really left his mark on Nevada. He owns the Puliz Moving Company which has offices in Reno, Las Vegas and Salt Lake City. He also handles the convention business in Reno and Las Vegas.

Matthew Iribarne '83 won a national prize for unpublished authors for his book *Make Them Laugh*. Matthew also tells me he has a collection entitled *Anything Can Happen and Other Stories* which can be purchased at Tower Books on Broadway.

Sal Vasquez '52 called to report the Class of '52 recently had a reunion at the Sacramento Inn. The class honored its former principal, **Brother Bertram** and my classmate, **Roy Cortopassi '40**, who was their favorite teacher. Great goin', Roy. We never thought we had a guy in our class who was smart enough to teach anybody!

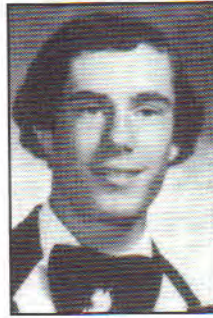
Now a word or two from my ace reporter for LaSalle Club happenings, **Jim McNamara '47**. The LaSalle Club dues were due in



Sal Vasquez



Michael Reta



Patrick Morandi



Matthew Iribarne

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Class Notes

BY VIENNA CORNACCHIOLI GOLSONG '61

Alumni are frequently asking about reunions. In an effort to serve our alumni, on February 19th, the CBHS Development Department will host a meeting for graduates of selected years ('88, '83, '78, '73, '68, '63, '58, '53, '48, '43) who are interested in coordinating a reunion in 1998. At the meeting we will provide assistance, guidelines in setting up reunions, and a list of alumni from the database. An invitation will be mailed in January.

Well here we are in December. Does it seem possible that a whole year has passed by? Am I just getting older and the time is flying by or what? As we prepare for the Holiday Season, my prayers are for all of you to take the time and reflect on the true meaning of this season.

May the Lord's blessed birth bring you and your families His everlasting peace and joy. Happy Holidays!

1935 I was referring to age, so is this a state of mind not body? **Paul Reese** had his second book, (*Go East Old Man*,) published in October. The book describes Paul's runs across the twenty two states west of the Mississippi River in summers of 1992-1996 at ages 75-79. Paul's first book, *Ten Million Steps* told about his 3,192 mile run across the USA at age 73. Paul is the oldest person to run across the country, and he is the only person to have run across (that's as opposed to "in") all fifty states.

While running is the setting, this book is not about running. Instead it is a story of personal adventure and experiences of travel, of aging, and of the rewards of staying fit.

The book can be ordered from bookstores or from Keoke Company, 1-800-880-3573.

1957 Retirement, spending time with his wife and playing golf -- how does that sound? **Richard (Dick) Ferrola** attended his first reunion,

which was his 40th. He will retire from the California Highway Patrol in December after thirty years. He has been living in Orange County since the Patrol sent him there from Sacramento in 1967.

Carlton "Joe" Yuke is very good about keeping in touch. He shared that there were five (5) weddings in the family over the past twelve months. Joe's son and daughter, his brother Gary, sister Jacqui and brother Jerry's '61 son.

1959 Certainly missed is **Dan Clark** who passed away in July. Dan graduated from St. Mary's College and was a teacher at Christian Brothers before moving to Napa in 1967. For the past thirty years he taught and coached at Justin-Siena High School. He was the school's athletic director for ten years and an announcer for radio broadcasts of football and basketball games.

In 1979 Dan was elected to the Napa County School Board and currently served as the president of the statewide California County Boards of Education.

Eugene Tafoya and his family sent me an invitation for the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Raymon Tafoya Elementary School held in August. Unfortunately, I was unable to join in the festivities.

Pat Silva Watson's mother, Wilma Silva, passed away in July. She worked for Christian Brothers (during part of that time Bishop Armstrong) for over fifteen years retiring in 1976. Besides Pat, brothers **Joseph**, '56 and **Robert** '57 are alumni.

1960 **Kathy Corcoran Daum** and her husband are living in Hayden Lake, Idaho. They also have retired from their electrical business.

1961 I received a wonderful note and pictures of our reunion from **Dorothy Pesavento Stevens**. She has been an English teacher at Fairfield High School for the past twenty-five years. Dorothy mentioned she is teaching children of students she had years ago and is calling them her academic grandchildren. Her husband is also a teacher, and they have two children.

1963 Want to try something different? How about learning to flamenco dance? **Michael Vasquez** is teaching the class at U.C. Davis after years of performing. He works for World Marketing Alliance, teaching people how to make and save money, tax free.

1973 **Jeanay Willis Bolden** a graduate of Bishop Manogue, would like to know if there is going to be a 25th reunion next year. Please contact me if anyone has any information and I will see that the information is put in my column.

1976 **Mark Weninger** and his wife Danielle are the proud parent of a new baby girl, Janniene.

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Still special after all these years

More than a century after its founding, Christian Brothers remains more than a school – it's a family. Here's what students and faculty have to say about it:

"People are here because they want to be. I like the atmosphere, the sense of community. When I did a visitation day (before coming to CB), people would say, 'Hi! How're you doing? What school are you going to? Are you interested in going here?' It was a real sense of community."

– **Shawn Brown, junior**

"I like the environment here. The teachers are very family-oriented. I would send my kids here. As far as the academics are concerned, it's stressful."

– **Quianna Johnson, junior**

"I like how friendly everybody is. The teachers all seem so caring. They really care about things that are going on with you. If something's bothering you, they come up to you, ask you if they can do anything. I also like the fact that everyone here is very diverse – there are lot of different kinds of people, different cultures, people with different ideas."

– **Erin Archer, junior**

"I like that the teachers are there for you. I have a lot of friends who go to McClatchy and Kennedy and are on my soccer team. You almost have to laugh sometimes because they have all these problems with their teachers. Here you can go to the teachers after school, and they'll help you out. I like that."

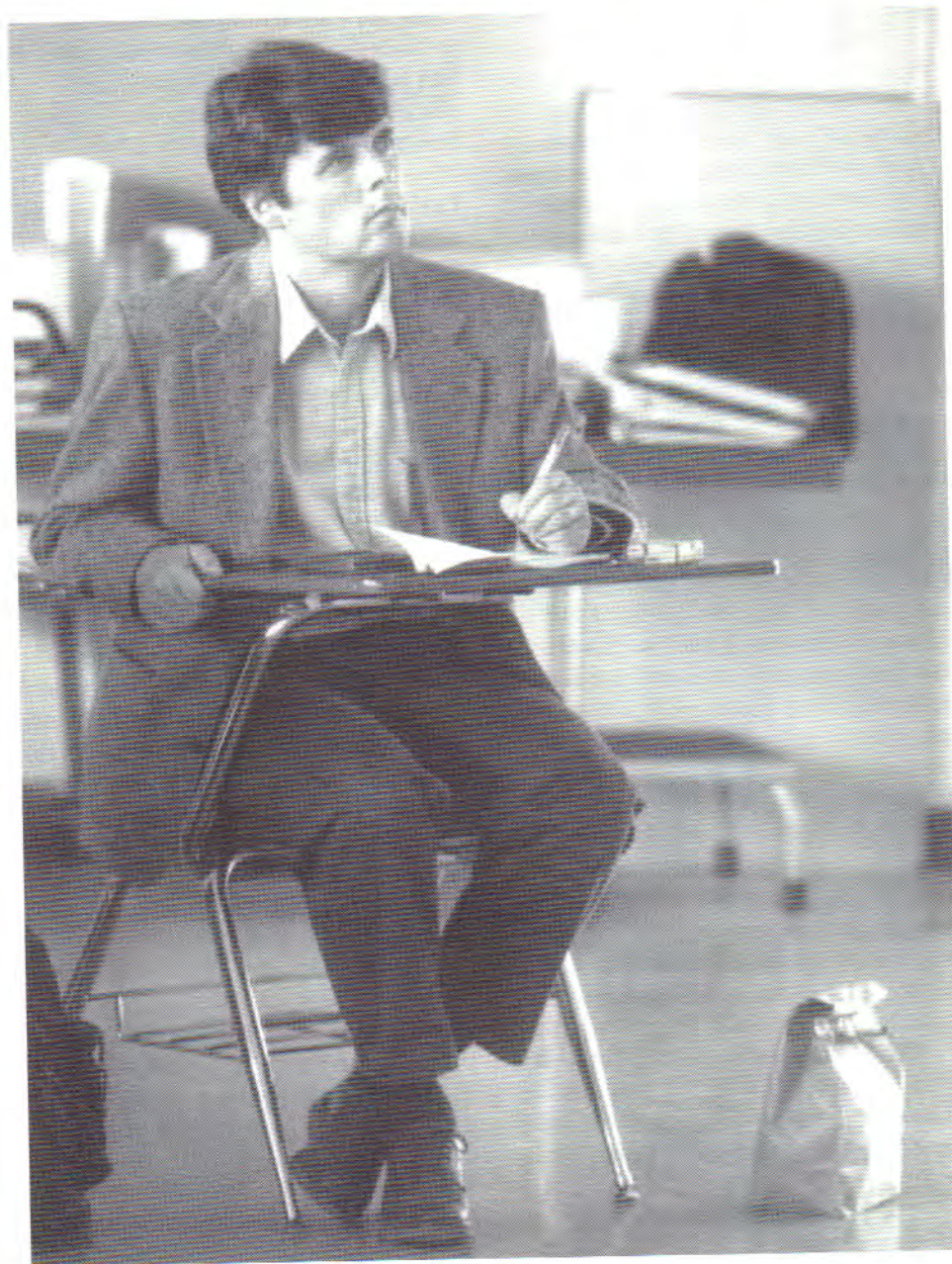
– **Brendan McVeigh, junior**

"The teachers are more pro-student than they were at public school. I have a math teacher who knows that there are activities and something horrible might happen so you aren't able to do your homework. So she gives cards for each semester. If you don't have your homework, you give her a card, but you must have the homework in by the end of the year. That's pretty forgiving."

– **Stephen Walrath, freshman**

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Scenes Sentimental



Editor's note: Jack Vaughn, a 1974 Christian Brothers graduate, is an editor on the features desk at The Sacramento Bee. In October, he returned to campus for a day's worth of classes with juniors and freshmen.

from a Journey

By Jack Vaughn

■ Her backpack bulging with books, Quianna Johnson rushes toward Room 215 and first period. On the way, she runs a gauntlet of greetings, heads down a hallway of hugs – back-slaps, high-fives, even the occasional, “You go, girl!” You suspect that she’s just particularly popular. But look around – the smiling, the touching is going on all over, warming a fall morning.

■ In Algebra II, teacher Lee Wurschmidt helps a dim-witted pupil – the only other adult in the room – try to grasp the complexities of a Texas Instruments graphing calculator, which the students are teaching to do mathematical cartwheels. The visitor aced Algebra II in 1973, but the language of today’s class – identity matrixes, inverses, determinants, Cramer’s rule – is as Greek to him as pi. “When you see E to the negative something, that’s a mighty tiny number,” Wurschmidt says. In a 45-minute class, that’s the only phrase he understands.

■ Over in American Literature, Demi Moore’s somewhat, ahem, revealing version of “The Scarlet Letter” is playing on video. During the racier scenes, the juniors – boys and girls – watch calmly and intently, noting differences between the movie and the novel. The visitor can’t help but notice what’s missing: the snickering, catcalls and even coyote howls that would have greeted such a film at CB in the early ’70s.

■ In a music building that didn’t exist a generation ago – part of a program that now includes concert, jazz and pep bands, choirs and madrigals – a dozen instruments are making a joyful noise, all at once. It’s a cacophony of sound that teacher Tom Herb, with a

wry smile, calls Beginning Guitar. Herb tells the students, just now starting to read music and pick out notes, that they’ll soon sound like the CD he’s popped into a player. “You laugh every time I say that. But every time, you get it done.”

■ Nearly every class begins by evoking the “Christian” in Christian Brothers through a prayer or inspirational story, and the students’ offering of intentions – special prayers for their mother, their brother, their grades, their soccer team. The participation is a far cry from the ’70s when many classes were as secular as a public school’s.

No, this isn’t the Christian Brothers that I remember. It’s more familial, more nurturing. More diverse. More scholarly. More cultured. More spiritual. Better.

To praise the present is not to put down the past. In the ’70s, which Brother V. Kenneth, FSC, calls “a whole different time” of social upheaval and spiritual uncertainty, Christian Brothers kept me on solid ground. I was and am proud to be one of the guys. But to those alums who fear, as junior Kendra Galenti puts it, that CB “has gone down ever since they changed it to coed,” I can say: It just

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We got next, CB girls say

Christian Brothers girls have strong views on where they fit in at a school that was traditionally all male. Here are a few of their comments:

“Girls have added a lot more spirit, a lot more color, a lot more creativity. Girls have made this school a lot different from the other Catholic high schools in the area. I think everything the guys add is doubled because we’re here. In the real world, it’s guys and girls, and you have to learn to work with both men and women. If you go to Christian Brothers, you learn how to do that. It makes Christian Brothers special.”

– Amanda Yeager, senior

“It’s definitely equal here. A couple of years ago, people thought differently because the girls were just getting used to being here. They weren’t really noticed. But now the girls and boys are totally equal. The girls always complain about sports because football is a big issue. But I feel equal – I don’t feel like I’m lower than a guy. ... And there’s also the maturity level. If you compare people who go to our school and people who go to the same sex schools, I think we’re more mature because we have to deal with situations at school rather than not be exposed to them until later on. Being at an all-girls school would make a difference – I’d get kinda bored.”

– Gina Carrasco, junior

“When they brought the girls here, they didn’t think about how it was going to be – they didn’t build another gym; they didn’t change the name or anything – so the girls are still kind of second-best. I don’t want to say the girls are (treated as) inferior, but the guys have the upper hand. But it’s getting better.”

– Diana Castro, junior

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"When parents look at our school, they see that generally speaking, it's a safe place to send their kids. They know the kids are going to have discipline. Academic excellence has also been an issue, especially in the last 10 years. ... The other thing that really sets us apart is that we're ethnically diverse. We're a private school, but we're coed and we're ethnically diverse. And you just don't see that at other private schools."

– **Kevin McGovern, art teacher**

"The teachers are really nice. I never had a brother teaching me before, and I thought they would be really mean and strict, but they're not. They're a lot nicer than everyone made them out to be."

– **Lisa Taylor, freshman**

"What sets Christian Brothers apart is the level of concern and care that exists here, the students opening doors, saying 'please' and 'thank you.' Those may seem like little things, but they matter. The teachers are genuinely dedicated to what they're doing, and that shows. The students are genuinely invested in their future. I'm not saying some nonsense doesn't exist. But there is a genuine caring and concern, a love, and certainly God's presence. When we talk about a Catholic school, what makes it distinctive? It's the ability to pray, to call forth God's blessings and the Holy Spirit for the kids and the protection of the Blessed Mother, as evidenced by the statue in the Quad. These are the everyday glimpses that make a big difference."

– **Brother Kenneth, FSC, freshman instructor**

"I like how there are so many activities. If you don't like one thing, there's going to be something else you can do – in classes, in after school activities. And I like how you can talk to the seniors, how they're not, 'Oh, stupid freshman.' It's really surprising how they'll talk to you. But what really surprised me was that I expected school to be boring. It's not. It's so fun."

– **Holly Valine, freshman**



ain't so. Some great stuff is going on. And after all, isn't a better school what we all hoped for when we were 16 and what we now want for our children?



When you return to Christian Brothers after a quarter-century, so much is familiar: the backup on Martin Luther King Boulevard during the morning drop-off; the deliberate pace of a brother – sadly, one of only six left on campus – padding through Bertram Hall; the CB seal embedded in the entryway (though the tradition of not stepping on it seems to have lapsed). Then you see the backpacks. They're huge – and heavy. And often matched, on the other shoulder, by an even bigger gym bag sprouting with equipment. I remember feeling burdened by one world history text and a binder. Today's packs are a metaphor for these teens' lives, which seem so much more complex and pressure-filled than mine was.

"Christian Brothers is known for the size of its backpacks," says Quianna Johnson, one of my two student guides for the day. She and my other guide, Shawn Brown, agree that this year, their junior year, is the most academically stressful.

Between honors and advanced-placement classes, sports and college-test competition, things get very serious very quickly for a junior. "Because of the college issue, I think to myself, 'This

applies more now,'" says Gina Carrasco. "So I get scared, like, 'Oh, no, what do I do? What will happen if I don't do well?'"

"An adult would be surprised by how much stuff we handle every day," says junior Gena DeLeon. "We're almost adults, and it's really hard to

imagine how many things we're learning about each other and ourselves – just how hard it is. There's school, friends, your family, other people's families that we're worried about. We all try to be supportive."

Another junior, Jennifer Morris, puts it starkly: "I thought I was going to get an ulcer just trying to get A's." I believe it. In Greg Meegan's Advanced-Placement U.S. History course, for instance, I feel as if I'm back again ... in my 19th Century survey course at Stanford University. Meegan prods his students through a surprisingly sophisticated analysis of the War of 1812, sectionalism and westward expansion – and lets these teens know that much is expected.

"If you're looking in your books, you're already lost!" he says after asking for the war's causes. "This stuff should be in your notes."

"Yours was probably the most improved essay I read," he tells one girl after pointing out a writing problem on her timed test. "You did a wonderful job of going from there (pointing down) to here (pointing up). Which really puts you between a rock and a hard place because you can't fall back now – you've just doomed yourself to excellence!"

Over in Beginning Guitar, Mr. Herb is asking no less. After listening carefully to a boy successfully strum a short tune, he presses for more. "You could be three tunes ahead if you want to be. Every time you play, you play well. You could move faster."

And in German III, teacher Gabriele

Truhitte mixes a smiling, easygoing conversation with students – in her lilting mixture of German and English – with constant reminders that they are there to perform. “Auf Deutsch!” she admonishes students when they revert to their native tongue. “Deutsch, Deutsch, Deutsch, Deutsch, Deutsch!” “But you know what I mean!” one girl protests.

Under those loads, students seem to be staying on their feet – and even showing a ‘90s self-confidence. Seeing photographer Tom Bass and me on a lawn near the cafeteria, a dozen or more students stride over to greet the intruders. A few even flash salesman’s smiles, thrust out hands and introduce themselves: “Hi, I’m So-and-So. What are you doing here?” Twenty-five years ago, I would never have had the guts to accost a strange adult on campus. “These kids take ownership of the place,” says Brother V. Kenneth.



With all its emphasis on achievement, Christian Brothers still offers nourishment for the soul – more, in some ways, than a generation ago. In a full day of classes, I didn’t hear a single harsh word spoken between students – a far cry from the tension-filled, confrontation-happy ‘70s. Affection, on the other hand, was on open display. The students’ language – in the classroom, at least – is far cleaner than the locker-room talk I remember. And student after student uses words like “caring,” “friendly,” “supportive” and “understanding” to describe teachers and classmates.

Says Amanda Yeager, a senior: “I like the feeling of community here. I feel I know all the teachers, and they’re all my friends. When there are classroom discussions and students disagree with each other, they can be respectful and say their point without hurting the other person.”

At the other end of the CB years,

freshman John Chavez agrees: “Everyone’s nice here. It’s a nice campus. I like my teachers – I hope they keep going that way for another four years.” “You know basically everybody,” says Shawn Brown. “It’s a bunch of friends.”

In part, that atmosphere reflects the presence of the Holy Spirit. Prayers are offered with far more student participation than I remember from the mumbled “Hail Marys” of the early ‘70s. And in part, that atmosphere reflects the presence of ... girls. I’m not about to take sides over whether CB should have gone coed; personally, I enjoyed the specialness of single-sex schooling, and I’m sure some male camaraderie and sense of tradition have been lost. But from what I saw, the new system works.

“I think the presence of girls smoothes out the rough edges in the guys,” says Brother V. Kenneth. “The guys comb their hair and are a little more civil. And the girls aren’t quite as gossipy. The dynamic is much different than for all-girls or all-boys. It’s a very healthy, very natural thing. I think it’s given a lot of fuel to the place.”

Kevin McGovern, a classmate of mine who teaches art as part of a Fine and Performing Arts Department that has expanded dramatically from the meager offerings of 25 years ago, watches and offers advice as his freshmen work on colored-pencil portraits of one another. He likes the fact that some of those faces are girls’:

“When I was a teacher here and it was all boys, 10 minutes after the final bell rang, if you went outside to get someone to help you with something, the place was deserted. Now you can go out 45 minutes after the bell has rung, and there are people on the Quad, hanging around the cafeteria. That all

“The girls seem more stressed than the boys. The boys seem to be handling their sports and their classes – and they seem so relaxed. I don’t know how they do that. The girls go home, study four to six hours a night. Most of us cry, most of us have to work. Then we wake up in the morning in a bad mood and the guys say, ‘Why?’ ”

– Danielle Wong, junior

“The girls feel they have to prove more because they have gotten a bad rap. Some say the school has gone down ever since they changed it to coed. We have really good girls sports teams, such as the softball team and the volleyball team, and they aren’t really mentioned. But it’s getting better, and it’s definitely equal. Compared with St. Francis and Jesuit, we’re lucky. At this school, students are united. It kind of balances things out having girls and guys at the same school.”

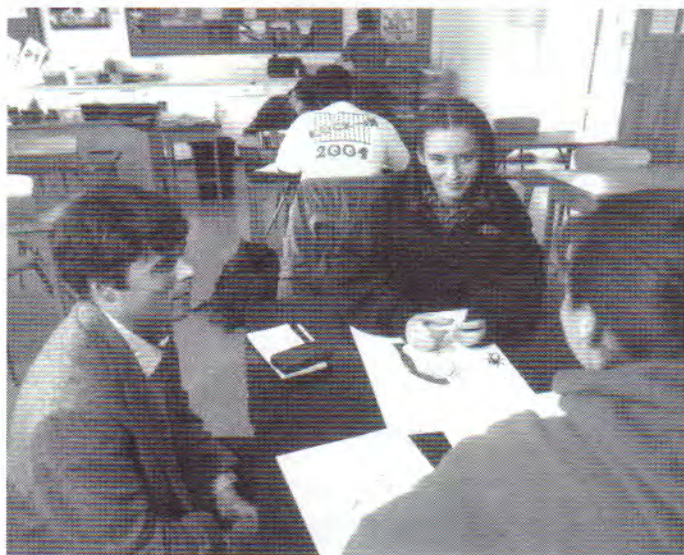
– Kendra Galenti, junior

“She’s got you there!”
– a junior in an American literature class cheers as Demi Moore, in “The Scarlet Letter,” defends women’s right to education

changed with going coed.”

McGovern, who favored the switch to coed, says the boys will profit: “In

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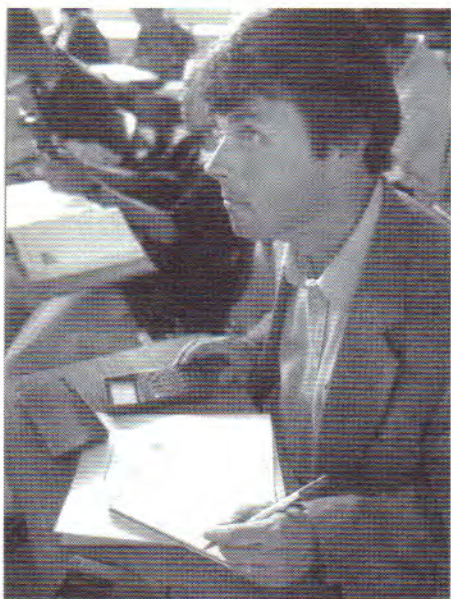


this generation, it's likely that these students' first supervisor when they get a job will be a woman, and it's good that they've been in a math class with Mary, who had the right answer when they didn't – to see women in an academic environment and not just the social as we did."

Having girls around certainly leads to some conversations that would have been impossible at the CB of the '70s – and that remind an older alum how much older he really is. "This calls a guy a 'burger,'" says a girl holding a diary in Christian Literature class. "Do you remember what a burger is? It's a guy who's hecka fine." A classmate agrees: "Oh, now I remember. I heard that once on a 'Cosby' show my parents had on tape."

But there's more to the change than girl talk, as Brother V. Kenneth points out. "Girls can be much more nurturing, hold onto each other's arms, that kind of thing. Guys will punch each other, all that sort of thing, and that's male bonding and affection, I guess. When you get the guys together on the teams, you'll find a little of that, but it's much, much more toned-down than it used to be. There's no harshness, really."

So it turns out the Righteous Brothers were wrong: We haven't lost that lovin' feelin'. It's stronger than ever. Now, if we can just get the kids to stop walking on the seal ...



AMBASSADORS' CLUB

BY JOHN TUNNISON '70

*"God has made
you His Ambassador."*

—St. John Baptist de La Salle

It is coming up on the thirteenth anniversary of the founding of the CBHS Ambassadors' Club. Started by Brother Richard Camara back in 1985 as a way of more formally acknowledging the special financial help that the school receives from its ever increasing body of supporters, the club has proved itself to be a great success (membership has jumped from an original 82 members to well

Ambassador of the Year Award Recipients

1988	Richard Carlson
1989	John Jackson, Jr. Leo Schuering, Jr. Charles Sylva
1990	Ron Carissimi Monsignor Richard Dwyer James Mulhern Manuel Perry, Jr. Frank Ramos
1991	Brother Bertram Coleman, FSC Jean Lahey Norman Montgomery Dwight "Dinty" Moore Robert Roche Steve Scully
1992	James L. Dunphy, Jr.
1993	Robert Massa
1994	Mr. & Mrs. A.G. Kassis & Family Memorial Scholarship Fund
1995	Monsignor Edward Kavanagh
1996	Donald H. Gillott, Ph.D.

over 140 Ambassadors today) and its members an invaluable resource. In 1991, membership was further defined to reflect levels of giving: starting with Brothers Ambassador — \$1,000- \$2,499; Lasallian Ambassador—\$2,500-\$4,999; Founders Ambassador—\$5,000-\$9,999; and last—but certainly not least, Presidential—\$10,000 and above. Memberships are based on calendar year donations (single or cumulative), and the Ambassadors' Dinner is held in February of the following year.

So, as the end of the year looms closer, with its attendant tax and charitable donations planning, now is a good time to start thinking if an Ambassador-level donation to CBHS fits in your planning for this year.

If you think this might be the case, or if you have questions about any of the ways you can contribute to the CBHS Community, give the Development Office a call at (916) 733-3600. Ask for Allison Cagley or Jean Lahey. ♦

ALUMNI & FRIENDS CONT. FROM PAGE 2

September to coincide with the new school year. If you haven't sent in your \$20.25 or 30.25, send them to **Ron Limeberger**. Hey, guys, if you know any CBHS boosters who would make a good LaSalle Club member, be sure to sign him up. The 47th annual La Salle Club Hall of Fame dinner will be held April 24, 1998. Honorees will be named in the next

issue.

The third annual Coaches Night is tentatively set for mid-May. Two or three honorees will be selected by a committee of local coaches chosen by **Mike Clemons**, Athletic Director.

Congrats to W.F. Gormley and Sons (**Pat Gormley '74**) on their 100th anniversary.

This is it for now. Here's hoping you and your family have a happy and joyous Christmas. ♦

ALUMNI DINNER

BY STAN GILLIAM, '41

If I say the origin of the annual alumni dinner is "shrouded in the mists of time," it's only because that sounds more poetic than the bald admission, "I forget when the first one was."

The first gathering, chaired by Jack Stassi and probably about 35 years ago, was held upstairs at the Elbo Room, a watering hole next to "Honest Jim" Doyle's barber shop (and reputed bookie joint) at 20th and L. The one clear recollection I have is that after coach Jim Flynn singled out the late Pete Archerda as the greatest athlete in the history of the school, Pete -- this was before he became "the late," obviously -- broke down and wept. Those who knew him best said Pete always did that.

As Jack recalls it, others on that first committee were Ted Gardner, Bob Roche, Al Westlake (who actually was a Sac High grad), Jim Westlake, William P. Carmody and Frank Lemos. Gardner, Al Westlake, Carmody and Lemos are all deceased.

From there the clambakes migrated to the Trio, then on Broadway between 15th and 16th. Bill Blanas, a Brothers Boy, of course, was a part owner, and it seemed only right to drop some money with one of our own. Another alumnus, Joe Marty, then presided over El Chico, directly across the street. So did he walk over? Of course not. He emerged from a cab, explaining that Broadway was just too dangerous to chance on foot.

Details are hazy, probably because there was much more serious partying in those days, but I also do recall an occasion when another "old boy," then an Oakland cop, no longer functional, was taken to his motel and gently put to bed, out like the proverbial light. His two Samaritans made their way back to the Trio -- where their recently unconscious friend was awaiting their return. Everyone agreed it was a miracle.



Stan Gilliam and Jack Stassi at the scene of the crime.

After a couple of years, and with the fire marshal about to invoke overcrowding statutes, the party moved to the school. The only ones seriously affected were Blanas, whose profits diminished, and Marty, whose transportation costs escalated.

Don't ask me the year, although I do have a charter membership card in the Christian Brothers Alumni Association signed by Ted Civitello, the treasurer. Just tell me in what year Ted held that office, and I'll tell you when the move was made.

I must confess that at one of the more recent gatherings, I decried the absence of "all the old-timers." It took one of my contemporaries to put it in perspective: "Hell, we're the old-timers now!" ♦

CLASS NOTES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

David Lawrence hasn't been in touch with Christian Brothers for the past twenty-three years. He, his wife and son are living in Reno. He works for Authentic Fitness Corporation in Sparks.

1978 **John Goff** is living in Georgia and would like to know about his 20th reunion.

1984 Congratulations are in order for **Brad Newton** and his wife

Cara, who are living in Roseville. Cara gave birth to a baby boy, Tyler Alexander, in July.

Christopher Enjalran is living Galt and is the boiler and machinery inspector for the Hartford Insurance, Co., for the State of Hawaii. (Talk about commuting!)

1985 **Arturo G. Jacobs** and his wife are living in Sacramento. He graduated from St. Marys in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. He is employed by Mandated Cost Systems.

1990 **Kerry Coughlin**, son of Nancy Corcoran '58, recently graduated from San Diego State with a degree in Geology. He worked this past summer on a dive boat as a divemaster.

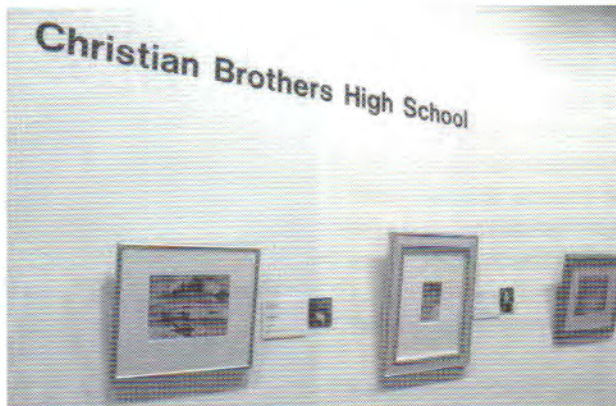
1991 **Chris Ellingson** is teaching 6th grade in Spokane. He is almost finished with his masters. He and a colleague have started a small business in computer consultation, multimedia, and web page design. They have done sites for local schools, sites funded by grants as well as individual sites.

If you visited the Crocker Art Gallery by November 2, you had the privilege of viewing one of the area's finest art programs. Art Department Director Kevin McGovern '74, and Robyn Slakey should be proud of their students' exhibition which featured thirty-five paintings and drawings done in a variety of media. In addition, more than 200 alumni, parents and students attended a reception at the Crocker on September 21.

David Valentin '97 probably summed up this budding group of artists best with his version of "Sky's The Limit." He used colored pencil and marker to capture a multi-racial rainbow. Many other students chose to portray the colorful human experience in their artistic efforts. Daniel Cox '97 accurately shows "Oak Park (Back of School)" while shining an Emerald City luster on his acrylic scene. Daniel adds a playful version of "Boy With Cotton" using oil pastel. Kenney Aber's '98 "Man Gathering Oranges" done in colored

CB STUDENTS EXHIBITS AT CROCKER ART GALLERY

BY RICK ATCHLEY, '74



pencil is only part of a full fruit basket featuring "Peaches" in watercolor by Ryan Synhorst, "2000, and "Two Cantaloupes" by Charleen Pfanner '98.

Clayton Hallford '97 spray painted "Space." He gives "The Final Frontier" a realistic look with great depth

perception. Gallery-goers want to know how they can book their next intergalactic flight. Mary Westmark '97 penciled a different view of reality in "SMOKE." Her dark and thought-provoking scene asks the question: "Can you spell C-A-N-C-E-R?" Death, pain and devastation seem to be the message of Untitled (Chernobyl) by Michelle Lopez '98. The artist also reminds us of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in a watercolor vision that may still be wet from the world's tears.

"Portrait (Blue)" is a hopeful offering from Toby Levers '98. He uses oil on canvas to show a scarred yet alive construction worker in a blue work helmet covered with oil. Toby is able to contrast the sadness and harshness of life against the value of hard, honest work and the tenacity of the human spirit to overcome the human experience. One can only hope that all these artists are able to see the value of portraying their life experiences visually. ♦

1997 YEAR-END GIFTS TO CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

BY ALLISON CAGLEY, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

With 1997 federal income tax rates at almost 40%, now is a great time to consider a charitable gift to Christian Brothers. Because of the income tax charitable deduction, anyone who makes a gift by December 31 and itemizes can reduce the sting of income taxes for 1997.

Giving is, of course, much more than tax brackets and charitable deductions. Your charitable gifts provide the meaningful difference in what we provide to our students at Christian Brothers.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE BEST 1997 YEAR-END GIFT OPPORTUNITIES:

Gifts of Cash – There is no easier way to garner a charitable deduction for 1997 – and support us at the same time – than by simply writing a check! Please make sure your envelope is postmarked by December 31 in order to receive tax credit for 1997.

Gifts of Stock – With recent stock market gains, this is a good time to consider a gift of stock. Giving long-term appreciated stock offers you a two-fold tax saving. First, you avoid paying any capital gains tax on the increase in value of your stock. In addition, you receive a tax deduction for the full fair-market value of the stock on the date of the gift.

Gifts of Life Insurance – If you own a life insurance policy that is no longer needed, you can consider it as the perfect vehicle for a 1997 year-end charitable gift. To receive a charitable deduction, you would name Christian Brothers High School as both the owner and beneficiary of that policy. If the policy has a cash value, you can take a charitable deduction approximately equal to the cash value at the time of the gift. In addition, if annual premiums are still to be made and you continue to pay them, those

premiums will become tax deductible each year.

Bequests – While you're considering your 1997 tax savings, this may be a good time to consider long-term tax savings, too. The federal estate tax can easily take 37% to 55% of one's estate at the time of death. It definitely pays to do some advance planning with your attorney and other professional advisors.

Remember that the 1997 tax act adds intricacy – as well as opportunity – to your tax planning. Please be sure to check with your accountant, tax attorney or other tax advisor for additional information. If you do not have access to one of these professionals, the Christian Brothers High School Development Department has a referral list of professionals for your use.

We would be pleased to provide you with additional information on any gifts you may be considering. You may call Allison Cagley, Director of Development, (916) 733-3600. Thank you for your interest and support. ♦

The 1997 fall sports program is coming to a close with a great effort by our Christian Brothers athletes. Our athletes play in the Metropolitan League, which is considered one of the toughest Division I conferences in Northern California year-in and year-out. Our league consists of Jesuit, Loretto, St. Francis, Hiram Johnson, Luther Burbank, C.K. McClatchy, J.F. Kennedy, and Sacramento.

The women's volleyball team was our only representative to reach the playoffs this fall. While finishing 3rd behind #1 ranked Hiram Johnson and St. Francis, our ladies competed in the Division IV playoffs, losing to #6 ranked Justin Sienna High School at Napa in the first round. Coach DaCong says, "Look out in '98." With the success of the JV and Frosh, his prediction may hold.

Cross Country finished a great year with a fine group of underclassmen. We are looking forward to great things for next year. Meanwhile, Michelle Lasalla continues to place in the top of her division. We wish her continued success as she moves toward the State Meet.

The men's soccer team continued their winning ways as Coach Vince Juarez's team finished one point out of

playoff contention. Coach states, "this is a way young team that finally got on a roll." With this in mind and with the JV finishing near the top, we will again challenge in '98.

The 1997 football team, with two wins and four tough losses stood very tall in the tough Metro conference. With Johnson ranked #2 and Jesuit ranked #4 in Northern California, our men remained positive and valiant. This program has been in a rebuilding mode, while losing only 12 seniors, and having a solid JV team.

Coach Holly Peterson describes her women's tennis team as "good and upcoming." Our ladies placed near the top, knocking off some long rivaled powers. With a large group returning, look for our women to be in the hunt for '98.

Our JV program in all our fall Sports were all very successful. Our objectives are to improve technically and fundamentally while learning to compete in both games and practices. Once they move to the next level, we want their contribution to be felt. The success of the varsity programs are a direct result of the lower level programs. We thank our coaches who contributed a tremendous amount of time, energy, and dedication on behalf of our student athletes. ♦



WHAT IS THE LA SALLE CLUB?

Founded in 1939, the La Salle Club is an organization dedicated to the support of the Christian Brothers High School athletic and physical education programs. It includes men and women from the community, who contribute their time and resources to assist in achieving the goals of the athletic program.



Our sincere thank you to all of the members of Christian Brothers La Salle Club. Because of your memberships and support, the La Salle club was able to help provide the Athletic Department with the following:

- Upgraded the baseball field (rededicated "Joe Marty Field")
- Purchased and installed lockers in the gym
- Purchased video equipment for all sports
- Rented practice space for basketball
- Purchased a cart for field equipment
- Two weight rooms are now finished and in use by the students
- Girls' softball bleachers were completed in conjunction with the Boy Scouts
- The back fence is in place
- Frosh football/soccer area will have some shiny new bleachers

We take pride in our part in accomplishing the above to assist the athletes of Christian Brothers.

We need your help for this school year. Please consider becoming a member of the La Salle Club. Get a friend to join, it all helps! If you have any questions, contact Mike Clemons or Ron Limeberger, 733-3653. ♦

MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1997-98

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
11/21	San Juan	CBS
11/25	Encina	CBS
11/29	Center	Center
12/2	(FR/JV) Sheldon	Sheldon
12/6	Rio Linda	CBS
12/9	River City	CBS
12/10/11/12	(V) Fr. Barry Tourney	Jesuit
12/10/11/12	(JV) Fr. Roseville Tourney	Roseville
12/10/11/12	(Frosh) Mira Loma Tourney	Mira Loma
12/16	Yuba City	Yuba city
12/18/19/20	Varsity La Salle Tourney	
12/18/19/20	JV San Juan Tourney	
12/18/19/20	Frosh St. Mary's Tourney St. Mary's	Stockton
12/30-1/2/3	(JV) C.K. McClatchy	
12/30-1/2/3	(V) Oak Ridge Toruney	Oak Ridge
1/6	(V/JV) Victory Christian	Vict. Christian
1/9	Hiram Johnson	Johnson
1/14	J.F. Kennedy	Kennedy
1/16	Luther Burbank	CBS
1/23	C.K. McClatchy	CBS
1/28	Jesuit	Jesuit
1/30	Sacramento	Sacramento
1/31	(V) Colfax Challenge	Sierra College
2/6	Hiram Johnson	CBS
2/11	J.F. Kennedy	CBS
2/13	Luther Burbank	Burbank
2/18	C.K. McClatchy	McClatchy
2/20	Jesuit	CBS
2/23	Sacramento	CBS
2/27-3/7	CIF Playoff	
3/10-14	Nor Cal Playoff	
3/21	State Championship	

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1997-98

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
11/24	Casa Robles	CBS
12/1	Roseville	Roseville
12/4-5-6	Varsity Livingston Tourney	
12/4-5-6	Frosh & JV Mira Loma Tourney	
12/9	(V/JV) Mesa Verda tourney	
12/11-12-13	Varsity St. Mary's Tourney	
12/11-12-13	(Frosh) Kennedy Tourney	
12/18-19-20	(V) Sacramento Invitational	
12/18-19-20	(JV) Kennedy tourney	Kennedy
12/30	Rio Americano	Rio
1/2	Vandin	CBS
1/6	Hiram Johnson	CBS
1/8	C.K. McClatchy	McClatchy
1/13	St. Francis	CBS
1/15	J.F. Kennedy	Kennedy
1/22	Sacramento	Sacramento
1/27	Luther Burbank	CBS
1/29	Loretto	CBS
2/3	Hiram Johnson	johnson
2/5	C.K. McClatchy	CBS
2/7	Challenge	TBA
2/10	St. Francis	St. Francis
2/12	J.F. Kennedy	CBS
2/17	Sacramento	CBS
2/19	Luther Burbank	Burbank
2/21	Loretto	Loretto
2/26	Metro Section Playoff	

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Happy 50th Anniversary!

Bill and Marie Schumacher (3)
Happy 50th Anniversary

Tom and Alice Scully (24)
Happy Anniversary!

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Bianchini
Tony and Anne Muljat (9)
Happy Anniversary and Many More

Archie Bugatto
Richard and Johanna Carmassi (9)

Jo Ann Cabral
Lorraine M. Valine (18)
Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Brother Bertram Coleman FSC
Jerry and Pat Gliebe (3)
Happy Birthday!

Joanne and Jim Winchell (3)
Best Wishes on Your Special Day!

Bob Creedon
Christian Brothers Community (9)
Get Well Soon!

Sr. Catherine Connell, SSS
Brother Bertram Coleman, FSC (3)
Providential Care During Illness
Christian Brothers Community (9)

Mr. and Mrs. James Culpepper
Peter Horton and Jane de Leon (19)
Belated good wishes on you 30th wedding anniversary from all of us, with love

Mrs. Claudine Horton
Peter Horton and Jane de Leon, Ph.D. (19)
Belated best wishes on your 78th birthday from Peter, Jane, Christian, Justin, Colin and Kieran

John and Ruth Kanelos
Greg and Janell Pantages (27)
Congratulations on your renewed wedding vows.

Thomas Lucci & Marlene de Leon
Peter Horton and Jane de Leon (19)
Belated good wishes on your anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Michalik
Peter J. Horton & Jane de Leon, Ph.D. (19)
Always with our affection, Peter, Jane, Christian, Justin, Colin and Kieran

Connie Mirtoni
Richard and Johanna Carmassi (9)
Hope you will be out and about soon.
Love, Johanna and Richard

Nick Moore, Sr.
Paul and Stasia Bernardis (9)
Happy 80th Birthday

Margaret Nunamaker
Christian Brothers Community (9)
Get Well Soon!

Catherine Pisani
Frank and Jo Raimondi (9)
Happy Retirement!

Crystal Primasing
Christian Brothers Community (9)
Get Well Soon!

Jack Ryan, Jr.
Paul and Stasia Bernardis (9)
Good Health!

Gerald and Betty Sardelich
Richard and Beverly Calora (14)
Happy 50th Anniversary!

Janine M. Stanich
Alma Stanich and Vincent F. Stanich, Jr. (25)
Birthday Remembrances!

Jack Stassi
Marilyn Crawford (9)
Happy 75th Birthday!
Christian Brothers Community (9)

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright
Shirley and Rick Castro (14)
Congratulations and God Bless You Both!





Upcoming Events



<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Dec. 25	Merry Christmas
Jan. 24	Alumni Dinner
Jan. 31	Placement Exam
Feb. 1	Junior Family Ring Mass
Feb. 5	Ambassadors' Dinner
Feb. 8	Frosh Family Mass
Feb. 19	Reunion Meeting
March 7	Boosters Crab Feed
April 17	Alumni Golf Tournament

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