

We are All Called to be Doormen

Perhaps Saint André Bessette should be named the Patron saint for this issue of *Nowadays*.

St. André was orphaned at a very early age, lived a life of extreme poverty, and had little opportunity to go to school. He would be termed illiterate in today's standards because he was barely able to write his name. He was short in stature and struggled with health issues. However, this did not deter him from his desire to become a member of the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

After three years of being a novitiate, he was denied admittance. This decision was later changed, and he was admitted to the order and given the job as doorman.

Brother André committed himself to this job by taking care of each student and every parent who came to the school. He also reached out to beggars, and before long hundreds were coming to him for prayers of healing. Brother Andre had a deep love for St. Joseph, the Foster Father of Jesus, and would entrust the beggars' healing to Jesus Christ through the intercession of St. Joseph.

Throughout this publication, you will see the

countless achievements of the students of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School in many areas: academic, the arts, athletics, and service. These accomplishments are due to the students' dedication and hard work, but also to their parents' support and teacher involvement. They are the doormen helping to open the doors of possibilities.

You will also read about the many donors that have supported MCPS through their gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Through their generosity many wonderful things are happening at each of our campuses. We are so grateful to Partners in Catholic Education, PICE, which has provided over \$1,000,000 to projects at our various campuses. **Our donors, along with PICE, are the doormen for opening the doors to vast possibilities.**

By the time you receive this publication we will have made the last loan payment, and our school will be debt free! God has graced us with the ability to pay down the debt, while maintaining a sound, rigorous Catholic education. This has positioned us to begin strategically planning for the next 5 years. The Strategic



Planning process has been on going for the past 10 months, and on June 18 over 100 stakeholders, including our local priests, parents, and invited guests, came together to hammer out a plan that would map out MCPS's course. These people are the doormen for our school's future.

Thank you for helping us to support the mission of the Sisters of Loretto, begun in 1873, as we educate all students that come to us in order to lead them to a closer relationship with Christ while helping them to reach their God-given potential. You open the doors for countless students each year. Please remember to keep them in your daily prayers, and you will remain in mine as I pray for blessings for you through the intercession of Saint Brother André and St. Joseph.

Anne Ceasar
President



Nothing New Under the Sun

"There is nothing new under the sun." I often think of this quote from the Book of Ecclesiastes (1:9) when I read something written by or about one of the former bishops of our diocese.

Our first bishop, Michael Portier (1825-1859), faced a number of challenges. One of his greatest challenges was passing the faith of the Church on to the young. Bishop Portier had come to Alabama from France where there was a parish church in each village, and priests and religious taught Gospel values to young people. However, in Alabama, in what was then a frontier situation, there were few supports to the faith. People lived in small towns and settlements where priests and ministers would occasionally visit as they "rode the circuit."

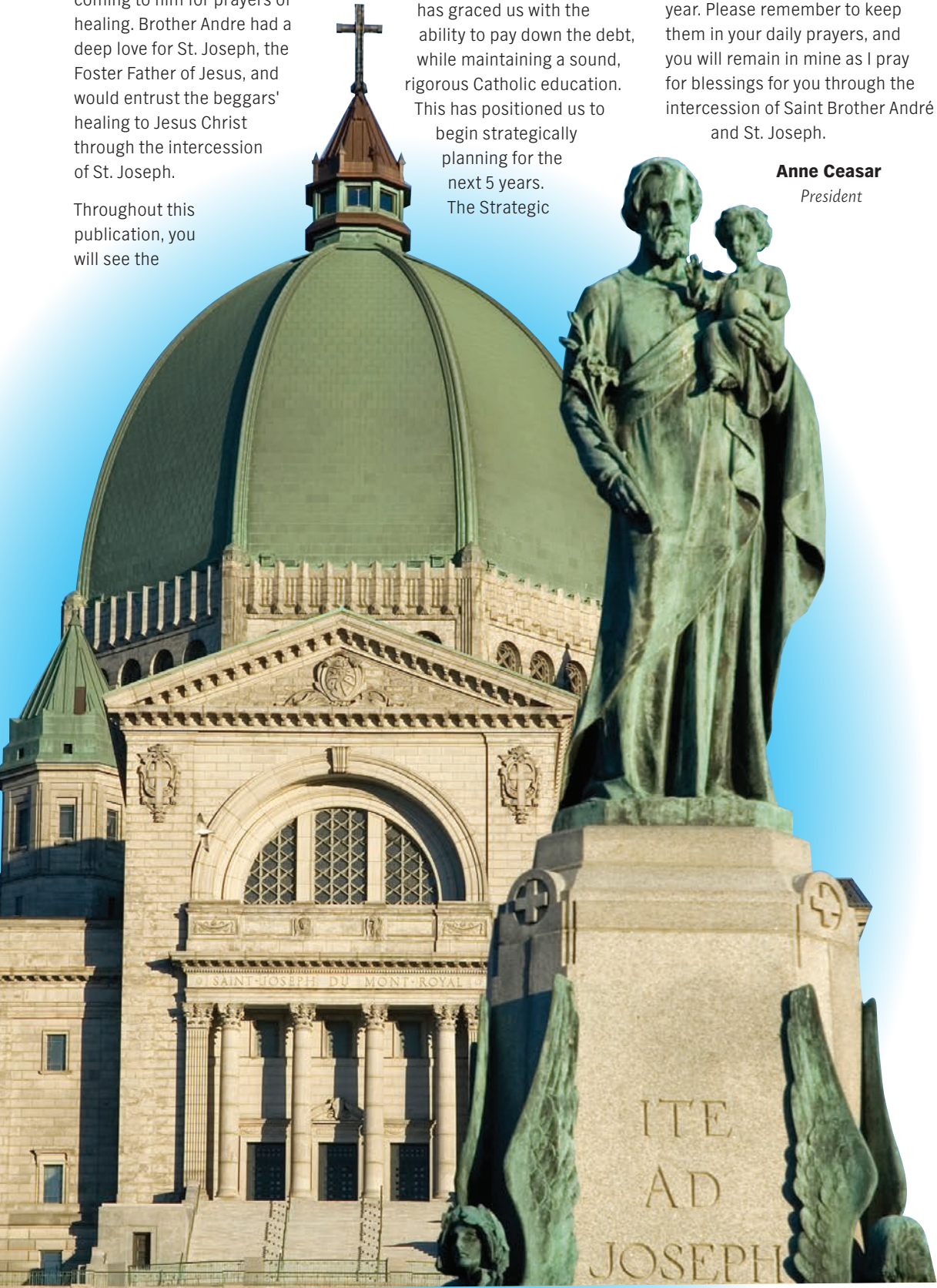
Bishop Portier worked fervently to establish churches and schools where young people could receive both an education and a formation in the apostolic faith handed on in the Church. That motivation was foundational to his establishment of St. Peter Parish in Montgomery in 1834. Despite the challenges, it was necessary to teach, celebrate, and live the faith. He and many others, whose names are lost to us but not to God, taught the faith. It is with pride that we recall that the first schools in Alabama were Catholic schools.

In 1873 that same motivation inspired the Sisters of Loretto, in the difficult days of the unrest of Reconstruction, to establish a school which would offer education and formation in the faith to young people. That school would grow into Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School.

We too live in a time when our young people need an excellent education and a foundation in Gospel values. There are few societal supports of the faith in our increasingly pluralistic and secular culture. As truly as it was necessary to pass on the faith to the young on the Alabama frontier of the 1820's, it is necessary to pass the faith on to our young people today. Our young people will frequently encounter voices which will be unchristian, if not anti-Christian. Our young people need a strong foundation in the faith or they will twist in the wind.

This is the ministry of a Catholic school: to offer excellent education and formation in the faith. In doing so, it educates the entire student: academically, socially, physically and spiritually. Thank you to the administration, staff, faculty, families, and friends of MCPS. Educating and forming our young people are "nothing new under sun" but is greatly needed today. Thank you for carrying on this ministry of the Church.

Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi
Archbishop of Mobile



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From the President of the Advisory Council



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2015-2016

- School Opens**
August 17
- Labor Day**
September 7
- Homecoming Bon Fire**
September 24
- Homecoming Game**
September 25
- Veteran's Day**
November 11
- Thanksgiving**
November 25-27
- Christmas**
December 19 – January 4
- Dr. Martin Luther King**
January 18
- Monte Carlo Night**
February 13
- Presidents Day**
February 15
- Good Friday**
March 25
- Easter Holidays**
March 28 – April 1
- Graduation**
May 24
- Memorial Day**
May 25
- Closing Day of School**
May 27

I would like to tell you about a couple of important accomplishments that occurred over the past year that will go a long way towards determining the future of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. First, a Strategic Plan has been developed. Under the guidance of the Institute of School and Parish Development, the process of developing a strategic plan began in December 2014. The formulation of this plan involved discussions in ten planning areas that included Catholic culture, student life, faculty/staff, academics, technology, athletics, fine arts, finance, advancement and marketing, and facilities. Members of our community met regularly to discuss challenges and opportunities in each of these areas and to develop strategies for future development. The process culminated with convocation on June 17th, wherein key elements of each of the planning areas were prioritized. Finishing touches on the plan were completed over the past summer. What I found most appealing about this process is that it involved input from a broad spectrum of stakeholders in MCPS. Not only was the Advisory Committee involved, but so were current families, alumni, the faculty and administration, supporters of MCPS and our local Clergy. Consequently, this plan truly reflects the goals and

ambitions of our community as a whole. On behalf of the Advisory Committee I would like to thank those individuals that participated in this process, and in particular, Erik Goldschmidt with ISPD for his leadership. The second accomplishment that I would like to report on is that by the time this article is published most, if not all, of the outstanding debt carried by MCPS will have been retired. This significant achievement was made possible through the financial support of our families, through the generosity of a great many contributors and through the prudent management and planning of the administration over the past several years. Based on these two accomplishments, Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School now has a plan in place to advance the quality of the education provided to our students and to the services provided to our families, and it also has the financial wherewithal to begin the process of implementing this plan.

In closing, I would like to take the opportunity to plug an event at MCPS. If you've not attended Homecoming at Catholic in a while, then please consider adding this to your plans. Over the past several years this event has grown considerably. Most notable among the activities is an Alumni tent where you can have catered dinner and catch up with friends and classmates. The class of 1982, one of the better classes in the long history of MCPS, was well represented at this past year's event. It is a very well planned and well attended event, and if you haven't been "home" in awhile, then know that the door is open for you. **Go Knights!**

Mike Talbot ('82)
Chairman Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School Advisory Committee

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St. Bede Campus Representative

MISSION STATEMENT

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School is an integral part of the Catholic Church's mission to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. As an adult community, we share in the responsibility to prepare students for college and beyond... helping them grow to become persons of faith, virtue, and wisdom.

Parent Teacher Council (PTC)

A key component of school life is the Parent Teacher Council (PTC). The importance of the PTC's providing support for faculty, staff, and students is immeasurable. Prayerfully, financially, and with enormous gifts of time, the school is richer because of their stewardship.

This year PTC presidents and administration discussed ways to be more effective in fundraising and communication as a unified PTC for Montgomery Catholic. The four PTC presidents decided to restructure PTC as one whole MCPS school organization led by one Parent Teacher Council to include a vice president at each campus.

Each campus vice president and parent volunteers will continue traditional school support as needed. Fundraising projects will consolidate as school wide fundraisers in the fall and spring. All funds will be held in a PTC school account. Allocation of money for school needs will be decided annually by the PTC upon review of needs submitted from the administration.

We are grateful to the 2014-2015 PTC presidents for their ongoing and diligent service to enhance the entire Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. Thank you!



Christina Parker *Holy Spirit Campus,* **Colleen Reardon** *St. Bede Campus,*, **Monica Main** *Middle School,* **Casie McGinn** *High School*



Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School celebrates our faith as five of our high school family members came into full communion with the Church over Easter. Pictured from left to right are **Mrs. Jeanene Crenshaw**, science teacher; **Eric Crenshaw**, a Montgomery Catholic junior; **Alex Nyairo**, a Montgomery Catholic senior; **Zachary Van Alst**, a Montgomery Catholic sophomore; and **Mrs. Jennifer Van Alst**, Business Office. All were all confirmed on April 4, 2015 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Montgomery.

CHAT-N- CHEW

I have been asked to write this article on what “Chat N Chew” is and the importance of it to our local Catholic community. First of all, in a very direct and simple way, Chat-N-Chew is a gathering of leading members in the local Catholic community to discuss what is happening in religious education with regard to the Montgomery Catholic Prep School system. The leading members include local priests, school administration team members and other professionals who have an interest, stake, and role in Catholic education in Montgomery.

We meet regularly on the Montgomery Catholic campus to discuss the latest items of interest and we discuss any items that are brought forward by the local clergy. I find the meetings important because I find it is a good source of information of what is going on at all the campuses around town. It is important because we discuss the subsidies we provide from the local parishes to deserving families so that their children may benefit from an education with a solid Catholic view. I don’t know about you, but I’m proud to be a Catholic, and that is saying a lot residing in the Southern Bible Belt! I find it is also a good opportunity for us priests to come together just to see one another and get caught-up. We do not see each other very often, as being busy in our various realms does not always afford us the luxury of visiting one another and “getting caught-up.” Besides, we receive a free lunch, sometimes homemade!

As a Catholic priest, I believe in the importance of Catholic education for our children and I want to make sure it is the best education possible. Our “Chat-N-Chew” meetings are an important way of making sure that happens in our beloved Montgomery area.

Reverend Jan A. Zagorski
Pastor, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Prattville



Father Charles Troncale celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood on Friday, May 15, 2015.



Faith of a Mustard Seed

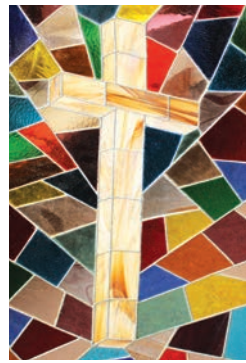
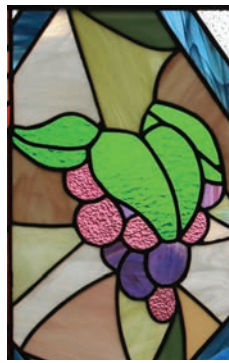
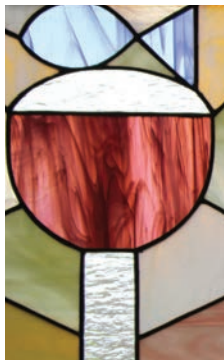
Recent studies have revealed some very interesting and positive news about our Archdiocese. From the years 2010-2012 the Archdiocese of Mobile ordained 17 men to the priesthood while numbering approximately 67,000 Catholics. That means that there was one ordination to the priesthood for every 3,900 Catholics. To put that in perspective, if you calculated those numbers in comparison to those for the Archdiocese of New York with 2.5 million Catholics, that would be the equivalent of almost 680 ordinations to the priesthood. While we give thanks to God for His generosity in providing us with godly men to be priests of Jesus Christ, we also rejoice about the news that over the same three year period (2010-12) there were 1,216 recorded adults who came into the Church, with about 405 adults per year, for an astounding one adult conversion per 56 Catholics.

Again, if we compare numbers with New York that would be about 45,000 adult conversions to the Church that Jesus Christ founded. I want to stress that these comparisons are only for the purpose of putting things in perspective in order to appreciate how we have been blessed in the Archdiocese of Mobile, especially under the leadership of Archbishop Rodi. Just as with the Archdiocese, so too with us at Montgomery Catholic

Preparatory School. We currently have two seminarians and a religious sister among our recent graduates. Daniel Spotswood and Thomas Herge are moving ever closer towards ordination and Sr. Domenica (Natalie Bickerton) took her final vows in 2014 as a member of the Nashville Dominicans. And, like the Archdiocese, we have seen quite a few students, faculty, and staff enter into the Church over the past 5 years. In fact, over 20 students have said “yes” to Jesus Christ and His Church since 2010.

We must be careful not to reduce the faith to a statistical breakdown. The call of Jesus Christ is never reducible to mere demographic breakdowns. The faith is about making and forming disciples who day by day learn to say “yes” to Christ and His will. However, it is helpful time to time to take a step back and consider how God is using the Archdiocese of Mobile and Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School to advance His Kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven.

Fr. Patrick Driscoll
Pastor, Holy Spirit Parish



Joane Grant is a beloved member of Montgomery Catholic having given us many treasures in her 35 years of service. At Queen of Mercy, she taught art and history for 25 years in grades six through eight, and she just completed 10 years teaching art in the Middle and High School.

Joane hopes to see a window depicting all the miracles of Jesus in the future.

Joane says, “Patience is the most challenging aspect of working with stained glass.” One or two students work on a window which takes four to 18 weeks to complete. The process begins with two copies of a cartoon (the design). Once the glass is selected, the cartoon is placed on a square board where glass pieces are worked in from the square corner out. Then each glass piece is wrapped with copper tape and then soldered together. The window is custom framed as an in-kind gift by **Dr. Steven LoBello**.

Whether you are going to the chapel for personal prayer, to attend Mass, or to go with your theology teachers for retreat, the windows add an enhanced presence of Christ in the tabernacle. The striking stained glass windows will be a permanent reminder of our faith and mission. We are grateful!

Meanwhile, Joane is our daily dose of realizing God and His many gifts. Whether we observe her kind and gentle classroom techniques or listen to her stories of home gardening and the joy it brings her, we come to realize that she gets it...the world is simply beautiful when you allow yourself to slow down and let our Lord Jesus Christ residing in the chapel come completely into your life.

Joane’s favorite student lesson is the craft of stained glass. Because of her love for the artistry and to the students who created each of the masterpieces, we now enjoy six beautiful stained glass windows in our High School chapel.

Joane learned the stained glass techniques from local artist, Gloria Simons and then decided to bring that knowledge to her students. She planned that each stained glass window was going to the chapel – a commitment she has kept.

“I enjoy the windows because they remind me of early communications in the Church when most lay people could not read...the students are an awesome and talented group. They get very excited about the projects in brainstorming new designs...the windows are their creations from start to finish.”

Please Join Us for Mass Anytime.

High School Campus

Tuesday - Thursday - 7:00 a.m.
Chapel

Holy Spirit Campus

Thursday - 8:15 a.m.
Holy Spirit Catholic Church

St. Bede Campus

Friday - 8:30 a.m.
St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church

Middle/High School Campus

Friday - 10:10 a.m.
Dolly Barranco Center

Martha Jane Belke was born into a hard working German Catholic family in Louisville's upper west end. She was the sixth of seven girls born to Mary Catherine Huff Belke and John Phillip Belke. Mary Margaret and Loretto Marcella were nine and six years older than Martha; Carolyn Frances was five years younger. Three sisters didn't survive infancy.

Martha's early childhood coincided with the Depression and was culminated by the Louisville flood of 1937, in which her family lost everything. She and her sisters attended St. Benedict's Parochial School and were taught by the Sisters of Loretto. In her detailed autobiography, Martha's love of the Sisters rings through story after story of her grade school years. Yet, when it came time to go to high school, she confessed, "I decided that I did not want to follow my older sisters to [Loretto Academy], Broadway. This presented a major problem in my Mother's mind. She absolutely did not understand why I wanted to be different and go to Presentation Academy [with the Charity Sisters]. She talked with Mother Agnes Marie who advised my mother to let me go to Pres...I would probably do better there than being forced to go to Broadway. "

Throughout her high school years, Martha made it a habit to visit the Loretto Sisters at St. Benedict's after school one day every week, doing chores, grading or organizing test papers. One day toward the end of her Junior year at Pres, Loretto Sister Ora asked Martha what she was going to do when she graduated. "Without hesitation, I said, 'I am going to Loretto.' That was a bit bold, since I had not asked anyone if they wanted me. I took for granted that if that was what I wanted, they would be glad for me to come." And indeed, Reverend Mother Edwarda's welcoming letter was warm and gracious. Martha arrived at the Motherhouse on October 25, 1945 and was received into Loretto as Sister Mary Joel on April 25, 1946.

Martha later wrote, "Novitiate days were far better than I had expected." Her many stories of the novitiate years ring with the same affection that Martha showed as a child for the Sisters at St. Benedict's. One of Martha's duties, for the entire two and a half years of her novitiate, was to starch the "protectors," the white linings for the sisters' veils, a job that grew and grew as the numbers of sisters and novices at the Motherhouse increased in the late 1940s. Martha's novitiate coincided with other changes as well. The church was remodeled. The "middle building" was taken down, and the Infirmary was built in its place. Sister Rose Vincent began Ward classes, every day, with all the novices.

On August 15, 1948, Martha made her first vows and left immediately for St. Philomena's school in Denver, with time for barely 20 minutes' visit with her parents at the train station in Louisville. "During this first year of teaching I had 48 second and third graders. Sister Godfrey was the superior and principal, a wonderful person. If it had not been for her great example and encouragement, I would never have survived all these years as a Sister of Loretto." In the summer of 1949, Martha had all her teeth extracted and bone surgery performed on her jaw.

At the end of summer retreat, having recuperated at Loretto Heights, Martha left Denver to go to Rockford Illinois and her second mission to teach 36 first graders. The year was difficult for Martha; her four companions in the convent were generations older; the heat system was faulty. "Since I was the only young Sister in the house, I had many heavy jobs to do as well as the ordinary duties. I spent most recreation days by myself. I had one cold after another [and] the doctor finally decided that I must have TB. I was shipped off to Denver at the beginning of Holy Week and spent the next two months in bed at the Heights, [with pneumonia, not TB.] This was a hard time, but Sister Antonella Marie would sometimes entertain me with stories of her days in China. Sister Ethelbert was able to keep despair from the door by her daily visits."

There followed a string of brief assignments: two years at St. John's in Denver; one year at St. Patrick's in El Paso; one year at New Town Las Vegas, New Mexico. Three consecutive years was her longest assignment, at Loretto Academy, Santa Fe, where she taught primary grades and lived twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week with the youngest boarders. Suddenly and quite unexpectedly everything changed. "Nearly through my summer school classes at Loretto Heights, I was paged by Mother Eileen Marie, who told me I was to be sent to El Paso to teach Chemistry. I was taken aback [and replied], 'Mother I don't even have a degree.' Her reply was very quiet: 'that's alright dear, just be careful in the lab'."

So in 1958, with virtually no preparation, Martha began her forty-year career as a science teacher. Three years at Loretto in El Paso teaching Chemistry and General Science were followed by a year of full time study to finally complete her undergraduate degree. Martha's health didn't permit her going back to Denver's high altitude, so she enrolled at Nazareth College in Louisville, which allowed her to be near her parents and family. When she graduated in May of 1962, Martha knew that she was destined to replace Sister Rosalie at Montgomery Catholic High School in Alabama. But she had hardly arrived in Montgomery when she had word that her father was dying. She hurriedly took a train back to Louisville, arriving in time for his funeral.

In Montgomery, Martha lived briefly in the old Gerald Mansion which had been built in 1851 and purchased by the Sisters of Loretto in 1873 for their new St. Mary's of Loretto Academy. Almost ninety years later, St. Mary's of Loretto Academy high school had become Montgomery Catholic High School and moved across the street; the grade school was closing and the building was about to be taken down. Martha wrote later, "It took all the time from August 11 to December 15 just to get rid of things that we could not use, and to make arrangements for transporting what we need from the old house to the new convent at Our Lady Queen of Mercy twenty minutes south from the high school. This was December 1962 and there were 12 of us at that time." Over the next fifteen years, the number of Loretto Sisters would steadily decrease until Martha and Sister Leo Marie Reynolds were the only ones left.

Both in her autobiography and in a 2012 interview, Martha told her experiences of racial tensions and the struggles for civil rights in Montgomery. "The Gerald Mansion was across the street from the Court House. Shortly after getting settled, before we moved south, some of us went to register to vote. The first



A R E M E M B R A N C E O F T H E L I F E O F

Sister Martha Belke

October 24, 1927 - April 12, 2015

thing I noticed in the foyer were two drinking fountains. One had a sign over it which read WHITE, and the sign over the other read BLACK. My first reaction was to go over to get a drink from the BLACK fountain.

"These were exciting years. This was the time when President Kennedy was shot (1963). Integration of Catholic schools was announced by our Bishop Toolen (1964). Marches on the Capitol [very near our school] were organized by Jesse Jackson (January 1965). Bombs were planted under homes, threats of bombs in school were reported and we would have to evacuate the school until the firemen came to check the building. An FBI agent came to the convent one Saturday and asked if I taught my Chemistry students how to make bombs. I did nothing of the sort, so he went off, pleased."

"The Selma March took place (March 1965) and all the schools were in session, mainly to keep the students from getting into trouble. After school when we were ready to go home, the principal followed us for fear that someone might give us trouble. During the Selma March, the marchers camped on the grounds of St. Jude, a college prep school for Black students near Montgomery. After the Selma march, when it came time for Catholic High to relocate to the south side of town, the land owners wouldn't give the right of way for our water and sewer lines because Catholics had housed blacks during the march."

Through the turmoil and slow progress, Martha worked diligently, focusing on her students and her teaching. In 1976 she wrote, "I am now able to enjoy an integrated school in which problems, while they have not been completely solved, are at least being attached from a sensible point of view." In later years, Martha applied for Loretto Venture Fund monies to create a curriculum program called The Fifth Wall, to improve cross-cultural understanding and appreciation of other people's beliefs and struggles.

Meanwhile, Sister Martha had become an anchor and a rock at Montgomery Catholic High School. Drafted into the role of Assistant Principal, her perseverance during several difficult administrations was rewarded when Tom Doyle became principal. Martha immediately won his support and encouragement. He saw that Martha was trained in the latest techniques and had the highest quality equipment to teach science as a hands-on learning experience. For twenty-seven years they worked as a team. When Martha retired from Montgomery Catholic High School in 1997, Tom Doyle announced the school would build a new science and media center and name it The Sister Martha Belke Center.

Retired to Loretto Motherhouse, Martha gave ten years to the Finance Office keeping all our Medicare records in order. When she retired from that job, she gave another eight years as our IT specialist, keeping convent computer lab up and running.

On April 12, 2015, Montgomery Catholic High School posted this announcement on its website:

Today We Remember Sister Martha

The last Sister of Loretto to teach at Montgomery Catholic High School, Sister Martha Jane Belke died peacefully on Sunday, April 12, 2015. She came to us in 1962 and taught science for 35 years, retiring in 1997. We give thanks for her gifts to our school and we remember her today with the prayer Sister Martha began class with each day,

*We give Thee glory, thanks, and praise.
O Bless our works and guide our ways. Amen.*

Sister Eleanor Craig
April 2015



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Top, Left to right: Fr. Patrick Driscoll, Monsignor Charles Troncale and Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi at the dedication of the Holy Spirit Parish gymnasium.
Bottom, left to right: Col. Cam Gilbert, Wiley Cutts, Tommy Holliman, Fr. Patrick Driscoll, Anne Ceasar, John Neill, and Hollis Johnson.

New Digs Across MCPS Campuses

St. Bede the Venerable Playground

In the fall St. Bede Parish and Partners in Catholic Education (PICE) financed a new elementary school playground and learning center. Many school volunteers contributed time for the construction site located on the parish school grounds between the original school and the annex. The area answers a longstanding need of new and expanded outdoor facilities for the St. Bede elementary students and parish youth, serving all of these children year round.

1 Holy Spirit Parish Gymnasium

Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi dedicated the new Holy Spirit Parish gymnasium on February 22, 2015. The funding came from across the Catholic community with gifts from parishioners, school parents, faculty, and staff. The facility will relieve an enormous need for basketball and volleyball practice areas as well as increased needed space for parish and community events at Holy Spirit.

New Parking Lot for Middle – High School Campus

The ongoing humorous warning, “Beware of parking lot pot holes lest you disappear!” is no longer valid. On Labor Day weekend, the entire campus was resurfaced and striped for the first time in 15 years by Alexander Sealcoating. We are most grateful to the owner of the business, **Mr. Mark Alexander!** MCPS families and visitors alike now enjoy a smooth ride from entrance to exit.

New MCPS Bus

Through the generosity of PICE, a 77 passenger Blue Bird school bus was purchased for use by all MCPS campuses. Many think of the bus for athletic events however it facilitates much more. Field trips, academic competitions, community service projects, band competitions, and any transportation need for our students is often met with the use of the school bus.

2 Freedom Wall

In spring 2015, the Exchange Club of Montgomery installed a Freedom Shrine in Miles Hall of the High School campus. On May 15, 2015, **Tommy Holliman**, President, dedicated the gift to MCPS and **Fr. Patrick Driscoll**, Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, bestowed blessings on the shrine in Miles Hall. The Freedom Shrine was created by the National Exchange Club to strengthen citizen appreciation of our American Heritage.

Holy Spirit Laptop Cart

PICE provided a Macbook cart, Macbook Air, and 30 Macbook Air laptops for our Holy Spirit Campus. The gift will integrate technology into the classroom and facilitate specific computer projects throughout the year.

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School Scholarships

2015-2016 Scholarship Winners

Coach Ralph Furlong Scholarship

Reginald Gee

Sally Evans Hodges Memorial Scholarship

Ivy Bach

Anna and Harold Paige Scholarship

Iyana Tate

Caitlyn Marianne Wiggins ('08) Memorial Scholarship

Michaelyn Foster

Norma Mungenast Endowed Scholarship

Anna Nutting

Full Tuition

Erica Blackburn

Partial Tuition

Jonah Gier

Partial Tuition

Emily Rayborn

Partial Tuition

Aleigha Walden

Partial Tuition

Ben and Alice Tokarz Memorial Scholarship

Annie Bach

Grant Smith

Richard and Barbara Brienza Scholarship

Daniel Gacha

Coach Ralph Furlong Scholarship:

Established 1998. Initiated by a member of his 1946 football team, the intent of this scholarship is to honor one of Catholic's greatest coaches, whose 24 straight wins from 1947-1949 remains a school record. The Furlong scholarship is a partial tuition scholarship of \$1,000, given to a high school student who demonstrates a commitment to both extra-curricular and academics.

The Legacy Scholarship:

Established 2006. Named in honor of teachers of MCPS, this tuition scholarship gives scholarships of \$2,500 each to two qualified new students. It was originally established through the generous benefaction of Mrs. Catherine Martin, class of 1937, and her family to give students the chance to attend Catholic who could otherwise not afford to do so.

Frye, Arban, Ortega Scholarship:

Established 2007. The Frye, Arban, Ortega (FAO) Scholarship seeks to honor Mr. Bernard Frye, Coach Joseph Arban, and Mrs. Alice Ortega, teachers who have given over 100 years of combined service to Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. In their name, it rewards a scholarship to one graduating senior.



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Sally Evans Hodges Memorial Scholarship:

Established 2013. A \$3500 partial tuition scholarship to be awarded to a deserving high school Junior or Senior in the memory of Sally Evans Hodges, a life-time believer in and supporter of Catholic education. Candidates should have a strong academic record, be a person of good character, and contribute to making Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School a better institution, through service, time, or energy.

Anna and Harold Paige Scholarship:

Established 2013. The Anna and Harold Paige Scholarship is a non-denominational, need based, full tuition scholarship to be awarded to one Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School High School student and one St. Bede Elementary Campus student. Qualified students will demonstrate good moral character and leadership qualities.

Caitlyn Marianne Wiggins ('08) Memorial Scholarship:

Established 2013. A \$3,500 partial tuition scholarship is awarded annually in Caitlyn's honor, a 2008 MCPS graduate and varsity athlete who was killed in an automobile accident in 2013. The scholarship is given for one school year to a female student athlete at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School's (MCPS) High School Campus. Caitlyn's family and friends endowed this scholarship to give another child the opportunity to achieve the type of success that Caitlyn enjoyed in life.

Ben and Alice Tokarz Memorial Scholarship:

Presented by The Knights of Columbus, Council 893. Two \$1,000 partial tuition scholarships are given to a rising seventh grade student from the St. Bede Campus and a rising ninth

grade student from the Middle School Campus in memory of the parents of the Reverend David Tokarz, previous MCPS faculty member and former Pastor of Saint Bede the Venerable Catholic Church. Applicants should exhibit superior academic achievement, have active involvement in student in-class or extra-curricular activities, demonstrate student leadership ability and have been selected for advancement to the seventh and ninth grades.

Richard and Barbara Brienza Scholarship:

Presented by The Knight of Columbus Council 12150. A \$1,000 partial tuition scholarship given to a rising seventh grade student from the Holy Spirit Campus in memory of Richard and Barbara Brienza. Applicants should exhibit superior academic achievement, have active involvement in student in-class or extra-curricular activities, demonstrate student leadership ability and have been selected for advancement to the seventh grade.

Norma R. Mungenast Endowed Scholarship:

Established 2014 by The Colonel Andy Mungenast Investment and Charitable Trust, in honor of Mrs. Mungenast. The Norma R. Mungenast Endowed Scholarship Fund was established to work with Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School in order to share God's blessings to further His kingdom. The Norma R. Mungenast Scholarship is awarded annually to one or more students enrolled at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School's High School Campus. The Scholarship amount will vary annually. Endowment earnings and donations shall be used to award one or more scholarships to students who are currently enrolled at MCPS or will be enrolled in the following academic year. This year Montgomery Catholic was pleased to learn that the first scholarships given in Mrs. Mungenast's name would help five students for the 2015-16 school year.



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Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School Celebrated Catholic Schools Week

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School celebrated Catholic Schools Week, January 26 - 30. The 2015 theme was “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.” K4-12 students participated in special events throughout the week celebrating Faith, Knowledge and Service in our Community, Nation, Vocations, and Faculty & Students.

Grandparents were invited to our St. Bede elementary campus for Grandparents' Day on Monday, January 26, and the Holy Spirit campus held a book fair all week. The St. Bede campus art show “Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head” was on display in the main hallway all week. The Montgomery Catholic Parent Teacher Council treated students, faculty, and staff to several special events and treats throughout the week. The High School attended the National School Choice rally at the State Capitol. The Montgomery Catholic Middle School campus welcomed guest speakers on Career day, including Catholic Coach, **Kirk Johnson**, a former All American football player and Coach; **Barry Waite**, a motivational speaker; **Gwen Kennedy**, an Attorney with the Family and Juvenile Court system; and **Lisa Hoffman**, former Air Force Officer and Wellness Coach. The Elementary campuses had classroom visits and blessings from

Parish priests **Father Pat Arensberg** and **Father Alex Valladares** from St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church and **Father Patrick Driscoll** from Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Montgomery Catholic is blessed by its wonderful community of “Faith, Knowledge and Service.”



Top Left: Father Driscoll with Mrs. Burden's second grade class at Montgomery Catholic's Holy Spirit campus. Top Right: Montgomery Catholic parent and motivational speaker Barry Waite speaks to the Middle school campus on Career Day. Above: St. Bede Parent Volunteers watch classes while teachers were treated to lunch. From left to right: Karla Gier, Shawn McNeely, Leigh Ankersen, Leigh Esdale, Greg Treloar, and Elizabeth Planer. Bottom Right: High School Students at the State Capitol for the National School Choice Rally. Charille Randall, Maggie Ward, Gaten Armstrong, Cameron Harris, Emily Barranco, Emily Lafreniere, and Zack Jones.



Come celebrate Catholic Schools Week with us this year!
January 31 - February 6, 2016



Harbin Distinguished Service Award Winner Martha Huett ('72)

Martha “Marty” Rupert Huett was honored by Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School on May 4, as the 2015 Charlie Harbin Distinguished Service Award winner for her service to the school.

Montgomery Catholic's president, Mrs. Anne Ceasar, presented Marty with an engraved clock, kicking off the 2015 Montgomery Catholic High School Campus Academic Awards.

Marty Huett has always been available for her Alma Mater, but certainly when both of her sons attended in the mid 1990's.

Her service to Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School spans over 25 years. She was a very active member of the Alumni Association where she served as the Association President for 9 years, raising \$100,000 for the school's new concession stand and press box in 1999. As a Booster Club member and volunteer she was a huge supporter of the baseball team, her oldest son's favorite sport. Brannon Cochran Field was dedicated in his memory in 2007. She served as a gate and concession stand worker for countless numbers of games. She was an active member of the PTC, helped at campus clean up days, and acted as a room mom for many years.



Recently, the Montgomery Catholic Alumni Association called on Marty for help, and of course she said yes! The school thanked Marty for her service and for making Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School a better place.

Marty accepted the award and addressed the students. She explained that she “chose to send her children to Montgomery Catholic, not only for the education, but because of the close relationships and the family atmosphere.” She received a standing ovation for her emotional acceptance.

The Charlie Harbin Distinguished Service Award was established by the Harbin family and is awarded by the school to recognize those selfless individuals who have significantly served Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School and exemplified its values in their lives.

Marty is a Class of 1972 graduate from Montgomery Catholic. She is married to Rick Huett and retired from the Montgomery Police Department.

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School was honored to present her as the 2015 Harbin Distinguished Service Award winner.

SACS REPORT CARD

The Archdiocese of Mobile Catholic Schools went through the rigorous process of district reaccreditation with AdvancED this past year. AdvancED is the parent organization for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS). To earn SACS accreditation the district must meet the AdvancED accreditation standards, implement a continuous process of improvement, and host an external review team once every five years. This process demonstrates to students, parents, and the community that all schools in the district are focused on continuing to raise student achievement, provide safe and enriching learning environments, and maintain efficient and effective operations staffed by highly qualified educators.

An AdvancED External Review Team consisting of eight educational professionals from all over the United States arrived on January 11 to begin the evaluation. During that time, the review team evaluated the district's self-assessment, determined the degree to which the district meets the AdvancED accreditation standards, and made an accreditation recommendation.

The three-day process included interviewing 255 stakeholders, including Archbishop Rodi, Superintendent Gwen Byrd and her staff, Presidents and Principals of all schools, parents and employees from other Archdiocesan offices that support the schools. The team also visited multiple classrooms in eight schools, examined student performance results and reviewed evidence files that supported the Archdiocesan self-assessment process.

The External Review Team's Exit Report, shared on the last day of their visit with Archdiocesan stakeholders, recommended to the AdvancED Accreditation Commission that the Archdiocese of Mobile earn the distinction of SACS accreditation by AdvancED.

Karen Arbreo
Associate Superintendent for Academics
Archdiocese of Mobile



St. Jude Educational Institute Closes after 76 Years of Service to Montgomery

Though the closing of St. Jude Educational Institute was a momentarily sad occasion in the Spring of 2014, Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School was able to reach out to its sister school and welcome both new students and faculty. Their addition to our community has been an incredible blessing and one that will have echoes into the future that help build us up and remember the legacy of the Pirates.

We welcomed a dozen students into our rolls, mostly seniors seeking a Catholic education to help prepare them for college and continue their journey to Christ. They graduated with a special honor in that they wore both the emblems of Montgomery Catholic

Preparatory School and St. Jude on their gowns as they shook Archbishop Rodi's hand on stage.

A continued blessing will be the ministry of two of our teachers, **Tricette Savage** and **Rhonda Carstarphen**, who joined us from St. Jude's faculty. They have been amazing teachers this year, tireless in their commitment to our middle and high school students and successful in imparting wisdom. As we close the 2015 school year, we recognize that each of these students and teachers have so deeply been a part of our community that we consider them Knights moving forward!

These faculty and student additions have been a silver lining to the closure of St. Jude for which we feel immensely blessed.

Chad Barwick *Principal 7-12*

To Montgomery Catholic Preparatory High School:

We are the proud parents of the Montgomery Catholic's 2015 graduate, **Thomas Stokes, Jr.** We are writing to express our thanks to Mrs. Ceasar, Mr. Barwick, and the staff at Montgomery Catholic High School for embracing our family at such a traumatic time in TJ's life, his senior year. With the closing of St. Jude, we were devastated. After many hours of prayers and visiting other schools, God laid on our hearts to visit Montgomery Catholic Preparatory High School. From the moment we entered the doors of Catholic, we were welcomed with professionalism, love, and great gratitude. This made our decision and transition much easier.

Over this past school year, Thomas has received an exceptional education from a group of adept teachers. Through his journey at Catholic, he received several awards from First Runner Up to the Homecoming King, Montgomery Quarterback Club Player of the Week, Jimmy Hitchcock Nominee, 2nd Place in the State in Boys (4x1) Relay Team, 5th Place in the Sate in Shot Put, Football MVP, Indoor Track MVP, Outdoor Track Coach's Award, Knights of the Round Table Award, a Division 1 Athletic Scholarship, and also being selected to play in the North vs South ALL-STAR game. Being a humble but competitive young man, Thomas exceeded every goal that was set before him with the help of the Montgomery Catholic Family. Words could not express our thanks and appreciation to such an amazing school. We are proud to say that our son is a Montgomery Catholic Alumni and we will forever be a part of the Montgomery Catholic Family.

Thank you again,
Ivy & Thomas Stokes, Sr.



2014 Montgomery Catholic Homecoming

The Knights crowned their 2014 Homecoming Queen and King during the half-time ceremonies of the varsity football game vs. Bullock County High School on October 24, 2014. **Miss Carlye Dawn Schmidt** was crowned Homecoming Queen by the 2013 Homecoming Queen **Miss Anna McCracken**. **Mr. Foster Reese Smith** was named Homecoming King and presented a scepter by 2013 Montgomery Catholic Homecoming King **Mr. Kyle Berher**. The 2014 Montgomery Catholic Homecoming Court, pictured above from left to right: Freshmen Attendant **Carrie Elizabeth Belsterling** escorted by **Coleman Michel Brian Schmidt**; Junior Attendant **Marissa Hope Dogan** escorted by **Jonathan Green**. Senior Attendant **Megan Carrigan Aaron** escorted by **Joseph Gaten Armstrong**. Homecoming Queen & King, **Carlye Dawn Schmidt** and **Foster Reese Smith**. Senior Attendant **Courtney Michelle Cool** with **Thomas Craig Stokes Jr.**. Sophomore Attendant **Nadine Marie Back** escorted by **Daniel Joseph Downes, III (Trey)**. Photo by Total Image



Top: MCPS 2014 Homecoming Court. Far Left: Athletes of the Year Lindsey Tynam, Reese Smith and Ashley Kim. Left: Mr. Mike Lutzenkirchen pictured with Montgomery Catholic Senior athletes, Robert, Jessica and Reese Smith. Above: Thomas Stokes, Sr., Thomas Stokes, Jr., and Ivy Stokes.

Montgomery Catholic Honors Senior Athletes

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School hosted the annual Senior Mass and Sports Banquet for all of the Senior athletes on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Mass began at 6:30 p.m, Senior athletes and their parents were invited to the Holy Spirit parish hall afterwards for dinner. Dinner began at 7:15 p.m. and each athlete was recognized for their contribution to Montgomery Catholic's athletic teams by Athletic Director **Daniel Veres**.

Rev. Patrick Driscoll, Pastor of Holy Spirit Catholic Church offered the Invocation. Athletic Director **Daniel Veres** recognized each athlete. Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School President, **Anne Ceasar** introduced the banquet's surprise speaker, Mr. Mike Lutzenkirchen.

Mike Lutzenkirchen is Executive Director of the Lutzie 43 Foundation, which he established in honor of his son Phillip, who was killed in a tragic car accident on June 29, 2014. The Lutzie 43 Foundation mission aims to develop the character of young athletes and their coaches focusing on leadership, charity, compassion, mentorship, hard work, honesty, and faith.

Montgomery Catholic was pleased to welcome Mr. Lutzenkirchen to speak to the Senior athletes, his message was inspiring and memorable. As he remembered his son and the positive impact he had on others through service, he reminded the Seniors the importance of making good choices, wearing a seat belt and not drinking and driving. The audience was moved by his son's story and his openness in sharing how his family is dealing with his loss.

Faculty News



Lynn Downes ('63) retired in June 2015 after 31 years of service to Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. She shared the following with her co-workers:

As the school year ends and all of you are looking forward to a summer without your "school kids", I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all you do for the students and the entire MCPS community. The quality of education you provide and the manner with which you do so is invaluable to their growth and success. You are the angels God sent to care for them! Bless you all! I would like to share some of my news with you. For all the years I spent as a student at St. Mary's of Loretto and the years spent as a student at Catholic High, I was blessed with many teachers who instilled in me knowledge, values, and special memories that will continue to be in my heart and life forever! I cherish those days! Church activities, extracurricular events and school events were my life! While attending Catholic High, I never dreamed that one day I would again be a part of the school which formed my foundation. God led me to Montgomery Catholic 31 years ago. Life here has always been like being at home again. The years have come and gone with many memories, as well as many changes. There is no way of putting into words what these years have meant to me. I cherish each and every memory! God is great! To the news at hand, I would like for each of you to know that I will be retiring in mid-June. I will miss you all and will carry you and Montgomery Catholic in my heart. After all, this has been my life since grade school.

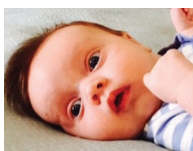
God bless each one of you and I thank you for filling my life and my heart with love.



Mary Forsyth retired from the Business Office September 25, 2014. She dedicated 20 years to Montgomery Catholic and is now enjoying traveling with her husband and playing with her grandchildren.



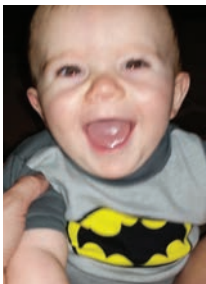
High School Principal Chad Barwick and his wife Chris welcomed their fourth child daughter Aurelia Lane Barwick born on August 10, 2014 and delivered by her Daddy.



Kindergarten teacher **Heather Bell** and her husband Brandon welcomed their

third son, Mason Luke on March 24, 2015. He joined his two big brothers Brandon Jr. (7) and Weston (4).

Second grade teacher **Tracey Bender** and her family welcomed their new son Rory Matthew to the family in September.



Justin Castanza was named WSFA's Class Act Teacher March 30, 2015. On July 1, 2015, Justin and his wife welcomed their second child, Natalie Racheal, 7lbs 9oz, and 19.5 inches long.



Seventh grade science teacher **Amanda Fuller** received her Masters' in Education from Auburn University Montgomery on May 16, 2015. Amanda is pictured at graduation with her husband Mike and son Jackson.



Ruth Glenboski presented a workshop at the NSTA Convention in Chicago on Student Movie Making along with **Dr. Nick Bourke** ('82) and Russ McKinny from AUM in March 2015. She and her husband Tony are moving to Wisconsin to be closer to their family in 2015. Ruth has been with the school for 16 years.

Band Director **Alex Johnson** received his Masters' of Science in Education from Troy University in December 2014.

Faith Johnston retired in May 2015 after 26 years of service to our St. Bede campus. She will enjoy being with her husband and visiting family.

Deacon Jim Labadie retired from the High School religion department in May 2015. He managed the Chapel while at school and helped coordinate the Middle/High School Masses. He has hit the road with his wife see the United States.

Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, **Rob McGaughey** and his wife Kim welcomed their third child, Frances Kaylee on May 14, 2015. She joins brothers Robert and Matthew.



Leo Mechler, maintenance manager at the Middle/High School campus, retired in 2015.

Stefanie Nelson and her husband Gary welcomed their first child, Samuel Alton, on June 17, 2015. He weight 9lbs 14oz and was 22 inches long.

Congratulations to middle school religion teacher **Sam O'Donnell** who married Maggie Twigg on June 27, 2015.

Middle School math teacher **Tricette Savage** was named WSFA's Class Act Teacher December 8, 2014.



Ralph Southern, Ret. CW4 Ralph Francis Southern of Montgomery, died on March 1, 2015 at the age of 95. Mr. Southern was a devoted husband and father and is survived by his wife of 69 years, Jessie Mercer Southern; Four children, Robert J. Southern (Mary), Tallassee; **Janet S. Treat** ('75), Montgomery; **Myron L. Southern** ('78) (Karen), Eclectic; and **Darlene S. Davis** ('83) (Alan), Montgomery; two brothers, Derrell Southern of Kansas and Cyril Southern, of Nebraska. He had 4 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren. He worked for St. Bede Parish and school from 1979 to 1988 as their maintenance director. He and his wife Jessie were married 69 years. Jessie volunteered collecting lunch money at St. Bede's School for a number of years.

Holy Spirit teacher **Emily Younker** ('07) married Brandon Cutts on June 20, 2014, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church.



Archangel Radio 1410 promotes Water Cooler Catechism, a weekly talk show hosted by Father Patrick Driscoll, Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish and Mr. Tom Riello, Montgomery Catholic Theology Department Chair. You can stream at archangelradio.com.



SHARP KNIGHTS SHOP THE SPIRIT STORE

Are you looking for Catholic gear? We've got everything you need at our online SPIRIT STORE. If they don't have it, let us know what you want and we'll get it added.

Check it out at schoolspiritsr.com/mcps/ and get geared up! See you at the game.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT 2014-2015

Standing Tall

In 2014-2015 our middle and high schools passed through the threshold of many accomplishments of note that we want to celebrate! You will read of many accolades, but it is important to note that the 7-12's success in a major way came from a highly skillful and energetic faculty. They opened doors to knowledge and faith that welcomed our Knights to succeed and excel. We were blessed to see students grow in leadership academically, spiritually, athletically and socially. As we peek back through the door down the Classic building, through the M wing, the Belke Building, the gym, and through our Tom Doyle middle School building, we are aware of countless successes we've gathered and shared together – thanks to God's goodness to us.

Chad Barwick, 7-12 Principal **Julie Wood**, Middle School Assistant Principal

High School SGA

Executive

Paige Barranco President
Mary McLaughlin Vice President
Rebecca White Secretary

Senior

Ashley Kim President
Lindsey Guin Vice President
Maggie Ward Treasurer
Briana Foley Secretary

Junior

Patrick O'Mara President
Kathleen Beesley Vice President
Nadine Moussalli Treasurer
Abaigeal Gilbert Secretary

Sophomore

Audrey Kim President
Zachary Van Alst Vice President
Lauren Smith Secretary/Treasurer

Freshmen

Daniel Reeves President
Coleman Schmidt Vice President

Middle School SGA

Anna Catherine Barranco President
Patrick Flores Vice President
Annie Bach and
Annamary Gilbert Chaplains
LaDaisia McNeil Secretary/Treasurer

1 Middle School 2013-2014 Knight Ambassadors

These students show leadership, good judgment, maturity, honesty, and integrity while upholding their responsibilities of being a student, serving as campus role models. The 2014-2015 Knight Ambassadors were seventh grade students **Sarah Rose Burden, Bobby Crawford, Darian Riley, and Anna Sadie**, along with eighth grade students **Annie Bach, Annamary Gilbert, David Green, Rhys Holifield, Tate Holifield, Gabe McBeal, Thomas McLaughlin** and **Jevon Murdock**

Gymnastics

- 2 Samantha Hodge**, MCPS 8th grader, was one of only six gymnasts in the state of Alabama chosen to compete in the National Judges Cup (a national competition where only 6 gymnasts from each state are selected)

Honors

2015 Sister Martha Belke Servant Leader Award: **Paige Barranco**

2015 Montgomery Catholic Leader of the Year: **Mary Janet McLaughlin**

2015 Montgomery Catholic Ideal Graduate: **Lindsey Guin**

- 3** The Joe Arban Perfect Attendance Award was given to **Trey Magdon**. Trey had perfect attendance all four years of high school!

- 4** YMCA Youth Judicial: **Brian Anderson** elected to serve as 2016 House Pro Temp. **Nate Smith** recognized as a First Year Outstanding Delegate, **Brian Anderson** invited to attend the Conference on National Affairs (CONA) with **James Sadie** and **Mary McLaughlin** named as alternate invitees. Additionally, **Mary McLaughlin, Elizabeth Overton, and Charcille Randall** received honor cords for participation in Youth in Government for three or more years

- 5** Alabama YMCA Junior Youth Legislature: **Gabriella Hernandez** (8th) was elected as the Pro Tempore while **Patrick Whetstone** (7th), **Jason Flowers** (7th), and **Donovahn Wyatt** (8th) were all named as Outstanding Statesman

- 6** **Derek Kelly** ('15) Lieutenant Governor of Division 14 of the Alabama Key Club received the Robert F. Lucas Award for Outstanding Lieutenant Governor

- 7** **Ricky Treloar** was elected to be the 8th grade class speaker at their completion Mass held on May 21, 2015, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Seniors **Leo Petters** ('15) and **8 David Barber** ('15) both received their Eagle Scout Award. **David Barber** was also nominated by Hands On River Region for youth volunteer of the year

2015 Loretto Chapter of the National Honor Society Inductees: **Agnes Armstrong, Emily Barranco, Kathleen Beesley, Michael Collins, Marissa Dogan, Eryka Ellington, Claire Fischer, Abaigeal Gilbert, Jonathan Green, Lacy Herbek, Blake Johnson,**



Gabriel Keating, Emily Lafreniere, Aubrey Lenn, Andrew Lynch, Katherine McDaniel, Morgan Micher, Nadine Moussalli, Patrick O'Mara, Madison Searcy, Megan Stembridge, and Logan Stevens

Mu Alpha Theta Inductees: **Seulle Baek, Paige Barranco, Andrew Ellis, Ann Faulkner, Brianna Foley, Lindsey Guin, Derek Kelly, Ashley Kim, Mary McLaughlin** and **Leo Peters**. The founding members and officers are **Ann Faulkner, Paige Barranco, Derek Kelly** and **Leo Peters**

Montgomery Catholic's National Junior Honor Society Inductees are eighth graders **Annie Bach, Anna Catherine Barranco, Erica Blackburn, Lexie Becker, Austin Collette, Isabelle Cochran, Isabelle Dubon, Jacob Flowers, Christian Friday, Nico Gacha, Emma Gandy, Jonah Gier, Reagan Herbek, Jacob Holston, Carolyn Justice, Grace Leslie, Maddie Losik, Thomas McLaughlin, Braley Mullarkey, Zoe Rutland, Chole Smith, Virginia Speirs, Sydney Sprowl, Emily Talbot, Melody Taylor, Amaris Tyynismaa, and Donovahn Wyatt**

Middle School Qualifiers for the Duke University Talent Identification Program for the 2014-2015 academic year: **Jack Allen, Tanner Carter, Nathan Downes, Lanie Doyle, Jason Flowers, Sophia Izer, Whitney Jackim, Savannah Johnson, Scott Nation, Katherine O'Connor, Charlie O'Donnell, Katie Rose Perkins, Cole Pierce, Michael Russo, Anna Sadie, Hannah Vaccaro, Patrick Whetstone, and Clare Wilson**

Duke Talent Search State Recognition: **Lainie Doyle, Jason Flowers, Sofie Izer, Savannah Johnson, Katherine O'Connor, Charles O'Donnell, Katherine Perkins, Anna Sadie, and Clare Wilson**

Qualified for Duke TIP Academy of Summer Studies Duke Tips program: **Lainie Doyle, Savannah Johnson, Charlie O'Donnell, and Katie Perkins**



Qualified for Center for Summer Studies: **Jason Flowers, Sofie Izer, Katherine O'Connor, and Clare Wilson**

- 9** **Tamrah Tucker** ('17) and **James Sadie** ('17) were selected to represent Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School as Ambassadors for Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) at Troy University, May 29-30, 2015

Math & Science:

- 10** Regional Science Olympiad - **Middle School Science Olympiad team** placed 4th and is expected to go to state after final tallies

Write It, Do It - 3rd Place
Erica Blackburn, Emily Talbot

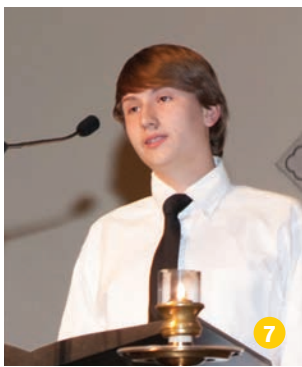
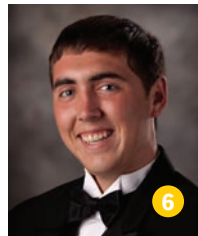
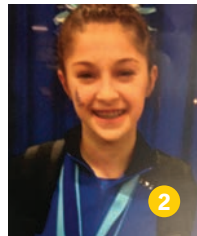
Air Trajectory - 4th Place
Ricky Treloar, Austin Collett

Road Scholar - 4th Place
Ricky Treloar, Emily Talbot

Fifth Place Ribbons
Bridge Building
Jonah Gier, Erica Blackburn
Elastic Launch Glider
Christian Friday, Jacob Holston

Sixth Place Ribbons
Bio Process Lab
Christian Friday, Jacob Holston
Crimebusters
Erica Blackburn, Emily Talbot
Can't Judge a Powder
Austin Collett, Lexie Becker
Crave the Wave
Clare Wilson, Lexie Becker
Dynamic Planet
Austin Collett, Christian Friday
Entomology
Jonah Gier, Jacob Holston

Seventh Place Ribbons
Bottle Rocket
Darian Riley, Jonah Gier
Simple Machines
Katie Perkins, Ashley Hayes



Eighth Place Ribbons

Anatomy
Clare Wilson
Disease Detectives
Ashley Hayes, Clare Wilson
Meteorology
Katie Perkins

11 Regional **Science Olympiad**
High School: 3rd place overall

Anatomy - 2nd place
Ann Faulkner, Andrew Ellis

Bungee Drop - 3rd place
Olivia Nobles, Katie McDaniel

Disease Detective - 3rd place
Lindsey Guin, Marissa Dogan

Entomology - 1st place
Marissa Dogan, Carson Scott

Fossils - 2nd place
Henry Petters, Lita Blackburn

Geologic - Mapping 2nd place
Lisa Hong, Olivia Nobles

Green Generation - 2nd place
Lisa Hong, Marissa Dogan

It's About Time - 2nd place
Leo Petters, Henry Petters

Mission Possible - 1st place
Michael Barber, Marissa Dogan

Mission Possible - 2nd place
Jake Walker, James Avery

Protein Modeling - 1st place:
Leo Petters, Lindsey Guin

Wright Stuff - 2nd place
Martin Lee, Seulle Baek

Wright Stuff - 3rd place
Daniel Reeves

Write It Do It - 2nd place
Carson Scott, Michael Barber

Emily Talbot and **Erica Blackburn** 2nd place Write It, Do It. Judges said their writing was impeccable

Middle School
State Science Olympiad
Picture This - 3rd place
Katie Perkins, Scott Nation

Simple Machines - 4th place
Katie Perkins, Emily Talbot

High School State Science Olympiad
Bungee Drop - 4th Place
Olivia Nobles

Dynamic Planet - 3rd Place
Olivia Nobles, Lisa Hong

Geologic Mapping - 2nd Place
Olivia Nobles, Leo Petters

It's About Time - 2nd Place
Leo Petters, Henry Petters

Protein Modeling - 2nd Place
Leo Petters, Lindsey Guin

Each of these students received scholarships to Huntingdon College as a result of placing in the State Science Olympiad competition

Auburn Mathematical
Puzzle Challenge (AMP'd)
Middle School Team Placed First: The MCPS team brought home first place for the third year in a row. Team members were eighth graders **Emily Talbot** and **Isabelle Dubon**, and seventh graders **Jason Flowers, Ashley Hayes, Savannah Johnson, Scott Nation, Katie Perkins**, and **Clare Wilson**

JV Team Placed First - Montgomery Catholic's JV team members were **David Bender, Lita Blackburn, Lisa Hong, Henry Petters, Katie Slear**, and **Lauren Smith**

Varsity Team Placed Fifth - The Varsity Team members are: **Paige Barranco, Ann Faulkner, Derek Kelly, Ashley Kim, Leo Petters**, and **William Russell**

Alabama Statewide
Math Competition
Leo Petters - 13th Place
Derek Kelly - 21st Place

Extras

Class of 2014 AP Scholars: Nine Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School students earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition for their exceptional achievement on AP Exams. AP Scholar with Distinction: **Daniel Lobello** and **Maddie O'Mara**. AP Scholar with Honor: **Andrea Hayes, Ryan Norris**, and **Saraelizabeth Parker**. AP Scholar: **Alexandrea Micher, Anna Mills, Guillermo Ravelo**, and **Sang Won Seo**

Montgomery Catholic High School Academic Awards Ceremony

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School honored their top high school students at the annual Academic Awards Ceremony held in the Dolly Barranco Activity Center, May 4, 2015.

Many honors were bestowed including the most outstanding student in each subject area. These students are **Anna Nutting, Tamrah Tucker, Marissa Dogan** and **Olivia Nobles** in English, **Leo Petters, Derrick Kelly, Lisa Hong, Lita Blackburn** and **Henry Petters** in Math, **Anna Nutting, Ivy Bach, Marissa Dogan** and **Ann Faulkner** in Science, **Cloe Newell, Ivy Bach, Andrew Lynch** and **Ashley Karst** in Social Studies, **Thomas Lynch, Michael Barber, Nadine Moussalli** in Theology, **Katie Fisher** and **Emily Walker** in Spanish, **Luke Craig** in Latin. **William Russell** was named most outstanding student in Band.

The new and senior members of the Loretto chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) were recognized during the ceremony, they are: **Agnes Armstrong, Emily Barranco, Kathleen Beesley, Michael Collins, Marissa Dogan, Eryka Ellington, Claire Fischer, Abaigeal Gilbert, Jonathan Green, Lacy Herbek, Blake Johnson, Gabriel Keating, Emily Lafreniere, Aubrey Lenn, Andrew Lynch, Katherine McDaniel, Morgan Micher, Nadine Moussalli, Patrick O'Mara, Madison Searcy, Megan Stembridge**, and **Logan Stevens**.

The NHS Senior members are: **Gaten Armstrong, Paige Barranco, Andrew Ellis, Ann Faulkner, Brianna Foley, Lindsey Guin, Jacob Hulcher, Ashley Karst, Derek Kelly, Ashley Kim, Mary Janet McLaughlin, Olivia Nobles, Leo Petters, Reese Smith, Ally Taylor** and **Lindsey Tynan**.

12 Montgomery Catholic's Key Club members accumulated over 2,000 service hours to the Montgomery community this year. There were thirteen students who gave over 50 hours of their time during this school year. They were **Agnes Armstrong, Aimee Azar, Marissa Dogan, Claire Fischer, Katie Fischer, Patrick Gregorius, Emily Jones, Devin Kelly, Leah Krompecher, Ledariane Moore, Anna Nutting, Madison Searcy**, and **Megan Stembridge**.

Students with the highest grade point average for each high school grade level were also recognized. The most outstanding freshman are **Katie Fisher, Cloe Newell** and **Henry Petters**. The most outstanding sophomore is **Ivy Bach**. The most outstanding junior is **Patrick O'Mara**. The most outstanding senior for the class of 2015 is **13 Leo Petters**.

Honor roll certificates for both the A and A/B honor rolls were given to those students who attained A or A/B honor roll throughout the school year for each grade level. The Joe Arban Perfect Attendance Award was given to **Trey Magdon** for having perfect attendance this year.

The evening culminated with three of the highest awards given at Montgomery Catholic: the Sister Martha Belke Servant Leader Award, Leader of the Year and the Ideal Graduate. **Mrs. Anne Ceasar**, president, presented the first annual Sister Martha Belke Servant Leader award to **Paige Barranco** for her quiet and consistent leadership and school spirit. Paige is the daughter of **Lee Anne and Rob Barranco** of Montgomery.

Mr. Chad Barwick, high school principal, awarded the Montgomery Catholic Leader of the Year award to **Mary Janet McLaughlin**. Mary Janet has served the school in numerous leadership positions throughout her school career including SGA and Youth in Government. She is the daughter of **Kayla and Jim McLaughlin** of Montgomery.

Mrs. Anne Ceasar awarded the Montgomery Catholic Ideal Graduate Award to the student who embodies the overall qualities and talents of an ideal graduate. This year the student named as the Ideal Graduate at Montgomery Catholic is **Lindsey Guin**. She is the daughter of **Linda and Kevin Guin** of Montgomery.



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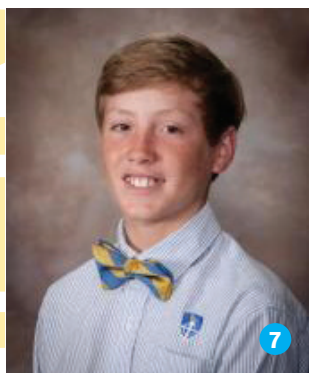
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A New Knight Era

Year one of what I call “A New Knight Era” is in the books. Foundations have been laid for our success, not only in the present, but also for higher levels of success in the future. We had some good coaches leave our school this year, but I feel like we replaced them with quality, energetic coaches, hungry with desire to build championship quality programs here at MCPS. I would not have it any other way. We will continue to build on all of our girls’ and boys’ programs to make them the very best we can be, the very best that have ever been here at Montgomery Catholic. I think each and every one of our student athletes deserve that from me as the leader of this athletic program, and I promise to do my best to keep us moving in the right direction.

We were very fortunate to convince some very talented coaches to join us this year. **Coach Aubrey Blackwell** is here as the leader of our football program. He has had tremendous impact on our school in the short 6 months he has been here. In his first spring, Coach Blackwell very nearly doubled our participation in football, and our new arrivals for next season haven’t even been added to that total. He has been instrumental in heading up the total rebranding and new attitude of the football program. We hired **Coach Amy Patterson** to lead our Volleyball and Tennis programs.

Athletic Scholarships

- 3 Megan Aaron
Soccer, Troy University
- 4 Thomas Stokes (pictured left)
Football, Mississippi Valley State
- 4 Jacob Hulcher (pictured center)
Baseball, Southern Union Community College
- 4 Reggie Jackson (pictured right)
Football, Mississippi Valley State
- 5 Trey Magdon (pictured left)
Football, Huntingdon College
- 5 Taylor McCurdy (pictured center)
Football, Alabama A&M
- 5 Traylon McCurdy (pictured right)
Football, Alabama A&M

She has had much success on the high school level, and spent the last 3 years leading the Huntingdon College program. One thing the program needed was stability, and it is my hope that Coach Patterson is here to stay and can build on the success in volleyball MCPS has had recently. As many of you know, we had to find a new leader for the boys’ Basketball program very late in the school year. Though it was not normally a time to find a coach, we were able to land the one and only coach we talked with for the position. **Coach Robb McGaughey** will be leading our “New Knight Era” program going forward. We feel like Coach McGaughey was the perfect fit for our community, for our school, and for our athletes. We are so very proud and happy that he will be the face of our program going forward, and he will use his expertise to build our program into a championship contender. I am excited about the future, and I hope all of you reading this are as well. Please come out and support our kids in any way you can. As a community, we need to do our best to show all the surrounding schools that it is a “New Knight Era,” and we are here to stay. Our expectations are higher than they ever have been before!

Daniel Veres Athletic Director

Athletic Honors

The Montgomery Catholic Knights of the Round Table Athletes of the Year: **Ashley Kim, Reese Smith** and **Lyndsey Tynan**

Coach Tim Turner Memorial Award for excellence in Middle School athletics: **Amaris Tyynismaa** and **Drew Smith**

Track

Girls’ Track Athlete of the Year

Amaris Tyynismaa - Cross Country Class 4A State Champ, Indoor Track 3200, 1600, 800 meter events State Champ; named to the MileSplit Indoor Track and Field All-American Team in the 3200m; Outdoor Track and Field State Champ 3200m, 1600m and 800m; Super All-State Track and Field Team 3200m

All-Metro Team Track

Tamrah Tucker and **Brandon Thomas**

Indoor Track

6 **Girls’ Team** 2nd place in 4x800 relay 4x800 relay team received the silver at the AHSAA Indoor Track State Meet, February 6-7, **Coach Wright, Annabel Starrett, Sarah Beth Littrell, Amaris Tyynismaa, Katelyn Stark, and Coach Lisenby**

Outdoor Track

Amaris Tyynismaa was the only athlete to actually break a meet record on day one. All the 7A marks are state records since they never had that classification before, but **Amaris** was the only 4A, 5A, 6A, or 7A athlete to actually break a state record. **Tamrah Tucker** placed 3rd in girls 100m at 12.7. **Reese Smith, Robert Smith, Brandon Thomas, and Thomas Stokes** place 2nd in the 4x100m with a time of 44.24. **Brandon Thomas** has placed 3rd in the 400m

Cross Country

Girls’ Team qualified for State. Boys team had three individuals qualify for State, **Patrick Gregorius, Angel Padilla** and **Grant Walker**

All-Metro Team Cross Country

Amaris Tyynismaa, first in 4A state; all-time state meet record holder, undefeated in eight races, and five times raced under 18 minutes. Fastest eighth-grader in the U.S. and ranked number 15 overall in the nation for high school girls.

Katelyn Stark, 20:55, 18th in 4A state; top-10 finisher in every meet before state

Golf

All-Metro Team Golf

7 **Drew Smith** and honorable mention **Zack Jones**

Golf Team Qualified for Sub-State: Team members are **Drew Smith, Zack Jones, Brian Anderson, Sam McCracken, James Sadie**

Baseball and Softball

Jimmy Hitchcock Award Nominees:

Gaten Armstrong, Lindsey Guin, Jacob Hulcher and **Thomas Stokes**. Also recognized were Montgomery Catholic’s ninth grade nominees, **Thomas Lynch, B.J. Barker, Aleigh Walden, Jessie Clark**

All-Metro Baseball Team

Jacob Hulcher

Honorable mention:

Reese Smith, Blake Johnson, and Brian Rodopoulous

All-Metro Softball Team

Michaelyn Foster

All-State Softball Team

Michaelyn Foster 2nd team 4A Utility player

Football

WSFA Student Athlete of the Week Football

Reggie Jackson (‘15) - September 2014

Montgomery Quarter Back Club

Private School Player of the Week:

Thomas Stokes (‘15) - September 2014

All Metro Class 4A Football Team

8 Running Back **Thomas Stokes**, Led the Knights with 1,044 yards and 10 touchdowns in nine games. Also led the team with 17 catches for 280 yards and two touchdowns

Honorable Mention

Sherman Grant (‘15) ATH, **Reggie Jackson** (‘15) LB, **Traylon McCurdy** (‘15) LB, **Taylor McCurdy** (‘15) DL

All-State - Class 4A - Honorable Mention

Running Back 2014 **Thomas Stokes**

Volleyball

All-Metro Volleyball Team

Ilyana Tate, Finished with a .353 hitting percentage with 110 kills against 22 errors. Honorable Mention: **Sarah Murry**

Basketball

All-Metro Basketball Team

Boys: **Reggie Gee** 1st team; **Jacob Winston** 2nd team; **Reggie Jackson**, honorable mention.

Girls: **Ilyana Tate**, 2nd team; **Regine Parker** and **Michaelyn Foster**, honorable mention

Wrestling

All-Metro Wrestling Team

Zachary Van Alst 120lbs. & Honorable Mention: **Gabe Keating** at 152lbs

Zachary Van Alst claims his 4th consecutive AHSAA State Wrestling title for Class 4A 120lb weight class. **Gabe Keating** placed fifth in his first State Tournament appearance in the 154-pound weight class. The Montgomery Catholic team of three placed 19th overall

Class 4A
State Champions

- 1
- Amaris Tyynismaa
Cross Country

- 2
- Zachary Van Alst
Wrestling (for the fourth consecutive year!)



The 2014-2015 Varsity Cheerleaders with their coach, Miss Samantha Rose: Front Row: Audrey Kim, Brianna Foley (CAPTAIN), Courtney Cool, Ashley Kim (CAPTAIN). Middle Row: Victoria Barranco, Katie Reeves, Madison Gaston, Katie Slear, Madison Bednarz, Maggie Ward. Top Row: Elizabeth Overton, Kathleen Beesley (CO-CAPTAIN), Eryka Ellington, Maegan Cobb, Lauren Smith

Montgomery Catholic
Cheerleaders
Invited to Cheer at
Auburn University

Montgomery Catholic's Varsity Cheerleaders were invited to Auburn University on Saturday, December 20, 2014, to perform at half-time during the Tigers basketball game against Xavier. The Auburn Athletic Department requested a performance at halftime from Montgomery Catholic after the team attended and performed so well at the university's NCA cheer camp over the summer. The Knights were the only performance at halftime, with a minute and a half performance consisting of various stunts, tumbling and dance. The stadium was completely sold out. This is the first time a Cheer team for Montgomery Catholic has performed solely at a collegiate halftime. The Knights were excited to be invited and look forward to future opportunities at Auburn.

Marching Band Honors

The **Marching Knights** competed at the Daleville Invitational Marching Band Classic in Daleville, Alabama on September 27, 2014. The Band received "Superior" ratings from every judge in every caption including overall band, drum major, color guard, and drumline. We were one of only two bands in our classification (Class A) to receive Superiors.

The **Marching Knights** competed at the Prattville Heart of Dixie Marching Competition, on October 11, 2014, receiving straight superiors from every judge in every caption. William Russell was also named best-in-class drum major for class A.

Honor Bands

- 9
- Troy University Southeastern
United States Honor Band Middle
School - December 4-6, 2014

Nick Bowden
Ricky Treloar
Emily Claire Talbot (not pictured)
Zach Moore (not pictured)
seventh graders:
Ashley Hayes
Whitney Jakim
Darian Riley
Hannah Vaccaro
Bobby Crawford

Troy University Southeastern
United States (SEUS) High School
Honor Band - February 5-7, 2015

Katie McDaniel
Logan Stevens
Mary Reagan Starrett

Auburn University
Middle School Honor Band -
February 5-7, 2015

Nick Bowden
Victoria Hall
Ashley Hayes
Savannah Johnson
Ricky Treloar
Hannah Vaccaro

Alabama All-State Orchestra -
February 12-15, 2015

Adam Bristol
Henry Petters

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- Montgomery Catholic
Preparatory School All-State
Honor Band

Jonathan Green (Unassigned)
Henry Petters (Unassigned)
William Russell (Red Band)
Mary Reagan Starrett (White Band)
Logan Stevens (White Band)
Beth Vaughan (Unassigned)

All-District Honor Band

David Bender, 10th chair
Adam Bristol, 6th chair
Nicholas Brown, 5th chair
Eric Crenshaw, 4th chair
Jonah Gier, 4th chair
Jonathan Green, 1st chair
Audrey Kim, 8th chair
Katie McDaniel, 8th chair
Braley Mullarkey, 10th chair
Henry Petters, 1st chair
William Russell, 2nd chair
Mary Reagan Starrett, 7th chair
Logan Stevens, 6th chair
Ricky Treloar, 6th chair
Beth Vaughan, 1st chair
Chris Waring, 6th chair

Concert Band Honors

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- The **Concert Band** attended the Alabama Bandmasters Association's Music Performance Assessment (MPA). MPA is the Association's annual Concert Band evaluation festival held at Opelika High School March 9-11. The band's stage performance received a score of "II-I-I" from the panel of stage judges, for their renditions of "Bravura," "They Led My Lord Away," and "Summer Dances." The band received a "I" from the sight-reading judge, the best score possible.

MARCHING
THROUGH
THE DOOR!

The 2014-15 school year has been a great year for the MCPS Band Program. In the Fall, the Marching Knights received straight Superior ratings at every contest they performed in, a first for MCPS. The MCPS Concert Band also received an overall Superior rating at the annual Alabama Bandmasters Music Performance Assessment. The Band had six students selected for the Alabama All-State Bands this year, another first for our school, and one student was selected as a Finalist in the highly prestigious Alabama All-State Solo Festival. We are looking forward to the coming Fall and another great year in 2015-16!

Alex Johnson Band Director



Alabama
All-State Band
2015 Solo Festival Finalist
William Russell



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT 2014-2015

Blooming Open

A picture is worth a thousand words...

Open the doors to the St. Bede Campus and walk through the hallways. You will be able to see one of the gifts left to us by the Student Council. This year, they paid to have 8x10 photos developed of many of the events of our school year. These pictures are posted all around the school just like family photos on display in a home. What a blessing it is to see our “year in review” through the eyes of the camera...and what a year it has been! This year we elected our first ever all-boy Student Council, and they were a great example of what it means to serve others. We continued to have a great Science Olympiad team, and this year began a Crazy 8’s Math Club for students in grades 3-5. We were amazed at the

reading success of our students. When challenged to make their Accelerated Reading goals all four quarters, many succeeded and we were able to treat 85 students to the movie as their reward. Our academic successes were apparent also, as our students continued to score above grade level on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS). The second annual Mardi Gras parade was a huge success and the Cultural Day celebration of Japan was a wonderful ending to our year. Throughout the year, what kept us grounded in who we are was our participation in the Holy Eucharist. We were blessed to attend weekly Mass and to pray together at Stations of the Cross and monthly Eucharistic Adoration. I would like to offer a word of thanks to Fr. Alex, Fr. Pat, and our faculty, and staff who work tirelessly to open the doors of opportunity for our students...opportunities of faith, virtue, and wisdom.

Laurie Gulley *Principal, St. Bede Campus*



One of my favorite quotes is “Be an opener of Doors” – attributed to Ralph Waldo Emerson.

This year at Holy Spirit our students, faculty, and staff have been door openers. Our students often opened the door of success this year; from sports to clubs to school wide activities and events the door of success was never shut at Holy Spirit. While the students garner the accolades, you and I know it takes a fully engaged and energetic community to push our children to succeed. This community starts with our parents. Holy Spirit parents were opening doors through volunteerism both in the school and the wider MCPS community. Thank you parents for be willing to assist our students, faculty,

and staff throughout the school year. The Holy Spirit faculty was also opening the door to success this year through their tireless dedication to our students. Thank you faculty!!! Finally, I would like to take a moment to thank Father Driscoll and Father McKenna for keeping our spiritual doors open throughout the school year. Attendance at weekly Mass is truly a highlight for many students, faculty, and staff. The beauty that unfolds in the Mass renews and strengthens our community bond. The esprit de corps that is on display at the Holy Spirit Campus is amazing and humbling. I know that the faculty, staff, students, and priests look forward to continuing to open news doors for our not only our MCPS community but our wider Montgomery Community.

Matthew Monson
Principal, Holy Spirit Campus



Nicholas Calandra (4th grader, St. Bede Elementary) received 1st prize in the Elementary Division at The Guitar Festival in Troy. He also received his Arrow of Light Award (The highest award in Cub Scouts) from Pack 4 and had his Crossing over Ceremony from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts, on February 3, 2015.



Montgomery Catholic Elementary Campuses Elect 2014-15 Student Council

Students at Montgomery Catholic's St. Bede and Holy Spirit Elementary campuses elected their student council representatives for the 2014-2015 school year. This year the student council at MCPS's St. Bede campus was led by **Ryan Barranco** as President, **Ethan Binns** as Vice-President, **John Russell Smith** as Secretary, **Matthew Livingston** as Chaplain, and **Cannon Bach** as Treasurer. Pictured top left is the Student Council. Front row: **Matthew Livingston, Cannon Bach, NathanManning, Nicholas Calandra, Gibson Souriya, Amy Treloar, Sophia Taylor, Audrey Trant,** and **Andrew Bosch**. Second Row: **Alana Wilkinson, Danielle Willcox, Riley Taylor, Chloe Walden, John McLennan, Ailish Gilbert, Samantha Day, McKinley Boyd, Andrew Koerner,** and **Lena Duncan**. Third Row: **Devan DeRamus, Ethan Binns, Grayson Howell, Camille Morgan, Ryan Barranco, Alanna Aiken, Deray Roberson, Alexis Meshok,** and **Samuel Rogers**.

The Holy Spirit Student Council was led by **Izabella Janush-Hernandez** as President, **Corinne Logeman** as Vice-President, **Emma Garrison** as Secretary, **Cameryn Cool** as Chaplain, and **Zach Izer** as Treasurer. Pictured Above: Holy Spirit Campus Student Council for 2014-2015. Front Row: **Max Barranco** and **Laura Thomas Zhvania**. Second Row: **Alyssa Kirk, Cameryn Cool, Corinne Logeman, Ella Newell, Jacob Miller,** and **Catherine Aaron**. Third Row: **Izabella Janush Hernandez, Emma Garrison, D.J. Carter, Cecilia Hoffpauir,** and **Zach Izer**.



Greetings from the Alumni Association! What a great honor to serve as your president of the Montgomery Catholic Alumni Association. While Montgomery Catholic has changed since I attended, the constant strive to achieve and provide the highest caliber of education to its students has remained unchanged. As many of you may have heard, we are currently in the process of revitalizing the Alumni Association. Our goal is to provide support to our beloved school through time, talent and scholarship from our members. This year the Alumni Association gave its' inaugural Dottie Azar Dean ('52) Memorial Scholarship to an outstanding senior who exemplifies leadership, scholarship, community service and commitment to her school. This year's recipient was **Carolyn Paige Barranco**. We would also like to welcome the newest members to the Montgomery Catholic Alumni Association, Congratulations to the Class of 2015!

We are currently in the thick of our membership drive and encourage you to join us in supporting Montgomery Catholic. Dues of \$25 per year should be made payable to Montgomery Catholic Alumni Association and can be mailed to P. O. Box 240842, Montgomery, Alabama 36124. Please be on the lookout for email updates and dates for upcoming socials we will be having in multiple cities around the state throughout the year. We also look forward to seeing you at Alumni Under the Tent at the Homecoming game on September 25, 2015. Please email any questions to montgomerycatholicalumni@gmail.com. **Go Knights! Laurel Crawford '02** President, Montgomery Catholic Alumni Association

CLASS OF 1952

Tom Scanlan "I am retired in Harrisonburg, Va and would welcome news from any SMOL alumni."

Class of 1958



Clark Walker was honored in June by the Montgomery Art Guild with a retrospective of his work which was on display in the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts for summer 2015.

Class of 1960

Annette Pope Dignam

"Our granddaughter, Ashley Dignam married Phil Goll on February 28, 2015, in Englewood, Florida.



Our youngest grandchild Taylor Edwards is a senior at Lemon Bay High School, Englewood, Florida. Pictured with her principal Bob Bedford.



Our grandson Brandon Dignam and his wife, Amanda, give their son, Garrett (our six-month-old great grandson), a kiss."

Class of 1962

Marguerite Smart Anderson has moved back to Birmingham!

Class of 1963

Lynn Jehle Downes retired from Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School after serving 31 years in the Business Office. She is moving to Vestavia to join her son Jeff Downes and his family.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Class of 1964

Mary Nell Pecot's father, Harold E. Pecot, Sr., passed away on August 12, 2014.

Class of 1969



Chuck Schroll is teaching astronomy at Badlands National Park in remotest South Dakota.

Class of 1971

Glen "Wade" Adams and his wife Margaret live in Friendswood, Texas where he works for Jacobs Engineering as an Engineering Specialist currently working on tests of parachute systems for NASA's Orion spacecraft. Wade holds a Masters in Aerospace Engineering from Auburn University.

Class of 1973

Greg Smith lives in North Little Rock, Arkansas, where he works as a Patient II Advocate at St. Vincent's Hospital. "Always good to keep in touch with Catholic High!"



Class of 1979



Fr. James Dean has moved to Philadelphia to explore the possibility of joining the Oratory of St. Philip Neri (a community of priests who serve the Philadelphia area).

Class of 1983



Darlene S. Davis, Janet S. Treat ('75), Myron L. Southern ('78). "We lost our father, Ralph F. Southern March 1, 2015. He worked for St. Bede Parish and school from 1979 to 1988 as their maintenance director. He and his wife Jessie were married 69 years. Our mother volunteered collecting lunch money at St. Bede's School for a number of years."

Class of 1986

Paul Landers is moving to Amarillo, Texas, this summer to take a job as a captain flying Piper Meridian, King Air 200, and Cessna Citation CJ3 aircraft. "I am enjoying flying the owners to the Masters golf tournament, The Kentucky Derby and should be in the Turks and Caicos for 8 days in July. Life is good."

Class of 1988



Sr. Mary Joseph Watkins (Jeanine Watkins) and **Fr. Den Irwin**, both of the

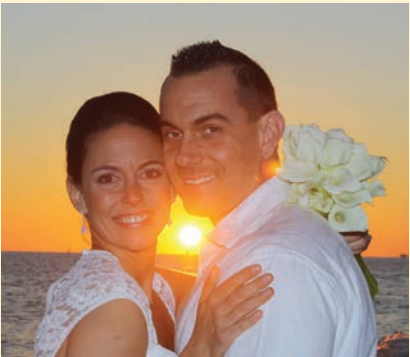
class of 1988 saw one another at SEEK 2015 in Nashville, TN this past January. SEEK is a Catholic conference for college students put on by FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students).

Class of 1991

Chris and Kathleen Cavan ('93) Lea moved to Auburn this summer with their two sons. Chris will be teaching at Auburn University's Vet School.



Juli Johnson has started a new career as a pet-groomer at Groomin' Tails in Montgomery. She donates her services to the Humane Shelter.



Congratulations to **Elizabeth McEntyre Weber** who married Cory Weber on the beach in Gulf Shores on November 19, 2014.

Alumni Association Officers

Laurel Crawford ('02)
President, Montgomery Catholic Alumni Association

Alana Hataway Barranco ('02)
Vice President

Ann Sadie Osten ('83)
Treasurer

Sharon Licari Chambless ('77)
Secretary

If you can tie your shoes... then pay your dues!

Join the alumni association and support the school that taught you how.

\$25 to Montgomery Catholic Alumni Association - P. O. Box 240842, Montgomery, AL 36124

ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni... It's Party Time! *Save the Dates*

15th. Annual PICE Golf Tournament

Friday, September 25, 2015
Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail
Prattville, Alabama
For sponsorship or team
information, contact Jerry Lopez
at 334.224.6607 or at glopez1060@
charter.net

Homecoming 2015

Friday, September 25, 2015
Knights vs. Holtville
Kick Off: 7 PM

Fourth Annual Alumni Under the Tent

All alumni and their families or
special guest are invited to join us
from 5:30 PM until start of half time
for a delicious Jim N Nicks BBQ
dinner. You don't want to miss it!
It's a great time to catch up with
friends and enjoy dinner. Last year
we welcomed more than 300 people.
We can't wait to see you! Spread the
word and don't forget to RSVP!

alingalls@montgomerycatholic.org
334.272.7221 extension 15

Monte Carlo Night

Saturday, February 13, 2015
Dolly Barranco Center (DBC) on the
Middle-High School Campus
Join us for our annual FUNdraisier,
good food, live music, and a real
good time!

For event sponsor or
ticket information,
contact Bonnie McClure at
bmclure@montgomerycatholic.org
or 334.272.7221.

Alumni After Hours

Watch your email and facebook for
time and place. Like us on Facebook
at Montgomery Catholic Alumni Page

Class of 1992



Bobby Frey and his
wife Lauren are very
excited to announce
their new adventure,
their daughter Lucy
Aselin Frey, born
January 8, 2015 at

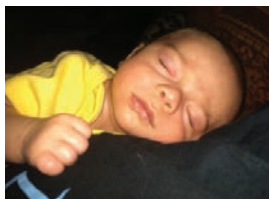
Brookwood medical center in
Homewood AL at 12:12pm. She was 7
lbs. 12 oz. and 21¾ inches long with a
FULL head of dark brown/black hair and
blue/gray eyes. They currently live in
Trussville, Alabama.

Teena Manely moved back to
Pensacola, Florida, and was engaged to
CHS alumni **James Warr III** ('96) on
March 27, 2015.

**Renee
LaBaza
Tucker**

married the
love of her
life, Eric
Tucker, on

December 7, 2013. They welcomed their
son, Sebastian LaBaza Tucker, on
February 19, 2015. He was 5 lbs. 12 oz.
Renee said, "We are so proud and
excited to have him in our lives."



Class of 1994



Brandon Bender
and his wife Tracey
added someone to
their family last
fall; Rory Matthew
Bender was born on
September 4, 2014.



Mike Wade and his wife, Laura, proudly
announce the birth of their second child,
Charles Richard Wade... all 9 lbs. 7 oz. &
22¾ inches of him! Big sister Ella loves
him so much!

Class of 1998

Jeremy Cobb is an Attorney with
Chambless Math & Carr, P.C. in
Montgomery, representing creditors
and businesses in civil litigation. Jeremy
and his wife Bonnie have two children,
Hadley (6) & John Thomas (3). They
reside in Wetumpka.



Daniel Hayden
and Lacey
Hayden
announce the
birth of their
daughter
Elizabeth "Eli"
Gray Hayden.

She was born at Northside hospital in
Atlanta Georgia on May 7th at 11:41 am
weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. and 21 inches long.



Bryan McClure
accepted a new
position with the
US Army Corps
of Engineers in
their Europe
District for a
three year
assignment in Wiesbaden, Germany. He
moved in July 2015.

Bryan also completed a 100 Mile Trail
Run at Lake Martin where he raised
close to \$10,000 for St. Jude Children's

hospital in honor of his friend Gary who
is battling cancer. He said, "I certainly
would not have finished were it not for
my incredible family and friends who
were there, cheering for me, providing
aid, and running alongside me at various
points for moral support, including
my sister, **Brittany Bradley** ('03) and
my mother, **Bonnie (Vollenweider)
McClure** ('76)."

Class of 1999

Sam and Danielle Castanza
welcomed Philip Taylor Castanza on
August 31, 2014



**Kristin Redden
Smith** and
husband, Jeff,
welcomed their
son, Greyson
March 31, 2015.

He weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. Austin (5) is a
great big brother.



Tony Ceasar
was nominated
by his employer,
Viva Health, to
be in the Class of
2015 for
Leadership UAB.
Leadership UAB
is a group of
young business

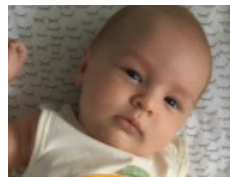
and community leaders in Birmingham
who have been selected because of their
leadership abilities and community
mindedness. The group attends
numerous events throughout the year
that highlight the many research,
medical, and entrepreneurial activities
taking place at UAB and within
Birmingham. At the conclusion of the
year, members then further their
association with UAB by serving on one
of the University's many active advisory
boards and councils.

Heather McGinn "I moved to Dallas, TX
last July to start a job with American
Airlines as a flight attendant. Aside from
the heat, I'm loving it here and make it
home to Montgomery often!"

Class of 2000

Lisa Jackson Lovelady and her
husband, Andrew announced the birth
of their third child, Emmy Claire, born
April 9, 2014. Her big sisters are Carly
Ann and Aubrey Elizabeth.

Class of 2001



Ben Reardon
and his wife Julie
had a baby boy,
Maddox
Benjamin, on
March 19, 2015.

Class of 2002



Bethany Spikings Alford and her
husband Josh welcomed their third child,
Katherine Marshall Alford on
October 7, 2014. She joins brother,
Dax (5) and sister, Charlotte (3). They
moved to Mountain Brook, Alabama, in
August 2014.

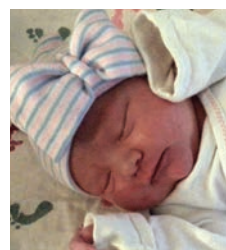


**Melissa Reilly
Dishmon** "My
husband, Chris
Dishmon and I
recently had a
precious baby
boy, Samuel Parks Dishmon, on
Wednesday, April 29th at 1:05 pm. He
was 7 lbs. 15 oz. and 20 inches long."

Class of 2003



**Robert and
Shannon
Rochester
Cash** and big
brother Luke
announce the birth of Marvin Joseph on
June 2, 2015.



**Wesley and
Brandy Tatum
Cox** and big
brother Bary
announce the
birth of Tatum
Anne on
June 8, 2015.



Elizabeth Barranco Whitaker "My
husband and I had our second child, Ava
Grace Whitaker on November 4, 2014.
And I recently started a new job at the
Montgomery Cancer Center as a RN in
April 2015."

Class of 2004



Andy Barranco and his wife Jenny
announce the birth of their son, Jacob
Andrew Barranco born in
January 14, 2015.

**Milner and Joie (Crawford)
Hanahan** announce the birth of their
daughter, Hadley Marie Hanahan born
January 15, 2014.

Class of 2006

Laura (Barranco) Feely and her
husband, Shawn announces the birth
of their daughter, Addison Jeanne Feely
who was born on February 1, 2014.

Class of 2007

Kristin Sutton has been living in
Chicago, IL for three years now
working as a Public Accountant at
PricewaterhouseCoopers. She recently
received a promotion to Senior
Associate this year and focuses on
clients in the Telecommunications
Industry. She loves Chicago as a city but
is still debating if she can weather the
winters for much longer.

Emily Younker married **Brandon Cutts**
on June 20, 2014, at Holy Spirit
Catholic Church.

Class of 2008

Whitney Barranco And Alex Taylor were
married in March 2015.

Class of 2009

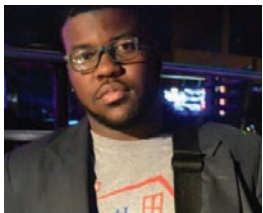


**Taylor
Belsterling**
graduated
from
Huntingdon
College in
May 2015. He
was invited by two NFL teams, the New
York Giants and the New Orleans Saints,
to attend their rookie camps as a free
agent in hopes of becoming a member of
each team! Good luck Taylor and
Go Knights!!!



Wallace Harvey
graduated
Mississippi
State University
May 17, 2014,
from College of
Architecture,
Art and Design

with a BS in Building Construction Science. Works for Hosea O Weaver & Sons, Inc., Mobile, Alabama, as a Project Manager presently on the Airbus site in Mobile, Alabama.



Julian McGuire, a Huntingdon College Class of 2015 music major, started his career as a professional musician when he played guitar with Musiq Soulchild last year and was contracted to be lead guitarist for “The Voice” alum Avery Wilson for an appearance on the Today Show on May 8, 2015.

Class of 2011



Lizzie Terino graduated in May from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Science in Pre-professional Studies. She commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy. Her brother, **John Terino** ('08), an Air Force intelligence officer, administered her Oath of Office. This summer she will report to Nuclear Power School in Charleston, South Carolina to begin training as a submarine officer.

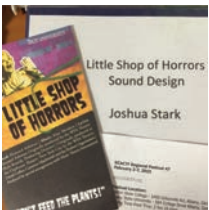
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Savannah Harvey
Attended MCPS K through 10th. Graduated Mississippi State University May 9, 2015, from College of Architecture, Art and Design with a BS in Building Construction Science. Works for Flintco Constructive Solutions, Memphis, Tennessee Division as an Office Engineer for the University of Tennessee Health Sciences project in Memphis.

Class of 2012



Josh Stark and several other fellow students from Troy University are headed to Albany, Georgia to compete for awards in the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival for the southeast region 4. Josh has been nominated for his job as Sound Design Production in the Troy Theatre Dept's presentation of "Little Shop of Horrors" back in the fall.

Class of 2013



Zach Hulcher taught physics in January to high school students in Italy through a program with MIT. Our Alum are succeeding globally.

Timothy McOmber who attends Birmingham Southern College, participated in the 2014 Montgomery Multisport Turkey Burner winning with a time of 16:40 and had a wide lead as he crossed the finish line. More than 400 runners and walkers entered the race.

Class of 2014



Sydney O'Connor was selected SSAC Softball Pitcher of the Week (April 27-May 3).

Sydney, a freshman pitcher for Mobile, earned a win and three saves to help the Rams go 4-0 and claim the SSAC Softball Championship title. She tossed 13⅓ shutout innings over the four-game span, while scattering eight hits and seven walks. She struck out 13 across her four appearances in the SSAC Softball Championship. Her win came in the form of a complete-game shutout of No. 10-ranked William Carey (Miss.)—the Rams first win against the Crusaders in 2015. O'Connor also closed out the final two games of the tournament with the tying runs in scoring position.

Class of 2015



Harry Harris participated in a summer forestry apprenticeship program at Alabama A&M University, living in the dorm, and experiencing forestry and wildlife.

Class Reunions

CLASS OF 1955

The 1955 Graduating Class of Catholic High (CHS) held its 60th Reunion on May 3rd at a lunch at the Wynlakes Golf and Country Club in Montgomery. There were 35 members of the class and eleven of these attended. Of these eleven, four started together in the first grade at St. Mary of Loretto (SML) in the little red brick Schoolhouse on Alabama and Lawrence Streets. A total of eleven in the class started with the group in the first grade at SML. Two others, both of whom attended the reunion, started with the class at SML but moved on in the tenth grade. Also attending the lunch were two members of the CHS **Class of '53** and two members of the **Class of '54**. The **Class of '55** has all stayed in touch over the years and look forward to the reunions. However, there was lots of talk about a 65th Reunion...this will be quite a challenge.

Pictured: Front row: **Nancy O'Neal Gilbreath, Eva Reeves, Alice Smith, Elaine Allen Ruppenthal**. Second row: **Joyce Richardson Cuny, Louise McGinn Arnold, Kirky Douglas**. Back row: **Myles Simpson, Wayland Dunn, Ed Melton, Ed Wheat, Jimmy Azar, Tom Brantley, Bobby Lusk, Billy McGhee**.

CLASS OF 1960

The Class of 1960's 55th Anniversary Reunion was held the weekend of May 2 - 3 at the home of Carl and Bonnie Barranco in Montgomery.

Pictured Left to Right: Bottom Row: **John Toole, Sandy Pollard Greene, Bonnie Jones Barranco, Annette Pope Dignam**. Middle Row, L to R: **Carl Barranco, Cecelia Deep Ryals, Becky Hawsey Jehle, Kathy Burns McCarville**. Top Row: **Bill Milligan, John Lobdell, Mike Irwin, Steve Jackson**.



JOHN 11:25-26

I am the
 resurrection and
 the life. He who
 believes in Me,
 though he may
 die, he shall live.
 And whoever
 lives and believes
 in Me shall
 never die.



Sister
 Jeannette
 Marie
 Donnelly SL
 April 27, 1922 -
 April 9, 2014

With love for the Sisters of Loretto, a love to help others read, and despite the opposition of her mother, Sister Jeannette requested admission to the novitiate where she received the habit and the name Sister Jeannette Marie on December 8, 1939. She made her first vows two years later and began teaching in 1942. She served many places including Alabama where she taught a total of seven years (1951-1958) in Daphne, in Mobile, and at Montgomery Catholic.

“I like to teach reading. I consider that missionary work—to teach children how to read and to love reading...When they can read, they can learn anything they want to learn, and teach others to read, and learn to help their own children... That was my mission, I think. It's what I loved the most. It means so much to me when they walk out in May or June and they can really read when they didn't know anything about reading when they came.”

In 2011 Sister Jeannette Marie Came home to Loretto Motherhouse Infirmary, whre was an active community member and continued to tutor in reading until just days before her death. Of her 72 years of religious life she said, “My memories of myself as a Sister of Loretto is of happiness and hard work, trying to do for others while living in the presence of God. I know I could return to any of the places I have taught and be welcomed and loved.”



Sarah Denton
 Parker ('50)
 September 20, 1932 -
 March 5, 2015

Sarah, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 5, 2015. She was a Montgomery native and was preceded in death by her husband, Charles D. Parker, Jr., her daughter, Meg, and her sister, Louise McKinney. She is survived by her son, Charles D. Parker III (Hayden), and her grandsons Chase and Caden Parker.



Father
 Desmond
 Regan
 January 23, 1922 -
 October 23, 2014

Father Desmond Regan, a priest of the Diocese of Birmingham, passed away at the age of 92. He is survived by his sister, Patricia Simon of Birmingham, Michigan. Father Regan served in multiple parishes and ministries in the Dioceses of Birmingham and Mobile, including the North Alabama Missions, St Theresa's in Leeds, Our Lady of Lourdes in Huffman, Holy Infant of Prague in Trussville, St Aloysius in Bessemer, St Jude's in Sylacauga, and John Carroll High School in Birmingham.

He was born in Dublin, Ireland and immigrated to Detroit, Michigan at age four. He entered seminary during the great depression in Cullman, Alabama. Benedict's Monastery welcomed him at age 15. In 1942 he graduated from St. Mary's in Baltimore, Maryland. He dreamed of one day ministering to congregations in Asia but eventually adjusted his mission territory to the southern United States.

Father Regan was appointed as the first priest principal for Montgomery Catholic High School at St. Peter parish. Among his many responsibilities and community activities, he frequently dined with a Baptist preacher – Martin Luther King, Jr. – and was involved with Rosa Parks events.

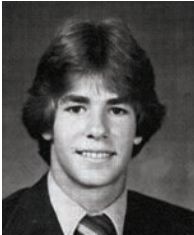
His sister, Pat, remembers her brother as a great athlete in basketball and baseball, later being recruited to play professional baseball which he did not accept. More importantly she said Father Regan was a noteworthy man of great integrity. “He was the best example of the Seal of Confession.”



Mark E. Roy
 ('75)

Mark Roy passed away October 10, 2014. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Iva Roy, brothers, Paul and Tom Roy. He is survived by brothers, Mike (Barbara) Roy and Joe (Amanda) Roy; sisters, Carolyn Roy Burch, Dorothy Roy Bryan, Margaret Roy (Ernest) Clark, and Johanna Roy. Mark is also survived by his devoted wife Martha, daughter, Jessica (William) Webb, their children Jorden, Skyler, and Calib; son, Roy (Jennifer) Pentecost and their daughter, Madison; daughter, Amanda McQueen, her children Jordyn and Peyton; son David (Anna) Pentecost and their children, Grace and Luke.

Mark will always be remembered as a wonderful son, husband, brother, father, and grandfather. He loved all his friends and family and was a passionate Alabama fan. ROLL TIDE!!!



Michael Wolke ('77)

August 30, 1959 - October 8, 2014

Michael was a resident of Montgomery and died at age 56.

He is survived by four siblings, Gerard Wolke, David Wolke, Mary Wolke Talley and Steve Wolke; by his nieces and nephews, Buddy Sullivan, Tara Wolke Jacobson, Will Webber and Dave Wolke; and by his great-nieces and nephews, Mary Ford Sullivan, Emma Jacobson, Cecelia Wolke, Will Webber III and Hannah Webber.

During high school Michael was recognized as an extraordinary athlete lettering in both football and basketball. Additionally he was well known city wide for his excellence as a tennis player, taking after his dad who was equally known in the sport.

After a paralyzing traffic accident which left Michael confined to a wheel chair, he was continually plagued with ongoing health issues. Nevertheless he became the glue that held the class of 1977 together. Long before Facebook, he was communicating with his fellow alum, keeping everyone in the loop about one another. For his Catholic friends' memories he often would record musical CDs of their high school time period and was committed to rallying his troops for every alumni event he was aware of.

Mike was lovingly admired and will long be remembered for his courage in later years to bring people together and to live his life with joy!



Dorothy “Dottie” Azar Dean ('52)

October 13, 1934 - December 22, 2014

Dottie was born to Zack and Mary

Azar, and was the 11th of 12 children. She lived in Montgomery all of her life and was married to Richard Dean, Sr. for 30 years until his death in 1989. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, as well as her siblings, Joseph Azar, Catherine Reickenback, Emma McElvy, Margaret Clark, Edward Azar, Dodie Pappanastos, Zack Azar, Jr., and Helen Boman. She is survived by her children, Richard Dean, Jr. (Laura), Father James Dean, and Barry Dean, as well as her grandchildren, Mary Elizabeth Dean, Ann Marie Dean, Cary Dean, and David Dean and brothers, George (Celeste) Azar, Tommy (Ruth) Azar and Jimmy (Linda) Azar, and many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Dottie graduated from St. Mary's of Loretto in 1952. She was a lifelong member of St. Bede Parish and worked at the City of St. Jude for over 30 years until she retired in 2004.

Dottie served on the Catholic High School and Archdiocesan School Boards, as advisor for the Student Government Association, and as a three term chair for the Alumni Association, establishing “charity Bingo” during her terms. She served wherever and whenever needed – concession stand, Seafood Dinner, baseball team, school carnivals, alumni meetings, layout editor of all sports programs, and as volunteer public relations officer. She also computerized the early mailing list.



Richard L. Wilkinson, Jr.

July 9, 1932 - April 21, 2015

At the age of 83, Richard Wilkinson passed away on

April 21, 2015. He and his wife, Jean Ruppenthal Wilkinson (class of 1950) were married for 61 years. They had four children, Ricky (Rusty), Jay (Barb), Brett (Lesley), and Becky Littrel (Ricky). They lived in Montgomery for most of their lives and are long-time members of St. Bede Catholic Church. Richard attended St. Mary of Loretto from 1940 to 1948. He and Jean both have been supporters of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School for many years.

He was the grandfather of Courtney Wilkinson Gray ('04), Kaitlyn Wilkinson ('06), Callie Wilkinson ('13), Tucker Wilkinson ('15), Brittney Wilkinson ('11), Lexie Wilkinson ('13), also grandfather of Sarah Beth Littrell (10th grade) and great-grand father of Trey Wilkinson (10th grade) and Alana Wilkinson (5th grade).

Richard proudly served in the Navy during the Korean Conflict. He returned to Montgomery after the military to complete his education. He was owner of Wetumpka Marine until his retirement in 1995. Hard work and determination characterized this strong and loving husband, father, and grandfather. His wife and children will always remember him as a “family man” who made them proud and a man who made their lives better.



Clovis H. Hitson ('69)

February 23, 1951 - April 6, 2015

Clovis H. Hitson, Jr. passed away on Easter Monday, April 6, 2015, in

Greenville, SC. He was a member of the “Good Class of 1969” playing quarterback and other positions on the Catholic High Knights foot ball team. Following graduation he went on to an early career in music, touring with CBS recording act Marshall Chapman and playing in his own bands which included the Drmls and King Tobaccolville. In his later years he was involved in both business development in the Southeast, Northeast, and the Carolinas as well as insurance brokerage, Information technology consulting, and real estate services.

He was a most beloved husband, father, brother and friend to many and is survived by his spouse, Maryellen, of 29 years, a daughter, Cameron, and son, Corey, as well as three sisters, Marsha Davis, Laura Smith, Lee Ann Arrigo, and many nieces, nephews and extended family members. He is remembered with love, joy and happy hearts.



John J. Conners ('61)

June 3, 1943 - January 4, 2015

John Conners passed away at age 71 in Jefferson,

Louisiana. He was born Montgomery and graduated from Montgomery Catholic High School and the University of Alabama in 1966. He was a proud father of four wonderful children, Stephen Conners (Kelly Trosclair), Kelly Tucker (David Tucker), Shawn Conners (Shannon Folker), and Kara Pigeon (Troy Pigeon). His grandchildren are Daniel, Katie, and Samuel Conners, Matthew and Michael Tucker, Cassie, Evan, and Jon Michael Conners, and Edwin and Vivianne Pigeon. Brother of Kathy Bohr (Steve Bohr).

Mr. Conners worked in human resources throughout his career, 30 years with Sears and Roebuck, five years with Harrah's Casino, and three years with K&B Services. He served as an Honorary Colonel for the State of Louisiana under Gov. David Treen, Chair and Member of advisory board for Xavier University of Louisiana for 25 years, a member of advisory board for Christopher Homes, Inc. for 29 years, and in an advisory capacity to the Louisiana Department of Labor for 20 years.



Matthew Jacob Wujick ('05)

Matthew passed away unexpectedly at age 28 on Thursday,

January 15, 2015. He is survived by his parents, Eileen and Tom Wujcik; his brothers, Mark and Thomas, and his grandparents, Nancy and Frank Clifford and Helen and Joe Wujcik. Matthew attended The University of Alabama and Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. He was an accomplished musician whose love for the bass guitar allowed him to play in numerous bands and venues throughout the state of Alabama. Matthew was also a songwriter who had several recordings play on music stations in the state. Matthew was a loving son and brother who provided his family great love and cherished memories. He lived a joyful life, never met a stranger, and always had his thoughts towards his devoted family and friends while keeping God at the center of his life. Matthew had a life of giving.



Christopher Julian Lyons ('99)

December 9, 1980 - March 13, 2015

Chris died suddenly on March

13, 2015, at the age of 34 and was an organ donor. Christopher was preceded in death by his grandparents, Julian and Lib Brown and Owen and Ardelle Lyons, his uncle, Mike Lyons, and his cousin, Julian R. (Trey) Brown III. He lives on in the memories and hearts of his parents, Jim and Pat, his brothers and their wives (his “sisters”) Owen and Laura, Patrick and Erica, and Andrew and Hannah, his nieces and nephew, Evelyn and Aurelia and Oliver, his 18 aunts and uncles and 29 cousins and his many, many friends, including McKay, Javan and Austin who called him “ Uncle Chris,” and his four legged, beloved children, Odin and Haley.

Christopher loved so much in life, his family, being with his friends, going to the beach, Alabama football (in his mixed Auburn/Alabama family) that it is hard to list everything. He made friends everywhere he went and turned his neighborhood into an extended family. He was proud of having recently completed his college education.



John Patrick Ronan ('84)

September 27, 1963 - January 11, 2015

John Patrick Ronan, a resident of Montgomery, died

Sunday morning January 11, 2015, at the age of 51. He is survived by his wife, Amy, and their four children, Katherine ('09), Wheeler ('12), Clay ('14), and Ethan ('17).

John attended Montgomery Catholic for twelve years and was a lifelong member of St. Bede the Venerable parish. John graduated from Auburn University in 1985 and used his degree to become a “hometown banker” for more than 30 years.

He loved participating in sports, especially basketball. Many stories were told and lasting friendships were made from the intramural basketball team in Auburn. He also loved coaching his children in all sports – Katherine in basketball and the boys in soccer. He finally realized that soccer was a real sport, not just a conditioning one until a real sport came along!

Why I Give

Recently, I got an email from Anna Lee Ingalls asking if I'd mind sharing why donating to MCPS is important to me. While not the most eloquent writer (I'm wishing I had Mr. Conway to proofread this right about now), I told Anna Lee I'd be happy to oblige, in hopes that it might spark others to make a similar commitment.

A couple of years ago, I attended an alumni event in Birmingham. It was great seeing some faces that I haven't seen in a while, as well as hearing Mrs. Ceasar and Anna Lee discuss all the exciting changes and growth at Catholic. A few days later, I reached out to Anna Lee asking about setting up a monthly pledge. For me, a small monthly pledge

was a way to show my gratitude for the education, values, and experiences I gained while attending Catholic. I truly believe that along with all other alumni, I experienced as unique and fulfilling a high school

experience as possible. Looking back, I couldn't have asked for a better setting for growing scholastically, as well as spiritually. What I learned at Catholic laid the foundation for success in college, marriage, and now fatherhood.

At first, I was reluctant to reach out because I felt as if my pledge would be insignificant. However, after thinking about it, I realized that if everybody thought this way, Catholic would lack the funds necessary for continued growth and giving future generations the gifts I'd been given. As Catholics, we are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to our own ability. The pledge we make isn't life changing for us. In fact, we hardly notice it when it comes out of our account each month. However, when combined with similar contributions made by others, it can really have a positive effect on Catholic's bottom line, as well as their ability to enrich the lives of future students and their families.

At Catholic, I gained invaluable life lessons, friendships, and an education that will benefit me for the rest of my life. Our monthly contribution is a small token of appreciation for those gifts I was given at Catholic. Knowing that our contribution helps provide similar experiences to current and future students feels good and I hope others will be motivated to do the same.

Go Knights,
Matt Spikings *Class of 2000*

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Twenty years has raised more than a million dollars to benefit Montgomery Catholic across all four campuses. Most of those funds arise from the PICE annual golf tournament which continues to be "the best in the land" as acclaimed by every golfer who participates.

Our prayers of gratitude for PICE are endless as they upgraded facilities, gave us wheels, and integrated technology into the classrooms. Take a look at just a sampling of their gifts and when you see any of the board members please take the opportunity to say, "Thank you!"

Technology/Academic Enhancements Macbooks Airs (2015), Robotics (2014), infrastructure for Apple Computer System (2012), Ipads and Ipad carts (2012), Smart Boards (2007), Computers (2006-2007)

Campus Enhancements Playground equipment for St. Bede (2015) and for Holy Spirit (2013), Dolly Barranco Center sound system,

Campus-wide Security System (2008), Contributions to Capital Campaigns for Family Life Center, Dolly Barranco Center, and to the Holy Spirit Gym, Bathroom renovation (2010), St Bede Campus renovation (2006) Teacher's Lounge renovation, Science lab and computer lab equipment,

Arts Band instruments (2008, 2015), Art Center renovation (2005), Band uniforms (2005),

Athletics Athletic lockers (2015), Athletic locker room (2013), Partnered with the City

of Montgomery in building of tennis courts at Ida Belle Young Park (2010),

StudentLife Large bus (2015), Minibus (2010), Annual Senior Success Seminar, Annual Sophomore True Colors Seminar, contributions towards speakers such as Scott Hahn, Jodee Blanco and Marie Bellet.

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BUSINESS OFFICE UPDATE AND FINANCIAL REPORT 2014-15

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School continued its focus on classroom and teacher technology, facility improvements, and debt reduction throughout fiscal year 2014-15. These initiatives will remain a focus in the coming year as our goals remain to equip our classrooms with the latest and best technology, continually maintain and improve our facilities and reduce/payoff our debt. Also, very importantly, we want to continue to enhance teacher compensation. We were able to include an overall 3% salary increase in the 2014-15 budgets and again in our 2015-16 budgets. Additionally, \$60,000 in proceeds from our 2014-15 Annual Fund campaign were committed to funding teacher enhancement and a \$25,000 incentive pool has been established for 2015-16 to assist in funding teacher education advancement.

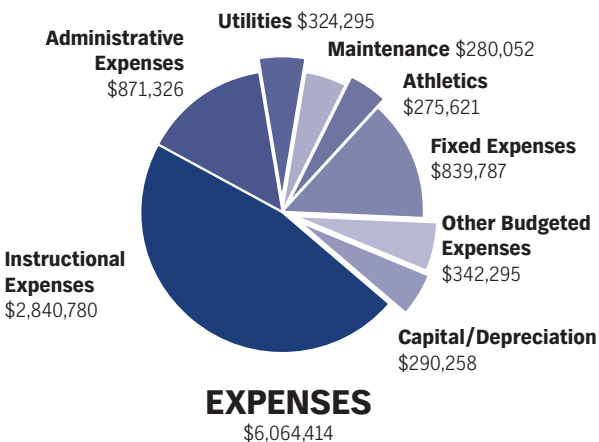
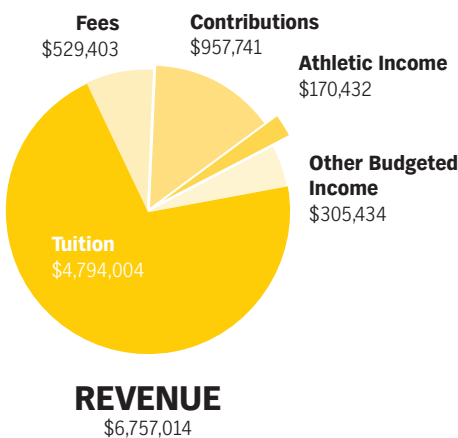
Technology Investments: We continued our One to One Laptop Initiative in 2014-15, as we equipped an additional 75 freshmen with MacBooks. We will equip our incoming Freshmen class this year (approximately 100 students), at that point having all of our high school students included in the Initiative. This total Initiative investment of approximately \$500,000 (including insurance, security and accessories) has been very well received by both students and faculty. Additionally PICE provided the funding that allowed us to provide a MacBook cart for our Holy Spirit campus.

Facility Improvements: We were able to complete several significant facility projects in 2014-15, totally over \$190,000. The projects included a new fully equipped Robotics Lab and the installation of new lockers in our fieldhouse, both funded by Partners in Catholic Education (PICE). PICE also funded the purchase of a much needed newer, more dependable school bus. Additionally, a major facilities improvement were completed, the resurfacing of our parking lot at the high school campus. Also, the St. Bede campus completed the construction of a beautiful new playground, funded primarily by a generous gift from the St. Bede Parish.

Debt Reduction: We were once again able to make a significant reduction in our long term building debt. This remains an important initiative, as our goal is to pay off the debt and better position our school for future capital projects. We began the 2014-15 school year with long term building debt of \$657,500 and were able to reduce that balance by \$459,000 to a June 30, 2015 balance of \$198,000. This current year debt reduction clearly demonstrates the commitment we have to this initiative and the strong capital support of our families and MCPS donors.

Finally, a very significant development this year was the increase in scholarship awards provided to several of our existing and new MCPS families by the Alabama Opportunity Scholarship Fund (AOSF). AOSF is a scholarship granting organization, operating under the guidelines of the Alabama Accountability Act. The annual awards range from \$5,000 to \$8,000 and we had a total of 75 students that received the awards in 2014-15. This program is allowing families to apply and if accepted, enroll at MCPS, a very positive alternative/choice they would not otherwise have.

Kim Jackson
Business Manager



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In Honor of Christopher Waring

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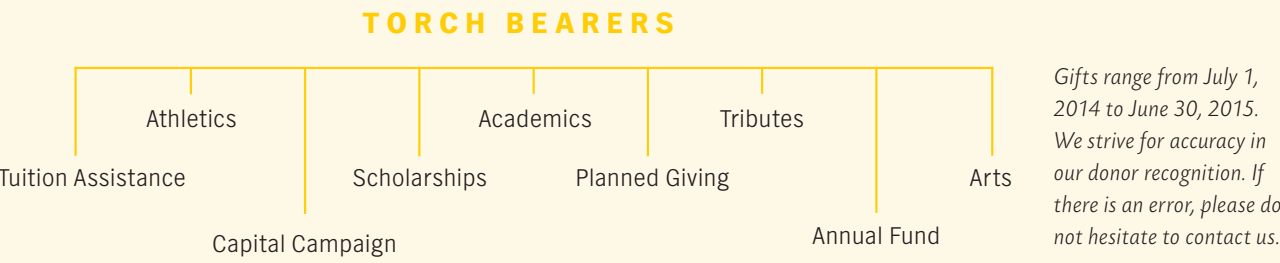
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Annual Fund*	\$81,367	\$112,136	\$75,144
Athletics	\$24,733	\$2,200	\$51,000
Tributes	\$14,446	\$9,292	\$3,128
Scholarships	\$27,702	\$94,299	\$259,481
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TOTAL	\$219,530	\$307,169	\$435,493

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Walking through the Door to Open the Next

We congratulate the 140th graduating class of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. Our graduates include a YMCA Youth Legislature Secretary of State and Director of Legislative Affairs, three athletic scholarship recipients, two Eagle Scouts, an Alabama Key Club Robert F. Lucas Award Winner, a State Record Holder in football, a Naval Academy Appointee, and an Alabama All-State Band Solo Festival Finalist. They've dedicated over 2,400 service hours to the community. The graduating class of 2015 received \$3.7 million in scholarship offers from colleges and universities across the country, including

The University of Alabama, Alabama A&M, Auburn University, AUM, Belmont University, Faulkner University, Hampton University, Huntingdon College, Mississippi Valley State University, United States Naval Academy, Ole Miss, University of North Alabama, University of North Carolina Ashville, University of South Alabama, and Troy University. Montgomery Catholic is proud to have helped open doors for the Class of 2015.



- Valedictorian: **Leo Petters**, who received an Appointment to the Naval Academy
- Salutatorian: **Ann Faulkner**, who will attend Auburn University on an academic scholarship.
- Sister Martha Belke Servant
Leader Award: **Paige Barranco**
- Leader of the Year: **Mary Janet McLaughlin**
- Ideal Graduate: **Lindsey Guin**

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