Michael ’04 and Patrick ’12 Maron (center) are joined around the monument by the families of the deceased 9/11 B.C. alumni.

BERGEN CATHOLIC NEVER FORGETS
Maron Brothers Keep The Concept of “Brotherhood” Alive
Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 25, 2012
15th Hall of Fame Dinner Reception
(Courtesy of the Alumni Association)
The Fiesta, Wood-Ridge, NJ.
Cocktail hour: 5:30 P.M.; Dinner: 6:30 P.M.
Honorees to be announced shortly!

Monday, June 11, 2012
41st Annual Brother Martin P. Burns, C.F.C. Golf Classic
Knickerbocker Country Club, Tenafly, NJ
Buffet lunch, golf with cart, dinner, and prizes.

Sunday, June 17, 2012
Alumni Lacrosse Game
(Organized by the Lacrosse Club and Lacrosse Alumni)
4:00 P.M. game at Crusader Stadium; Barbecue to follow.
Contact: Joe Haemmerle ’86 at 201.634.4141 for details and reservations.

Calling All Alumni!
Visit www.bergencatholic.org and create your user I.D. and password. Connect and “Open up” your B.C. World.

Our new website is “branded” with the BC look and feel. It combines the prior ‘school’ site and the prior ‘alumni’ site into one NEW site—still conveniently located at: http://www.bergencatholic.org. The site will be the springboard for new and exciting functionality in the months and years that lie ahead. So visit and “book-mark” the site and return often to stay connected with your school, your faculty, your friends, your teams—your BC Family! And, look for future functionality rollouts—including online class notes, polls, surveys, etc.

Everyone can click on our NEW ‘eStore’ icon and check out our initial line of “official” Bergen Catholic apparel! Browse the entire site to find many of our old standbys, like information about upcoming events, faculty, academics, athletics, student life, parents, alumni and donating.

Alumni can click on the NEW ‘Alumni Directory’ icon (now password-protected and available only to alumni)—find yourself, then go to the “My Profile” area to decide which information you want to update, etc.

Everyone can click on the ‘Donate Now’ icon to make that important investment in the future of Bergen Catholic High School.

We welcome everyone to the Bergen Catholic “Revolution!” Join us for a glorious future and become a part of making it happen. Deus Vult!
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December, 2011

Dear Friend of Bergen Catholic,

You will be receiving this edition of CRUSADER MAGAZINE at a time of celebration. We would have planned to join with family and friends to celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ and New Year 2012.

“Celebration” could be the theme of this edition of CRUSADER MAGAZINE.

We celebrate:

**What perdures:**
- in our cover story on how Bergen values pass from father to oldest son to youngest son, as seen in our enhanced 9/11 Memorial.
- in the recounting of the gatherings of the Jubilee classes.
- in the report on the alumni achievements, gatherings, and participation in Career Day.

**Academic excellence:**
- as we showcase the 2011 Graduating class and the 2012 National Merit Scholars.
- in the profile on senior Jimmy Yoon.

**Service to others:**
- by highlighting a few of the many activities our students pursue to help others by honoring those who have provided us faithful service.

All of our celebrations stem from the strong support of our parents, alumni, faculty / staff, and friends. I thank you for it.

As we continue to make Bergen Catholic a school of celebration, you have my promise that we shall do so attentive to the past, but with the view of a future full of hope.

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

Sincerely,

Br. Brian M. Walsh
President
December, 2011

Dear Friend of Bergen Catholic,

The 2011-12 school year is progressing nicely with a rhythm to the school days being established. Students are engaging in serious academic studies, participating in worthwhile clubs and community service projects, building friendships with classmates, performing well on our playing fields and deepening their individual relationships with God. The school community is certainly vibrant and enthusiastic as we head into the holidays.

At the conclusion of the 2010-11 school year, Bergen Catholic received notification that it was in receipt of full accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. This is an important recognition as The Middle States Association—Commission on Secondary Schools—notes accreditation as: “the affirmation that a school provides a quality of education that the community has a right to expect and the education world endorses. Accreditation is a means of showing confidence in a school’s performance. When the Commission on Secondary Schools accredits a school, it certifies that the school has met the prescribed qualitative standards of the Middle States Association within the terms of the school’s own stated philosophy and objectives.”

To aid the Commission in its work Bergen Catholic produced a “Self Study”, which reviewed our school in twelve standards or critical areas of school life:
• Mission
• Governance
• School Improvement Planning
• Finance
• Facilities
• School Climate and Organization
• Health and Safety
• Educational Program
• Assessment of Student Learning
• Student Services
• Student Life and Activities
• Information Resources and Technology

In addition to the review of the twelve standards, the school is required to develop objectives, which the institution will work to implement so as to bolster the strength of the school over the course of the next accreditation term, which for Bergen Catholic will end in May 2018.

The objectives for the upcoming term are as follows:
• By the academic year 2017, Bergen Catholic High School will improve student academic readiness and performance through the development of a school-wide curriculum map, which will provide for the review, assessment and alignment of the school’s curriculum.
• By the academic year 2017, students at Bergen Catholic High School will be able to embody and articulate the values of a “Bergen Catholic Man.”

Each objective has a seven-year action plan attached to it, which will enable a smooth implementation of the objectives into the scholastic program.

Similar to the Middle States process, this school year Bergen Catholic will engage in an Essential Elements Evaluation. The Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education are distinctive to Christian Brother Schools. The process will allow the school community to reflect on how well it understands, implements and models aspects of the seven elements:
I. Evangelize youth within the mission of the church.
II. Proclaim and witness to Catholic identity.
III. Stand in solidarity with those marginalized by poverty and injustice.
IV. Foster and invigorate a community of faith.
V. Celebrate the value and dignity of each person and nurture the development of the whole person.
VI. Collaborate and share responsibility for the mission.
VII. Pursue excellence in all endeavors.

Over the coming few months, another “Self Study” will be produced, as well as the crafting of two-three objectives, which will be implemented into the scholastic program during the course of the next five school years. In
Three words are synonymous with Bergen Catholic High School: Honor. Drive. Respect. These three words are embodied in the 9/11 Memorial outside B.C. The Memorial, constructed in the semi-circle in front of Bergen Catholic eight years ago by Michael Maron ’04 and now renovated by his brother, Patrick ’12, this past year, is a tribute to the fallen, including eight B.C. alumni, on September 11, 2001.

During his speech at the dedication for the first form of the memorial, Michael Maron fittingly described what it meant to be a member of the Bergen Catholic community, and to be a member of an organization that eclipses the common high school experience. “Since I was very young, I heard my father, uncles, and neighbors, all of whom were alumni of the school, often speak about Bergen Catholic, and I could always tell that it had a strong impact on their lives,” remarked Maron back in the fall of 2003. “In my time here, I’ve come to realize that Bergen is more than just academics and athletics. It’s about relationships, leadership, and commitment to values in our lives. While I never met or knew the eight alumni lost in this tragedy, I could still feel a relationship and a great loss of my brothers.”

The message of the memorial built by Michael lives on via his brother Patrick’s Eagle Scout Project. Patrick’s project renovated the memorial in grand fashion by installing a waterfall, permanent lighting fixtures, and a fragment of the World Trade Center (donated by Holy Name Medical Center), which was placed atop a granite memorial with the names and graduating classes of the B.C. victims located in the center of a gravel patio.

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BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL’S PATRICK MARON ‘12 (LEFT) GETS SOME LAST-MINUTE ADVICE FROM HIS FATHER, MIKE ’77.
By renovating the memorial, Patrick has honored his fallen brothers, shown an unparalleled drive to complete his Eagle Scout Project, and shown his respect for members of the Bergen Catholic community. The renovation of the memorial was not a duty, but a learning experience for Patrick, as well. “I have come to accept that these traits (joy, pride, frustration, doubt) do not only apply to young students, but adults often are impacted by the same positive and negative forces,” states the popular B.C. senior. “I can only conclude it is a part of life that all of us must constantly work to improve.” Through the renovation of the memorial, Patrick has shown that members of the Bergen Catholic community exhibit honor, drive, and respect.

Strategically placed between the American flag and the cross that adorns the face of the entrance to B.C., the memorial embodies the faith and pride of Bergen Catholic. By constructing and renovating the memorial, the Maron family, as well as the Bergen Catholic community, remembered and honored the lives of their brothers and loved ones. Even though they have fallen, the B.C. victims of September 11, 2001 will never be forgotten:

- Martin P. Wohlfarth ’72
- Steven F. Schlag ’78
- Domenick N. Mircovich ’79
- John P. Bocchi ’81
- James “Andy” O’Grady ’87
- Christopher J. Vialonga ’89
- Robert A. Zampieri ’89
- Marc A. Murolo ’91

Merriam Webster aptly defines a memorial as an object serving to conserve remembrance. By erecting and renovating this monument, the Maron family has enabled Bergen Catholic students—past, present, and future—to remember and honor the members of the B.C. community who passed on that tragic day. Through the creation of this monument, we as a Bergen Catholic community can preserve our memories—both good and bad—of that fateful day, especially the memories of our loved ones.

Michael Maron and his brother, Patrick, have shown—not only to the Bergen Catholic community, but to all—what it truly means to be a member of a brotherhood. Patrick’s words
at the dedication ceremony rang true in the hearts of everyone present: "My time at Bergen Catholic and my advancement through scouting since the fifth grade can be considered incredible educational journeys. Like so many, they are mixed with moments of joy, enthusiasm, pride, and accomplishment, but also times of frustration, dejection, uncertainty and doubt." He emphasized the fact that all people go through hardships and that they continue with whatever tasks that are set before them, both difficult and routine. Michael, and now Patrick, have done just that.

For his Eagle Scout Project, Patrick raised about $11,000 through an extensive letter-writing campaign to alumni, current, and incoming students, and those donations are a true testament to the Brotherhood of Bergen Catholic. By donating time, money, and expertise, or even encouraging words, the Bergen Catholic community made this memorial possible.

Patrick was up to the task. Using landscaping skills that were honed by his summer employment with River Dell Landscaping, Patrick was able to renovate the memorial and create a beautiful symbol of remembrance for all. When asked about the difficulty of renovating the memorial, Patrick stated that, “The hardest part about renovating the memorial was digging the trench, an important part of the memorial.” The memorial has the ability to hold a staggering 1,000 gallons of water.

This memorial was not constructed on sheer respect and feelings of remembrance. Various businesses coupled with the support of his family enabled Patrick to complete the memorial. Several companies donated both equipment and
their time to help Patrick and his Eagle Scout troop with the project, prompting the B.C. senior to say that “...they deserve more recognition than they will ever receive!”:

- Liquid Designz
- River Dell Landscaping
- Cal’s Excavating
- Cam Electric
- Koch Monuments

Patrick’s renovations coincided with the 10th anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001, and a memorial service was held on Sunday, September 25 to pay respects to those who lost their lives and their families, as well as to honor the renovated memorial. The memorial represents not only the fallen, but the life that will come from the rebuilding of Ground Zero. Members of the Bocchi, O’Grady, Schlag, Vialonga, and Zampieri families were on hand to hear Patrick’s words of encouragement and thanks: “I pray that you have found peace and approve of our efforts here to recognize your family members.

“I chose to add a water feature to my older brother Michael’s original project because, after ten years, I thought we needed to be reminded about the positives of life, and
water is a symbol of life,” stated Patrick. “Water tells us that life will go on. The two water spouts represent the two towers, backed by a never-ending flow of water. This represents that life will always continue to flow.

“Tragedy does not have to end with tragedy; it can give life to something better,” says Patrick. The memorial stands as a reminder for anyone—both alumni and others—that the United States of America and all Americans were not defeated on September 11, 2001, but that the bond between us was strengthened.

By creating and renovating the memorial, Michael and Patrick Maron have shown what it truly means to be a member of the Bergen Catholic community. The memorial is not only a symbol reminding us of that fateful date, but it is also a symbol of the bond between the Bergen Catholic community, exemplifying what it means to be a part of a Brotherhood. The memorial embodies the phrase, “We will never forget.” Quite the opposite, we will always remember.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Stephen Jakubiec ‘12 is a writer for The Herald, was recently inducted into the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society, participated in the Crusader Mission Trip to Peru, and was a member of the Chess Club.

Bergen Catholic chaplain Rev. Antonio “Father Tony” Ricarte blesses the monument.

Patrick Maron ’12 displays the additions to the monument.
Msgr. Robert Sheeran, the former President of Seton Hall University, became the Director of Mission and Ministry of Marin Catholic High School in Kentfield, CA after a year-long sabbatical in Israel and the Middle East.

Thomas Wilson retired from his post as Director of Health and Human Services of Waukesha County, Wisconsin in July 2009. He has continued to work as a consulting psychiatrist for the agency three days a week. A worldwide traveler, Tom has achieved his goal of visiting more than 100 countries.

Class of 1967

Christopher Lowther received the Peter Bourne Award from the Australian and New Zealand College of Skin Cancer for earning the highest grade in the Fellowship examination. He was the first American admitted to Fellowship at that school. Chris practices skin cancer surgery and dermatology in Cody, WY.

Class of 1969

Terry Bottinelli was unanimously voted (37-0) by the New Jersey Senate on his nomination to the NJ Superior Court on June 9, 2011. Terry’s wife, Maria, pressed the voting button of Sen. Jim Whelan, D-Atlantic, as their sons, Paul ’03 and Michael ’09, looked on (above). Terry was sworn in as a Superior Court Judge in Bergen County on June 24, 2011.

Class of 1973

Michael DeVita became a critical care physician and was at the University of Pittsburgh from 1988 to 2010. While at Pitt, he was a Professor of Critical Care Medicine and Internal Medicine. The work that Michael did at Pitt led many hospitals to adopt the use of rapid response systems, which is now a U.S. standard of care. Michael authored two textbooks (“Medical Emergency Teams” and “Textbook of Rapid Response Systems”) and has written almost 100 peer-reviewed articles. He was awarded the Society of Critical Care Medicine’s highest honor in January 2011, the Asmund Laerdal Award, given for contribution to resuscitation research. Michael and his wife, Sandra, have resided in Connecticut since 2010 and are the parents of four children (Elizabeth, Chris, Tim, and Annaliese).

Class of 1977

The mailman is always credited with “coming through” in all types of circumstances and weather—and the same can be said for loyal alumnus John Amoratis when it comes to serving as the gracious host of many B.C. events. In addition to providing a first-class venue for so many of B.C. reunions and other major events (such as the Annual Football Social, which was a resounding success this year) at the Bacari Grill in Washington Township, Amoratis “came through in the clutch” on September 16 when he generously hosted a telecast of the B.C. football team’s game in Florida against Plant H.S., giving scores of school staff members and loyal alumni the chance to see the game and enjoy an endless stream of refreshments. Thanks again, John, for all that you do for the school!

Class of 1980

Philip Inglima was one of five recipients of the Georgetown University Alumni Association’s John Carroll Award. Recipients of this award have distinguished themselves through lifetime achievement and outstanding service to Georgetown. Phil has served on the Georgetown Board of Regents and as President of its Alumni Association, and is also a member of its Board of Directors. He is currently an adjunct professor of white collar criminal law at the Law Center, and continues to serve as a permanent member of the Georgetown Alumni Senate. Phil practices law as a partner with international law firm, Crowell & Moring, where he specializes in white collar criminal defense. He has been recognized as a leading attorney in his field by major peer review publications. Phil resides in Washington, DC with his wife, Elizabeth, and their children Joseph, Rosalia, and Paulina.

Class of 1981

Jeffrey Onorato received an Honorable Mention award at the 2011 Hollywood Book Festival. His novel, “The SIN of Addison Hall,” is published by Bryant Park Press.

Class of 1988

Justin Lepone and his wife, Erin, are proud to announce the birth of Luke Christopher Lepone on October 18, 2011. Luke weighed in at seven pounds, 11 ounces.

Greg Tramontozzi has recently changed jobs. He is now working for the Passaic Valley Sewer Commission as general counsel. He and his wife, Tierney, welcomed their fifth son, Timothy Jack, on June 13, 2011 to join proud brothers Michael (10), Joseph (4), Charlie (2), and William (1).
Class of 1990

Chris Saingas and his wife, Mynette, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Eva Sophia, on September 25, 2011. Eva weighed six pounds, 13 ounces. The proud grandmother is B.C. Office Manager Joan Saingas.

Class of 1991

James Galleshaw has been named to the “Irish Legal 100.” The “Irish Legal 100” is an annual list created by the Irish Voice newspaper to honor the Irish in the legal profession internationally. Hundreds of candidates are nominated each year for their dedication and superior achievements in the legal profession. All are dedicated to their Irish heritage.

Class of 1993

Mark Garofalow is proud to announce the birth of a future hockey player. He and his wife, Leigh, along with big sister, Abby, welcomed William Nicholas Garofalow on September 9, 2011. The proud uncles are Matt ’97 and Dave ’99 Garofalow.

Class of 1994

Mark Bisanzo recently received a diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene from the Gorgas Institute in Lima, Peru after several months of study there (as well as trips to the Amazon and Andes). Upon his return to the states, his wife, Sheila, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Maeve Patricia. Dr. Mark has accepted a position at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester, where he is an assistant professor of emergency medicine, an ER trauma specialist, and an integral part of its International Medicine Group. Mark, Sheila, and Maeve now reside in Natick, MA.

Robert McLaughlin was ordained to the priesthood in May 2011. He has been assigned to St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Cedar Grove, NJ, where the pastor is Msgr. Robert Slipe ’65.

Class of 1999

Mike Parente and his wife, Sandra, as well as three-year-old Christian, are doubly proud of the recent additions to the family. Evan Alexander and Justin Lucas were born one minute apart on October 2, 2011, and will be in the B.C. Class of 2029.

Class of 2000

Mark Bott married Jessica Lisoski in August, 2011. The couple was engaged on the Brooklyn Bridge.

Joe Sasanuma was recently transferred to Tokyo, Japan by his law firm. Joe had been with Shearman & Sterling in the New York office for three years.

Class of 2003

Kevin Clerk is engaged to Susan Meyers. They will marry on December 20, 2011. Kevin started his medical residency at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in June.

Class of 2004

Michael Bohlin reported that he is now living in Pamplona, Spain.

Class of 2009

Michael Carney was awarded a scholarship by Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is a student at Villanova University.

Class of 2010

Zack Daly, a sophomore at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT, was one of two dozen Knights of Columbus collegians chosen to travel to Spain for World Youth Day this past August. World Youth Day is a meeting of young people from all over the world who gather around the Vicar of Christ, Pope Benedict XVI. Zack traveled to Zaragoza (Baslica of Our Lady of the Pillar), Manresa (St. Ignatius of Loyola), Montserrat (Benedictine Monastery), Borges (medical capital), and Capetuega (the birthplace of St. Dominic) before returning to Madrid, where he served as a pilgrim-volunteer at the Love and Life Center in support of Pope Benedict XVI’s visit.
On October 15, 2011, the Class of 1971 held its 40-Year Reunion celebration. Earlier in the day, members of the class returned to Crusader Stadium to watch the future alums defeat perennial rival, St. Joseph Regional. In the evening, a group of 40 alumni and guests attended a cocktail hour and buffet dinner at the Bacari Grill in Washington Township, NJ. Current B.C. President, and a former teacher to many of us, Br. Brian Walsh, C.F.C. welcomed the familiar faces and updated the class on what’s happening at B.C. today—a much different place than it was in 1967–’71. Given today’s standards, most of us would not get in!

Following a superb buffet dinner, most of the classmates took advantage of an open microphone to share “fond” memories of their time at B.C. Particularly hilarious was Bob Egan’s story about an incident on the Fort Lee bus, Cliff Ramundo’s recounting of the “Polar chocolate rebellion,” and Jim Orlando’s impersonations of Brother Smith, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Sanchez, and others.

A recurring theme was the gratitude all felt for the role B.C. played, and continues to play, in their personal and professional development. Despite not having seen each other for many years, (in a few cases, 40!), it was apparent that the camaraderie and friendship we share has transcended time and space and is as strong today as it was 40 years ago. Had we thought of it in advance, long distance traveler awards would have been presented to: Mark Wilson (Amsterdam)—first prize, John Likely (San Francisco)—second prize, and Rich Wobbekind (Boulder)—third prize, with “Honorable Mentions” to Bob Orf (Tampa), Bob Egan (St. Louis), Chris Calligan (Indianapolis), Frank McGoff and Ed Hart (Rhode Island), and John Devlin (a sailboat somewhere in the Chesapeake!).

Everyone had a wonderful time and was already talking about the next reunion before the night was over. Although the celebration officially concluded at 11:00 P.M., many continued to reminisce at the bar until well past midnight. The parking lot attendants finally gave up waiting and just left the car keys on the bar for the last of the revelers to sort out for themselves. Ralph Mastrangelo, who arrived in a Ford, was last seen driving away in a new Mercedes!

Pictures of the reunion are posted on Facebook and at YahooGroups—just search Bergen Catholic Class of ’71 to find them. And thanks to the few wives that patiently suffered through the night. Your husbands are lucky to have you—especially as their designated driver for the evening!

Special thanks to Marge Millus for putting the reunion together. It would not have happened but for Marge’s efforts. Hopefully, with the grace of God, we will see you all again in 2016, if not sooner. Best wishes to all for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

—Jerry Frech ’71
The Bergen Catholic Class of 1986 celebrated its 25th reunion on November 5, 2011 at the B.C. Alumni Association Headquarters, occasionally referred to as Bacari Grill. Over 50 classmates and guests heard current B.C. President Br. Brian Walsh, C.F.C. give an update on the school and offer a class blessing.

Mike Schimmenti lost no time from his June ’86 Valedictorian speech to take the floor once again and emcee the night’s proceedings, and acknowledged three classmates who now have sons at Bergen—Mike Carolan, Joe Niece, and B.C.’s own faculty member, Joe Haemmerle. A moment of silence was offered for our one deceased classmate, Keith Potter, who we lost as sophomores. Despite our best efforts, the other 245 of us are still here. Deus Vult!

Also honored in person were faculty members John Puzio and Francesca Tambone-Puzio, as well as Joan and Scott Gismond. Both men were in their twenties when they taught the Class of ’86. As the wine flowed, so did the “open mic” speeches as some classmates shared wonderful memories of “JUG” with the group, as well as the lifetime friendships they made and still have with the terrific bunch of guys from the Class of ’86. A 50/50 raffle to support a class gift was organized by Angelo Pira and won by Brian Mitchell. Also assisting in the night’s efforts were Tim Hiel, Darren Hugo, Brian Hughes, Joe Rogovich, and Dan Kelly, who provided the ‘80s hits music to accompany Angelo’s slide show.

—Brian Hughes ‘86 and Dan Kelly ‘86
Class of 1991 20-Year Reunion – Saturday, September 24, 2011

On Saturday, September 24, 2011, B.C.’s Class of 1991 celebrated the 20-year anniversary of its graduation. The festivities started before noon at the B.C. Library, where more than a dozen alumni and their families met for an informal picnic. Shortly thereafter, the attendees moved to Crusader Stadium to enjoy the B.C. football team’s defeat of Teaneck.

Later that evening, the alumni gathered once again, this time at Bacari Grill in Washington Township for dinner and drinks. A party of 50, including 30 alumni, listened to Br. Brian Walsh’s short but powerful remarks and then spent time reminiscing among themselves and with B.C. faculty members Mr. Gerry Goldee and Mr. Scott Gismond. The major discovery of the night? That just about everyone—including Mr. Goldee and Mr. Gismond—look exactly the same as they did 20 years ago!

The alumni were so inspired about their reunion that they raised enough contributions to make a class gift: a leaf on the Tree of Life. Many thanks to Marge Millus and to the Reunion Committee, whose work made this wonderful day and night possible.

—J.R. Meloro ’91

Class of 1996 15-Year Reunion – Saturday, October 15, 2011

On October 15, 2011, the Class of 1996 held its 15-Year Reunion at the Bacari Grill in Washington Township, NJ. Earlier in the day, a group of the ’96 alumni watched B.C. dominate St. Joe’s at Crusader Stadium. The pre-game event in the library produced an overabundance of laughter and memories, which set the tone for a great event later that night. The vast stories of faculty and friends produced a tremendous amount of hilarity and an unwavering gratitude for B.C. The Class of ’96 is on the path to great success and all embrace the major role our time at B.C. played in making us who we are today and who we will be tomorrow.

Special guest B.C. President Br. Brian Walsh, C.F.C. took some time to convey the challenges and opportunities B.C. is encountering, and was even initiated a “Q&A” session that was welcomed by all. The ’96 celebration at Bacari Grill was set to conclude at 11:00 P.M., but continued at the main bar where the Class of 1971 was gathering to finish their night as well. Everyone had a great time and is looking forward to future events.

Marge Millus, Director of Alumni Relations, deserves a thousand “Thank You’s” for all of her efforts: coordinating the event, taking care of the menu decisions, and printing our name tags which included a picture of our ’96 graduation photo! Lastly, “thank you” to the Reunion Committee for all of your help…we’ll see you at our 20th!

—Christian Sees ’96
Alumni Golf Outing – Wednesday, September 28th, 2011 at Hackensack Golf Club

Forty-two golfers participated in this event, held for the first time at the Hackensack Golf Club.

Congratulations to our winners:

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(L to R): Gerry Di Fiore ’77, Mike Maron ’77, and Mike Haviland ’78.

(L to R): Noel Janson ’68, Mike Janson ’65, Steve Janson ’71, and Jesse Janson ’99.

(L to R): Don Keating ’85, Michael Keating ’78, Bill DeGasperis ’75, and John Corcoran ’75.

(L to R): John Daniello ’91, Zeke Rodgers ’92, Ben Tonon ’93, and Phil Reicherz ’91.

DEUS VULT!
B.C. Visits Florida – September 15-18, 2011

Bergen Catholic football stars—past and present—came together in Florida in September when the B.C. football team traveled to the “Sunshine State” to meet Tampa powerhouse Plant H.S. Prominent Crusaders’ football alumni were also on hand that weekend at Sun Life Stadium in Miami, where the Miami Dolphins (and Special Teams Coordinator Darren Rizzi ’88) hosted the Houston Texans, led by former “NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year” Brian Cushing ’05.
On Saturday, October 15, 2011, thirteen members of the Class of 1966 returned to campus to honor and thank their head coach, Keith Krayer. This class, represented by many of the seniors on the 1965 team, was the first-ever undefeated, untied state championship football team in the school’s history. Keith was also a recent inductee in the Bergen Catholic Alumni Association’s Hall of Fame in March 2010.

In honor of their coach, the 21 senior members of that team collaborated in the creation of the “Keith Krayer Football Financial Aid Fund,” which will be utilized to support football players whose families apply, and are deemed eligible, for financial aid through the school’s formal, established financial aid process.

A plaque was created and unveiled at the school’s Major Donor Wall, located at the entrance of the B.C. Library, to commemorate the generosity of the group and to honor Keith in a lasting, visible way. The 1965 team members, coach, and families then proceeded to Crusader Stadium, meeting the current head coach, Nunzio Campanile, along the way.

During halftime ceremonies, the team celebrated its return to campus in a visible way by being recognized at midfield, as the public address announcer provided highlights of some of the team’s stellar players and accomplishments. The crowd was informed of the generosity of the group and the significant reason for their return to campus.

As the team left the field, it met with B.C. Principal Tim McElhinney and Athletic Director Jack McGovern ’76, each of whom thanked the players for their legacy and their collective generosity. Later that evening, the celebration continued with dinner at a local hotel as the stories of glory were recounted, and possibly embellished, for everyone to hear and to enjoy!

Welcome home, Class of 1966 football team, and thanks for all you do for your alma mater and for the coach of whom you are so grateful! As your plaque proclaims: “The Krayer Fund has been established...to mark 45 years of respect and friendship”—for each other and for Keith Krayer! Deus Vult!
They came from Alaska, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Florida, New York, Kentucky, Delaware, and California. They came carrying credentials as doctors, lawyers, owners of companies, salesmen, dentists, priests, accountants, law enforcement, restaurateurs, government bureaucrats, stockbrokers, teachers, and professors.

Sixty-five years and older, they survived the Vietnam War, as well as the economy and the onslaught of arthritis and necessary prosthetic devices in. Forty-one Bergen Catholic graduates of the Class of 1961 who still remember the declension of the Latin verb—“TO BE,” [SUM - ES - EST - SUMMUS -ESTIS - SUNT]—returned to Oradell, NJ on the Reunion weekend of September 23-24, 2011.

After being rained out of the much-anticipated golf outing at Hackensack Golf Club, the depressed-but-not-defeated golfers had a great lunch and dinner combo hosted by the irrepressible Pete Feniello ’60. (Golfers are very flexible!)

Next up was the powerhouse Crusaders’ football team in a display of skill, beating Teaneck, 62-12. We were able to slip away from the carnage and take a tour of the well-preserved Halls of Bergen, ably hosted by Timothy Paul Shaker ’13 and B.C. faculty member Joe Charles ’02. Ah, the memories that linger in those classrooms and labs—some pleasant, some painful!

A celebration of Mass soon followed in the McKenna-Lawrence Chapel, concelebrated by Reverend Ed Keel ’61 and Father Bob Stagg ’67. Brother Thomas Gilchrist, C.F.C., was the server. Father Stagg gave the homily, and the names of the 26 deceased members of the Class of ’61 were read. After Mass, Brother Brian Walsh, C.F.C., presented us with a Golden Diploma as a token of our second graduation. A rousing chorus of “LEAD ON BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH” was the final “hymn” of the celebration.
Music from our teenage memories—“Earth Angel”... “Tonight, Tonight”... “In the Still of the Night”—reminded us of our CYO dances and the girls we used to know. It wasn’t all-study and no-fun at B.C. back then.

Joining us for the evening celebration at the Bacari Grill were Brother J.B. Walsh, C.F.C., Brother Gilchrist, and Coach Jim Sok. The night was filled with renewed promises to stay in touch and the recounting of the days when the teachers ruled the classroom—we had some great stories to tell. We were treated to a half-hour comedy routine by The Record columnist Bill Ervolino that had everyone laughing.

We can’t say enough about the effort and the attention to detail, including hundreds of e-mails that Marge Millus, Director of Alumni Relations, put into the event to make it a very special time.

Thanks to Joe Charles ’02 for the yearbook DVD, and again to Marge for the Golden Diploma, alumni survey booklet, and yes, even the B.C. baseball caps, which all serve to round out a great night! We were privileged to attend a great school at a wonderful time in our lives. Let’s keep that spirit alive!

—Ted Noble ’61
The 40th Brother Burns Annual Golf Classic took place at Knickerbocker Country Club in Tenafly, NJ. After a great day of competition, fun, and comradeship, the golfers enjoyed a sumptuous dinner that included an awards ceremony that honored the numerous contributions of Mike Marcon ’82 and Dave Repetto AP ’11 to Bergen Catholic High School.

Honorees
(Recipients of the Brother Martin P. Burns Award)
Mike Marcon ’82
Dave Repetto, AP ’11

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Brendan ’13

2011 Committee members (L to R): B.C. Principal Tim McElhinney, former President Br. Lawrence T. Murphy, C.F.C, and Athletic Director Jack McGovern ’76.

Honoree Dave Repetto (standing, far right) with family and friends.
Br. Burns Golf Outing sponsors (L to R): Brian Gallagher ’74 of BD, Al Hayward, Steven Scioscia, Kevin Lynch ’64, Mike Maron ’77 of Holy Name Medical Center, Dave Repetto, Mike Marcon ’82 of Equity Risk Partners, and Mike Brown of PSE&G.

Honoree Mike Marcon ’82 (sitting, far right) and family.

WINNERS

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Bergen Catholic’s fifty-third graduation ceremony took place on June 5, 2011 at the Felician College auditorium in Lodi, NJ. Brother Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C., President of Bergen Catholic, and Mr. Tim McElhinney, Principal, presided over the ceremony, which was attended by more than 1,500 people. Two members of the Class of 2011, Marc Henry Teitelbaum and Carl Edsel Romanos, spoke during the ceremony.

The Class of 2011 consisted of 183 students from 61 towns in five Counties, bringing B.C.’s all-time total of graduates to more than 11,200 students. Seventy-four percent of this year’s senior class (135 students) earned a total of more than $23.5 million in scholarships and grants (the highest total ever at the school).

**AWARDS & HONORS**

Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice Award – “First in Merit”
Brian James McNeely

Br. Alfred X. Keane, C.F.C. Award – “Second in Merit”
Ryan John Dikdan

Br. Patrick A. Gleeson, C.F.C. Award – Religious Education
Henri S. Estanbouli

Br. James H. Vaughan, C.F.C. Award – English
Conor Toohey Lloyd

Br. Jerome A. Shannon, C.F.C. Award – History
Carl Edsel Romanos

Br. Edward T. Lopez, C.F.C. Award – Physics
Jin Hoon Bang

Br. Francis K. Fish, C.F.C. Award – Chemistry
Alexander James Hart

Br. William M. Stoldt, C.F.C. Award – Biology
Jong Woo Kim

Br. Matthew D. Sinnott, C.F.C. Award – Calculus
Justin Frank Patri

Br. Joseph M. Clark, C.F.C. Award – Mathematics
Jaewoo An

Br. Joseph S. Smith, C.F.C. Award – French
Spencer Robert Kulcsar

Br. Patrick S. Moffett, C.F.C. Award – Italian
John Arthur Daniels

Br. Michael H. Bradley, C.F.C. Award – Spanish
Justin Tyler Fernandez

Br. Arthur A. Loftus, C.F.C. Award – Latin
Mark Jayson Marsella

Br. J. Anthony Reynolds, C.F.C. Award – Art
Andrew Anthony Villanueva

Br. Ken Grondin, C.F.C. Award – Music
Anthony Eric Graziani

Br. Richard L. Connolly, C.F.C. Award – Computer Science
Michael Christopher Beron

The John Courtney Award – Christian Service
David Alexander DeLeon

The Victor Liggio Award – Outstanding Scholar-Athlete
Tobias Emil Schwartz

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The Bergen Catholic Class of 2011 contained 12 graduates whose fathers are also alumni of B.C., bringing the school’s father/son grand total to 283 pairs. In addition, for the first time ever, the graduating class contained a grandson (two, in fact) of a B.C. alumnus. Here are the father/son pairings with the 2011 graduates standing in the middle row and their respective fathers (with their graduation years) standing one row above each of them. The grandfather/grandson pairings in the first row, along with B.C. Administrators. (Top and middle rows, L to R): Mark and David ’80 Miller, John and Brian ’74 Gallagher, Martin and Michael ’82 Scheuring, Joseph and Frank ’79 Bizza, Ian and Gerard ’77 Difiore, Kenneth and Kenneth ’78 Lenoci, Thomas and Thomas ’82 Meloro, James and James ’71 Orlando, John J. and John H. ’79 Westermann, James and Gregory ’76 Ryan, Kevin and Timothy ’77 McAndrew, and Patrick and Dennis ’70 Bohlin. (Front row, L to R): George Cowen ’62 and grandson John Daniels, Br. Thomas E. Guihen, C.F.C. (Moderator – Bergen Catholic Alumni Association), B.C. Principal Mr. Tim McElhinney, and grandson Michael Beron and Frank Ritz ’60.
TOP 25 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING

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GRADUATING CLASS COMPARISONS

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* Does NOT include financial aid awarded.
† As of 2010-11, now known as “Nj Stars” (includes Bloustein and Garden State Scholars).

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS

The Br. Eugene D. McKenna, C.F.C. – Alumni Scholarship
(Funded by The Bergen Catholic Alumni Association)
Brian James McNeely

The Br. Peter L. Lawrence, C.F.C. – Alumni Scholarship
(Funded by The Bergen Catholic Alumni Association)
Thomas Edward Meloro

The Br. John L. Gilchrist, C.F.C. – Alumni Scholarship
(Funded by The Bergen Catholic Alumni Association)
Patrick James Bohlin
FACULTY SERVICE AWARDS

2011 Bene Merenti Award
(Thirty years of service to Bergen Catholic High School)
Mr. James Horner ’64

2011 Pro Operis Awards
(Twenty years of service to Bergen Catholic High School)
Mr. Rickey Ferriola
Mr. Joseph Haemmerle ’86

SAVE THE DATE!
Wednesday, April 25, 2012

FAILING TO PLAN IS LIKE PLANNING TO FAIL!

Bergen Catholic will host its second Estate Planning Seminar in April 2012! Come and meet our presenter, noted author, TV personality, and co-founder of the Institute for Family Wealth Counseling, Sal Salvo, and our President, Br. Brian Walsh, while enjoying the camaraderie of other Bergen Catholic family members on this important evening at Bacari Grill, Washington Township, NJ.

The evening includes a cocktail hour, followed by Sal’s presentation, followed by a buffet dinner. Open to singles and couples, age 55 and older.

The seminar is free, but it is also priceless! Learn all that you can to take back to your financial planner and your wills, estates, and trust attorney, so that you can be better informed about this important, yet complex, topic. Since it is often true that the wife will outlive the husband, bringing your wife with you will spur you on to take action in developing or updating your estate plan. Do it for her—do it for your children, too.

There is an old saying in the estate planning world that every family should consider—failing to plan is like planning to fail. The Bergen Catholic family is an educated group and knows that it must take the time to plan. You can take the first step by learning the basics at our seminar.

RESERVE YOUR PLACE AT THE TABLE BY TAKING ACTION NOW. The evening will be limited to the first 50 families that register. Simply call or e-mail Joe Branciforte at 201.634.4140 or JBRANCIFORTE@BERGENCATHOLIC.ORG. Remember—if never begun, never achieved! Begin with us on April 25, 2012!
Would you like to honor or memorialize a loved one or friend? Or, a special occasion? If so, a brick in Crusader Promenade, located at field level just outside the Nicholas G. Saingas Training Center, may be just for you!

Or, perhaps you would prefer a leaf or a stone on our Tree of Life, located at the entranceway to Hoehl Gymnasium and Hoehl Hall.

Either option will offer you the opportunity to create a perpetual remembrance or recognition for that special loved one, friend, or occasion. Whether you choose a brick under the sun and the stars, or a leaf on our cozy, indoor Tree of Life, is up to you.

For further information, please call or e-mail Joe Branciforte ’64, Director of Institutional Advancement at: 201.634.4140, or: JBRANCI FORTE@BERGENCATHOLIC.ORG

Crusader Promenade Brick-by-Brick Pricing Chart
“Crusader Promenade” is located on the outside eastern edge of the Saingas Training Center, at field level.

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*Extra lines available at additional cost.

Tree of Life

Leaf Cost: $1,000

Jerry & Rose Daniello  
Proud Crusader Parents Of  
Gerry, Daniel, Patrick

Dr. Robert Galorenzo  
Devoted B.C. Wrestling Fan  
Love, Family & Friends

In Loving Memory Of  
John J. Sonzogni, Jr., M.D. ’74  
The Sonzogni Family

In Memory Of  
Frank Sinkovitz (May 23, 2004)  
Ken ’03, Frank ’77, Ron ’72

In Loving Memory Of  
Daniel & Theresa Polifroni  
Tom ’99 & James ’85 Polifroni
It was once again a glorious evening as five outstanding Bergen Catholic alumni, staff, and contributors were honored when the school hosted its Fourth Annual Crusader Gala on November 4 at the Rockleigh Country Club in Rockleigh, NJ, with almost 450 people in attendance.

The honorees, who received Founder’s Medals that were presented by Bergen Catholic President Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C. included John Corcoran ’75 (and his wife, Alison), John Crowley ’85, and Br. John H. Mostyn ’59, C.F.C., and longtime teacher, coach, and administrator John Puzio (a member of the B.C. faculty since 1976).
John and Alison Corcoran have been part of the Bergen Catholic community for several years, going all the way back to the time that John (a member of the B.C. Class of 1975) was a student at the school. The Allendale residents are the parents of a pair of B.C. students (Ryan ’05 and Timothy ’12) and an I.H.A. alumnus (Kelly ’07), and have always shown a significant commitment to Catholic education.

John and Alison have been active members for 27 years at the Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River. John is on the Core team for the men’s Journey retreats, a founding member of a men’s small Christian community, chairman of the parish’s fundraising gala, and a board member of NOVA Hope for Haiti. He shares his musical talent as a substitute pianist at Presentation and other local churches, and is also a member of a weekly Christian men’s group called the Bergen County Society. John is involved with many other organizations, including the Commerce and Industry Association and the Community Resource Council.

John graduated from Bergen Catholic in 1975, and played on the golf team for four years. He continues his involvement with B.C. as an active member of the Alumni Association and as a Class Chair, and served as President of the Basketball Club in 2005.

John graduated with a degree in Business Administration from William Paterson University. While he was in college, he also worked as a Youth Minister at St. Joseph’s Church in Demarest. John has worked for many organizations in different fields over the course of his career. He started out in sales and marketing in the consumer electronics industry, then transitioned into merchandising for Federated Department Stores in New York. He later entered the healthcare field, using his skills in marketing and management while working at Pascack Valley Hospital in Westwood.

John is currently employed by Bergen County Ambulatory Surgery Center and is responsible for business development. An avid golfer, he organizes an annual golf outing to honor his parents, John and Florence Corcoran, which has raised almost $200,000 over the past 26 years for local charities, most recently for Community Hospice of Bergen County.

Alison, an I.H.A. alumnus, graduated from Marist College with a degree in Business Administration. She has taught religious education for six years, serves as a Eucharistic Minister, and is on the core team of the New Orleans ministry. She earned a Master’s Degree in Education with K-5 and Special Education certifications from the College of St. Elizabeth, and has been teaching at the elementary level for three years.

John Crowley is the Executive Chairman of Amicus Therapeutics, a publicly-held biopharmaceutical company based in Cranbury, NJ that works on the development of drugs to treat a range of human genetic diseases. His involvement in the biotech industry goes back over a decade and stems from the 1998 diagnosis of his two youngest children, Megan and Patrick, with Pompe disease, a rare and fatal neuromuscular disorder. John embarked on his journey as an entrepreneur to find a treatment that would save his kids’ lives, and the lives of thousands of others.

Following their diagnosis in 1998, Megan and Patrick were given just months to live. Frustrated with the pace of Pompe research, and wanting to do whatever he and his family could to change the course of their children’s diagnosis, John quit his job as a marketing director at Bristol-Myers Squibb. He traveled the world, competing against time as well as business, medical, and scientific establishments that were slow to move and even slower to accept his hard-charging determination.
In 2000, grasping at one last hope, he helped to co-found a five-person start-up biotech company called Novazyme Pharmaceuticals, which focused exclusively on developing a treatment for Pompe disease. In less than a year, the company grew from a $1 million angel investor financing to a $27 million in venture capital financing and was then acquired for nearly $200 million by Genzyme Corporation. In January, 2003, Patrick and Megan began to receive an experimental enzyme therapy developed by Genzyme that has saved their lives. They are now in the eighth and ninth grades, respectively, in Princeton, NJ and continue to fight the battle against Pompe one day at a time.

John and his wife of over twenty years, Aileen, are the authors of a personal memoir of their family’s journey: “Chasing Miracles: The Crowley Family Journey of Strength, Hope and Joy.” They met while John was a senior at Bergen Catholic and Aileen was a junior at Holy Angels. John holds a B.S.F.S. degree from Georgetown University, a J.D. from the University of Notre Dame Law School, and an M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School. He also serves on the Board of the National Make-A-Wish Foundation of America.

The Crowley family has been featured on the cover of The Wall Street Journal, on The Today Show and numerous other TV shows, and is the subject of a book by Pulitzer prize-winning writer Geeta Anand, “The Cure: How a Father Raised $100 Million—and Bucked the Medical Establishment—In a Quest to Save His Children.” A major motion picture inspired by Anand’s book and the Crowley family’s story entitiled “Extraordinary Measures” starring Brendan Fraser, Harrison Ford, and Keri Russell, was released in theaters nationwide in 2010. You can learn more about the Crowley family at www.crowleyfamily5.com.

**John “Jack” Mostyn** was born on January 1, 1941 in Hartford, Connecticut and, through several tragedies, was raised by his mother’s twin sister, Ruth, and her husband, Oscar. He entered Bergen Catholic as a member of the founding class of the school in September 1955. Several of his personal highlights during his time at B.C. were his accomplishments in the sport of track and field. His “fifteen minutes of fame” came in May 1959, when he posted a time of 9.3 seconds in the 100-yard dash (a run that was never submitted for recognition). Another of the highlights was his election by classmates to various offices of the class.

Two events led to his joining the Brothers. The first was that Jack hitchhiked a ride with the Brothers to the school each morning of his sophomore year, since they passed the door of his house. The second event that moved Jack was that he was amazed by the story from Sacred Scripture of the blind man Bartimeus. So, when the time came to choose a vocation, the brotherhood loomed large. He kept that a secret until June 1959.

For the next 20 years following his graduation from B.C., Jack spent his time between earning a degree, teaching and coaching both in the United States and the West Indies.

Coaching track, of course, came naturally to him, but he also coached cricket and soccer—sports that were new to him—along the way. He has also been a spiritual director since 1980, and has been instrumental in helping create several training programs for spiritual directors and their supervisors on both coasts of the United States.

Jack was the first Coordinator of the Mission Integration Office at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY. He convened the first Symposium of Trainers of Spiritual Directors and was also President of Spiritual Directors International, a group he helped to establish some 20 years ago. This organization now has about 6,700 members scattered around the globe.

In 1999, Jack was nominated and appointed to the Leadership Team of the then-Eastern American Province of the Congregation of Christian Brothers and served two years of a six-year term in New Rochelle, NY. The six-year term was interrupted in 2002, when he was elected to the Congregation Leadership Team at the Congregation Chapter. He has been based in Rome, Italy since then. This position involves
travelling extensively in visiting the various schools and ministry sites within the Edmund Rice Network.

At the Congregation Chapter meeting in March 2008, Jack was elected to the position of Deputy Congregation Leader. He continues to live in Rome and is part of the Leadership Team that ensures that the direction of the Congregation, articulated in the Chapter Documents, is followed throughout the Congregation.

He enjoys the outdoors and is especially fond of the areas where rivers meet the sea. As he says “When in Rome, do as the Romans do,” Jack now enjoys driving and walking around Rome, discovering something new and interesting each time that he does.

John Puzio has proudly served Bergen Catholic High School in many ways for the last three-and-one-half decades. John graduated with honors from Garfield High School, received a scholarship from the Garfield Teachers Association, and enrolled in the Teacher Education Program at Montclair State College, where he majored in both Mathematics and Physics. During his final spring semester at Montclair State, John student taught at Paramus H.S. and also worked as a substitute at Ridgewood H.S.

John arrived at B.C. in the fall of 1976, accepting a position that would require him to teach in both the Math and Science Departments. It didn’t take long for John to add a few activities and sports programs to his repertoire. He coached and moderated the Math Team for its competitions in the New Jersey Math League as well as the Bergen County Math League, of which he served as Treasurer for five years. In addition, John moderated the Chess Club, and was the Stage Crew Moderator for the school’s production of Princess and the Pea.

John worked beside long-time friend Gerald Goldee ’64 as his assistant freshman baseball coach during his inaugural year. In 1979, varsity tennis coach Bill Belluzzi ’69 asked John to help out and thus began his long illustrious “full-time” career in the Crusaders’ sports program. Taking over each sport during the 1982-83 school year, he coached the varsity tennis team for 22 seasons and the swimming team for 23, producing a combined 28 N.N.J.I.L. league championships, four Bergen County titles, 28 State Sectional titles, and four State Championships. His swimming team also won 16 N.N.J.I.S.L. championships and, in 1994, B.C. was ranked the tenth-best boy’s swim team in the U.S. by the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association. Ten All-American athletes in the sport of swimming came out of the B.C. program during John’s tenure as coach.

His outstanding coaching accomplishments did not go unrecognized. The National Federation of State High Schools Association named John the “1999 United States Boy’s National High School Swim Coach of the Year,” and he was voted “Bergen County Tennis Coach of the Year” on three separate occasions by his peers.

In 1988, John was appointed to the position of Athletic Director, a position he held for three years until he was asked to return to bolster the Science Department. During the next ten years, he worked as Assistant A.D., and then returned to the position of Athletic Director in the fall of 2002 until his retirement from that position in 2009. During his second tenure as A.D., B.C. earned multiple championships in the now-disbanded N.N.J.I.L. Sports Illustrated ranked Bergen Catholic as the top boy’s high school sports program in New Jersey during his tenure.

John was inducted into the Bergen Catholic Hall of Fame in 1996 and was voted “Outstanding Educator of the Year” for the 2002-03 school year. In 1992, he happily married Francesca Tambone-Puzio, who is currently B.C.’s Assistant Principal of Academics.
Bergen Catholic Introduces New Faculty Members


Newly-Appointed Eucharistic Ministers

Bergen Catholic High School marked the opening of the 2011-12 school year with the celebration of Mass of the Holy Spirit, during which 21 B.C. students were appointed as Eucharistic Ministers. Celebrating the Mass was Reverend Antonio Ricarte, the school’s new chaplain. Joining Reverend Antonio Ricarte were newly-appointed B.C. seniors (Top row, L to R): Kevin Tejada, Michael Sutherland, Jack Crosbie, John McCrudden, Brendan McCullagh, Eli Mallouhi, Ian Berman, and Dean Xerri. (Middle row, L to R): Gabriel Hobelka, Robert Quigley, Christopher Gaspari, Thomas Marsella, Reverend Ricarte, Thomas Lahey, Andrew Schemetow, and Gabriel Musella. (Bottom row, L to R): Matthew Mangini, Donald Maita, Richard Alindogan, Andrew Ngugi, Kameron Gil, and Christopher Aziz.
Robert Lynch ’12 Named As National Achievement Scholarship Program Semi-Finalist

Robert Lynch ’12 has been named as a National Achievement Scholarship Program (“NASP”) Semi-Finalist. Mr. Lynch, who took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (“PSAT/NMSQT”) during his junior year, was named as one of approximately 1,600 high-scoring participants who took the battery of tests. The program recognizes academically-outstanding Black American students. To be eligible to be recognized by the NASP, a student must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, must be a Black American high school student, and must take the PSAT/NMSQT test.

Mr. Lynch has been inducted into the National Spanish Honor Society, is a member of the school’s Junior Statesmen of America, Crusaders for Christian Action, and the Red and Gold Club, and has also played for the B.C. baseball and volleyball teams.

Several Familiar Names in the Class of 2015!

This year’s freshman class is once again blessed with an abundance of sons and grandsons of Bergen Catholic alumni—25 in all—in a continuation of a recent trend that reflects well on the school! B.C. has 71 current students who have a father or grandfather who is an alumnus and will hopefully join the 288 graduated alumni who can make the same claim. The freshman list also includes two sets of twins: Charles and Joseph Niece and Christopher and Michael Sorrentino.

Each of the last seven classes (Classes of 2009-15) and eight of the last nine have at least 12 father (grandfather)-son combinations in them—a testament to the quality of a B.C. education. Here’s a list of those 25 freshman students, with their fathers'/grandfathers’ names and graduation years in parentheses:

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| Matthew Morano ’15 | (David ’86) |
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Seven Bergen Catholic Students Honored By National Merit Scholarship Program

Seven senior students at Bergen Catholic High School have been honored by the National Merit Scholarship Program, including one who qualified as a National Semi-Finalist. The students took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (“PSAT/NMSQT”) during their junior year.

Jong In Yoon was named as a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist. He is one of about 16,000 students nationally who have qualified as Semi-Finalists. Semi-Finalists are designated on a state-representational basis and are the highest-scoring entrants in their respective state. Each Semi-Finalist is still eligible to advance to Finalist standing, a designation that is typically announced in February.

Craig Boswell, Nicholas Didio, Gabriel Hobeika, William Lowe, Andrew Schemetow, and Anthony Paul Shaker were announced as National Merit Commended Students. These students were named as six of approximately 34,000 honorees (out of more than 1.5 million students who took the battery of tests). They recently received a Letter of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise based on their test scores.

All seven gentlemen are excellent students who participate in several school activities.

Mr. Boswell has been inducted into the National Honor Society, the National Mathematics Honor Society, and the Spanish Honor Society; was named as an AP Scholar With Honor; and was awarded The Middlebury College Book Award for Exceptional Commitment to and Achievement in the Liberal Arts. He has served as a member of the school’s Student Government Association, the Mock Trial Team, the SHIELD Leadership Group, Junior Statesmen of America, the Red and Gold Club, and the U.S.O. Club. He also plays for the B.C. volleyball team.

Mr. Didio has been inducted into the National Honor Society, the National Mathematics Honor Society, and the Spanish Honor Society. He is also a member of the school’s Student Government Association (Vice President), Mock Trial Team (captain), and the Red and Gold Club. He also played for the B.C. junior varsity team.

Mr. Hobeika has been inducted into the National Honor Society, the National Mathematics Honor Society, and the French Honor Society; was named as an AP Scholar With Honor; and was awarded The College of the Holy Cross Book Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement and Leadership in Extracurricular Activities. He is a member of the school’s Student Government Association, Mock Trial Team, Junior Statesmen of America (President), the SHIELD Leadership Group, and the Catholic Faith Crusaders. He also played for the B.C. junior varsity volleyball team.

Mr. Lowe has been inducted into the National Honor Society, the National Mathematics Honor Society, and the Spanish Honor Society; was named as an AP Scholar, and was awarded The Frederick Douglas & Susan B. Anthony Award from The University of Rochester for Outstanding Achievement in
Humanities and/or Social Sciences. He has served as a member of Crusaders for Christian Action (as Treasurer), the SHIELD Leadership Group, Junior Statesmen of America, and the Red and Gold Club, and also plays for the B.C. basketball team.

Mr. Schemetow has been inducted into the National Honor Society, the National Mathematics Honor Society, and the French Honor Society, was named as an AP Scholar, and was awarded The Rensselaer Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Science and Mathematics. He is a member of the school’s television staff (“BCTV”), the SHIELD Leadership Group, the Red and Gold Club, and BC Alive (the school’s “Pro-Life” club), and was appointed as a Eucharistic Minister. He also plays for the B.C. volleyball team.

Mr. Shaker has been inducted into the National Honor Society, the National Mathematics Honor Society, and the French Honor Society, was named as an AP Scholar, and was awarded The George Eastman Young Leaders Award. He is a member of the school’s Student Government Association, Mock Trial Team, Junior Statesmen of America, the SHIELD Leadership Group, Catholic Faith Crusaders, and the Red and Gold Club, and also plays for the B.C. volleyball team.

Mr. Yoon has been inducted into the National Honor Society, the National Mathematics Honor Society, and the Spanish Honor Society, and was named as an AP Scholar with Distinction. He is the Opinions Editor of the school newspaper (The Herald), and is also a member of the Junior Statesmen of America and the SHIELD Leadership Group.

The PSAT/NMSQT is a series of tests that measures verbal reasoning, critical reading, math problem-solving, and writing skills. The most common reasons for a student to take the tests are to receive feedback on the student’s abilities in these particular areas, to compare individual performances relative to the student’s peers, and to compete for scholarships that are awarded by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (“NMSC”).

The NMSC is an independent not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance. NMSC conducts numerous privately-financed annual competitions for recognition and college undergraduate scholarships (one of which is the National Merit Scholarship Program).

Two Bergen Catholic Students Recognized By National Hispanic Recognition Program

Two senior students at Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell have been recognized by the National Hispanic Recognition Program (“NHRP”).

Lawrence Chan and Kemuel Noriega were recently recognized by the NHRP. The students, who took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (“PSAT/NMSQT”) during their junior year, were named as two of approximately 5,000 honorees who took the battery of tests. The program recognizes academically-outstanding seniors of Hispanic/Latino heritage.

To be eligible to be recognized by the NHRP, a student must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, must be of at least one-quarter Hispanic/Latino descent, must achieve the minimum required PSAT/NMSQT cutoff score, and must achieve a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher by the end of his/her junior year.

Both gentlemen are excellent students who participate in several school activities.

Mr. Chan has been inducted into the National Honor Society, the National Mathematics Honor Society, and the Spanish Honor Society, and received The Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award for Excellence in the Field of Science. He is also a member of the school’s Student Government Association, the Shield Leadership Group, Operation Smile, and BC Med, and has also been a member of four of B.C.’s sports team (football, wrestling, lacrosse, and crew).

Mr. Noriega has been inducted into the National Math Honor Society and has received The George Washington University School of Engineering and Science Medal for Academic Distinction in Science and Mathematics. He is a member of the school’s television staff (“BCTV”), Mock Trial Team, and the Board Game Research and Development team.
CCA Food Drive Produces Thanksgiving Gifts

Members of Bergen Catholic High School’s Crusaders for Christian Action (“CCA”) group once again hosted its annual Thanksgiving food drive for needy residents of Bergen County. Pictured are CCA officers and contributors (L to R) Matthew Dunn ’12, Daniel McNicholas ’12, Eli Mallouhi ’12, William Lowe ’12, Craig Kay ’12, Brendan McCullagh ’12, and Andrew Losier ’15. The annual food drive, held in conjunction with the efforts of the Center for Food Action and Lincoln Technical Institute in Mahwah, yielded several frozen turkeys and many bags filled with food.

“BC Alive” Comes Through Again

Bergen Catholic High School’s “Pro-Life” group—known as “BC Alive”—recently hosted a refreshments sale to raise funds to achieve its goals. The group annually donates its profits to the Ganley Foundation and to a “Pro-Life” organization of its choice, and also will use the funds to attend the “Pro-Life” March in Washington, DC in January. Assisting in the refreshments sale that raised more than $400 were (pictured below, L to R): Thomas Fahey ’12, Matthew Coyne ’12, Justin Yacovino ’14, and “BC Alive” Moderator Andrea Barone. Special thanks to Cafeteria Manager Jerry Morano, whose donations of hot dogs and soda ensured that the event would be a success!
A Man With a Mission

By Peter Ryan ’12
The Herald

In 2008, Father Tony came to America to be a resident priest at St. Joseph’s Church in Oradell. In June 2011, he became a parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Church in Haworth, and also decided to become the chaplain at Bergen Catholic. Since B.C. didn’t have a chaplain at the time, Father Tony felt that it was his duty to fill it. He said the reason he took the position was that, “I thought that I could communicate with the young people…and I wanted to take a proactive role as chaplain.”

Father Tony feels at home by everyone at B.C. He stated that, “From the first moment I came, I felt so welcomed.” It was this acceptance by the B.C. community that motivated him to do more as chaplain. Father Tony offers Mass on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at 7:00 A.M. in the chapel, as well as the sacraments. He also leads the Catholic Faith Crusaders, which is a group of students who help with the retreats and other religious activities.

In addition to talking about his reason for joining the B.C. community, he also praised the students. “[The students] are very respectful, disciplined, fun, and spirited.” He wants to continually reach out to the students to help them build a better connection with God. Father Tony thinks that this process will be easier than most because of the holistic education that B.C. students receive, as well as the defining quality of the Bergen Catholic Community: “excellence in education and the development of young men to become leaders.”

Father Tony realizes that his job as chaplain of an entire school has its challenges. However, he confided that, “having the support of everyone and knowing that I work as part of a community make it easier.” Even though the task at hand is different from his work as priest in the past because he has to identify with different targets (young teenagers), Father Tony is ready to make a difference in the community.

Students can help him with his mission by joining in activities that Father Tony moderates. Students can contact him at frricarte@bergencatholic.org, or visit his office in the Guidance wing. He feels that his role at B.C. is to be “a witness of the love of God for others,” and as a religious guide for the entire B.C. community. Father Tony says, “I don’t know everything, I am still a learner. I have something to offer to the young people, but they have something to offer me as well.”

I feel that Father Tony will add much to the school. When there was no residing chaplain, I felt that there was a void of religion. However, Father Tony’s arrival has ushered in a positive force that has filled the absence previously felt. As a religious leader, he will help reinforce the “Catholic” part of Bergen Catholic.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Bergen Catholic is a place where students come to enrich their faith, and a new chaplain has joined B.C. to help with this mission: Rev. Antonio “Father Tony” Ricarte. He has accepted the position with great passion and exuberance. His ultimate goal is to guide Bergen Catholic boys to become men, which cannot be achieved without spiritual guidance.

Father Tony comes from the town of Cebu, in the Philippines. While in high school, he felt a strong calling from God and began his journey to become a priest. About his decision to become a priest, Father Tony exclaimed, “God has given me so much, so I wanted to repay him.”

He was ordained a priest in 1998, where he served in the Archdiocese of Cebu. However, Cebu remained his home only up to 2002, when he traveled to Rome, Italy to study missiology (the study of how the church should engage itself in evangelization) at Pontifical Gregorian University. Father Tony feels that the study in this particular field has been and still is essential to his ministry.
On the outside, Jong In “Jim” Yoon appears just like any normal student at Bergen Catholic. He strolls through the same hallways, sits in the same classrooms, and orders the same lunch as everybody else. However, this Crusader sets himself above the pack through his studies and has been recognized nationally as one of the brightest and most talented students.

Academics run deep in Jim’s family—his father is a well-respected math professor in Korea, his brother attends NYU, and his sister is at Columbia University. Growing up in this type of environment has fostered the importance of education and has spurred Jim to challenge himself academically in his life. There’s no doubt that Jim’s family has impacted his hard-working, yet humble personality. Before attending Bergen Catholic, Jim lived in California for five years and attended public school there before he moved to New Jersey.

Anyone who attended Bergen Catholic’s Annual Academic Awards Night this past October would have realized that Jim is not your average student. It is no exaggeration to say that B.C. Principal Mr. Tim McElhinney’s hand was probably sore after congratulating and shaking Jim’s hand several times throughout the night. Jim walked away from the ceremony as a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta (Mathematics Honor Society). Three awards would have been more than enough for any student, but Jim’s academic performance earned him even more honors. Because of his outstanding score on the PSAT, Jim is recognized as a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist. Furthermore, Jim was honored as an “A.P. Scholar with Distinction,” which means he averaged over 3.5 on all A.P. exams taken and received scores of 3-or-higher on five exams.

Even on a night to celebrate high academic achievement, Jim Yoon remained quiet, humble, and modest, instead of gloating about his accomplishments. It was truly refreshing for me to see such a distinguished scholar act so genuine and humble, and to see him congratulate others. He confided in me, “It just not me. It’s not my personality to tout my accomplishments. I’m proud of everything that I’ve accomplished, but I need that time to congratulate the accomplishments of my peers.”

All of these awards are a culmination of just over three years in high school. Jim continues to work hard this year—he has challenged himself by taking three more A.P. classes (Government, English Language, and Calculus B.C.). Jim is also taking Physics Honors and Italian I Honors (because he completed the Spanish curriculum at B.C. at the conclusion of his junior year). Even with this demanding schedule, Jim was...
named to the Principal’s List after the first quarter with a 98 overall (unweighted) average.

With his academic achievements throughout high school, an outsider would also think that all that Jim does is study all day. That thought couldn’t be further from the truth. Jim is a fellow member with me in The Herald, Bergen Catholic’s student-run newspaper, and JSA (Junior Statesmen of America). He also is a senior leader on the inaugural leadership team called SHIELD (Students Helping Inspire Everyone’s Leadership Development). His presence as the Opinions Editor of the newspaper, JSA State Assembly Representative, and senior leader of SHIELD is unparalleled.

As the Opinions Editor, he has advocated for “pro-con debate” article in which two writers write opposing sides of an argument. “I think this format for articles incites the reader to think about these current issues, which is, in my opinion, the most important thing,” says Jim.

He also plans to participate in Winter Congress for JSA and to continue to help freshmen and sophomores learn about being a Christian Leader as a member of SHIELD.

Jim Yoon is active both inside and out of the classroom, and his contributions have helped to improve Bergen Catholic and to strengthen its reputation outside the school’s walls. Even off campus, this Crusader also works hard to support causes he stands strongly for. He’s volunteered to help with the Tohoku Earthquake relief effort back in March and also assists at ALFA (Appropriate Living for the Autistic) at the Ridgewood YMCA.

As for his future, Jim likes to keep some of his personal achievements close to the vest. Just like his awards and honors, Jim doesn’t like to talk about his SAT scores and colleges he’s eyeing. When asked about both of these topics, Jim said, “Well…I did well enough for me not to take them (the SAT tests) again. As for colleges, I’m not sure yet. I’m still looking around, seeing what’s the best fit for me.” Will he follow in his brother’s or sister’s footsteps…who knows? However, whatever school Jim chooses to attend will have a tremendous student and leader on its campus.

The information that Jim will disclose is that he would love to study History or Philosophy in college. His dream job would be “to become a public interest lawyer, fighting civil liberty cases. It’s always been an interest of mine.”

With everything Jim accomplishes in the classroom, in after-school activities, and in his community and the world, Jim has a full plate. In addition to his academic and extracurricular activities, Jim avidly follows baseball. “I love the Yankees and I love Derek Jeter. I love everything he does on and off the field, and everything he stands for,” says Jim. “His attitude is inspiring to me and everyone else. He’s a leader, a winner, and a true role model for kids everywhere.

“Even though my Yanks didn’t make it this year to the World Series, I still enjoyed watching the Series this year. It was epic—especially Game 6!” praises Jim, expertly recognizing the special accomplishments that he had seen—even though they didn’t involve his favorite team. “Down to their final strike twice, the Cardinals came back twice. They got the walk-off win in extra innings on a home run by David Freese and won Game 7. Like I said, epic! How could you not love that?”

Jim also looks at baseball in a much deeper manner than the average fan does. “I love the nuances of the game and the statistics. I’m really interested in the new “sabermetric” data: WAR (Wins Above Replacement), FIP (Fielding Independent Pitching), BABIP (Batting Average on Balls in Play), and everything else. It’s just really interesting and fun to me.”

On a more serious note, he states, “One of the reasons that I love baseball so much is the fact that you don’t have to be strongest, tallest, or biggest athlete to be an impact player. There are so many different ways to help your team. There is no other sport like it.”

His interests in baseball and community service are like any normal Crusader walking the halls. However, Jim’s academic accomplishments and humble, down-to-earth, caring nature are truly second to none. Jim Yoon is the definition of a Bergen Catholic Crusader in every sense of the word!
Even Hurricane Irene could not stop the generosity and determination of the Bergen Catholic community! Dodging the floodwaters and winds of that horrific storm, the B.C. trio of junior basketball players Taino Flores, Christopher Luna, and Petiri (“P.J.”) Reed spent more than a week serving and befriending underprivileged students in the Dominican Republic.

Working as part of the organization “Building Sustainable Borders” (of which Taino’s father, Rafael Flores Jr., is the Executive Director), the B.C. triumvirate performed a series of charitable acts and quickly became part of the local community during the trip. For the second straight year, classmates Flores and Luna embarked on a community service trip to the Dominican Republic, and this year they returned there and convinced Reed to join them.

The mission of the “Building Sustainable Borders” organization is to empower young people from various communities in the United States to help young people from underdeveloped countries. Through the assistance and generosity of several faith-based and community-based organizations in the U.S.A., “Building Sustainable Borders” helps the underprivileged by providing much-needed educational services, health care, and financial assistance.

The general goal of these types of trips is to help underprivileged communities and their students by assisting in their academic endeavors, by doing physical projects meant to improve the local environs by performing light constructive work, camaraderie, and teamwork. As “goodwill ambassadors” for their school, organization, and country, the Crusaders’ hoopsters passed on the valuable lessons that are taught daily in the hallowed halls of B.C. to benefit those underprivileged students who are in dire need of such assistance.

Departing just hours before the arrival of Hurricane Irene on Saturday, August 27, the B.C. trio (accompanied by Mr. Flores) headed for Haina, Dominican Republic, a coastal town that is considered one of the most polluted areas in the world by the World Health Organization. Hainá, a municipality located less than five minutes from the city of Santo Domingo, is contaminated with lead due to the nearby location of a factory that makes batteries. The “wasteland” scenario is unfortunately an appropriate backdrop for the elementary school there, where the conditions are equally deplorable and disturbing. Amazingly, the school is nicknamed “God’s Paradise,” as misleading a label as one can possibly imagine. Sadder still, the school is an example of a typical school in the Dominican Republic.

The sub-standard classroom sights were shocking to at least one of the B.C. visitors, although not as surprising to the other two. “It didn’t matter to the kids as long as they had a place to learn,” commented Reed, noting that the school was in better shape—despite the grim conditions—than the surrounding neighborhood.

Having been there before, though, Flores had a different take on things. “The school is in better condition than it once was, because over time we have sent desks and chairs.
If you were to compare it to even a wing of our school, however, it does not match up.”

After overcoming the shock of the horrific classroom conditions, the Crusaders quickly adapted and visited several classes to distribute school supplies and to assist the students with their academic needs. After two days there, they traveled to another school in Santo Domingo to perform the same duties.

The end of the school days did not signal an end to the efforts of the “B.C. Three.” The Crusaders visited several families in the nearby villages to deliver shoes, sneakers, and clothes, and also played with the local children. The B.C. players also hosted and organized basketball clinics, and compiled lists of items that the prospective players needed, such as sneakers and basketball clothing.

It could not be overstated to note the conditions that the visitors encountered in the local neighborhoods, which paralleled the indelible impressions implanted by the school visits. “The conditions there were just terrible. They use towels, curtains, and rags to separate rooms that are the size of closets,” recalls Flores, who as a veteran of these types of trips is no stranger to those sights. “Children there run around naked, and it is seemingly normal. This was not even the worst part of it; they wouldn’t show us the worst part of the town because it was too sad.”

“The conditions were horrible—most of the homes would be damaged just from rain,” stated first-timer Reed. “The most common form of transportation was dirt bikes—sometimes with three people on at once.”

Luna summed it up when he stated, “Everything was just so different. It was hard to adapt to that type of life for a few days. I couldn’t imagine living there.”

Despite the long hours spent due to their commitment to service, the B.C. students still found time to do one of the things they enjoy most: playing basketball! Playing in a couple of tournaments, the “B.C. South” team (with the addition of two local athletes) more than held its own on the court. Competing in games that were refereed, the team played about 10 games and was defeated only once (in controversial fashion, it is alleged).

Despite the positive reception that the B.C. student-athletes generally received during the trip, things were a little bit different when a bouncing ball and rim were involved. “There was a sense of hostility on the court because of the pride they had for their country and the fact that they wanted to beat Americans,” noted Reed.

Despite the intensity of the games, however, sportsmanship abounded throughout as the spirit of giving wasn’t overshadowed by the heat of competition. Flores remembers taking off his sneakers after one game and donating them to an opposing player in need, while Reed donated a pair of his own sneakers to an opposing coach. How often do you see that in America?

Looking back on the trip, it’s hard to see who benefitted more from it: the B.C. students or the students they visited? “We were accepted by them, which was great because these children have nothing and looked past our clothes and accessories to just who we were,” commented Flores, which mirrored the statement by Reed: “We were welcomed with open arms. The kids treated us like superstars. They were interested in our culture and wanted to be around us.”

“It was a humbling experience. It showed me how other...
people have it, and that I should always be grateful for whatever God has given me,” stated Luna. “It also made me want to give back so much more to the kids.”

“The trip was eye-opening—it makes you appreciate the privileges we have here in America and at Bergen Catholic,” summarized Reed at the conclusion of his first—and hopefully not last—community service trip.

The trip did not end when the B.C. contingent returned home on September 4, 2011. In the days and weeks that followed, the Crusaders assembled clothing packages containing approximately 25 pairs of sneakers, 15 basketball jerseys, 20 t-shirts, basketball shorts, socks, head and wrist bands, and equipment bags, and shipped the packages back to the Dominican Republic. In addition, volleyball equipment was also included in the packages through the generosity of DIGS (a/k/a “Do It Garden State,” a New Jersey girls volleyball club). Nia Reed, an outstanding volleyball player at Immaculate Heart Academy, is the younger sister of P.J. Reed and is a prominent member of DIGS.

With future trips now being planned for destinations in Puerto Rico, Argentina, and Brazil, the spirit of giving will continue to live on through the efforts of “Building Sustainable Borders” and B.C. students like Taino Flores, Christopher Luna, and P.J. Reed!
Hastaken an innovativestep forward with the addition of the first-time position of Sports Information Director and the hiring of B.C. alumnus Dan Long ’03, effective November 1.

In a move aimed at keeping pertinent information on the school websitemaintained in a timely and accuratemaner and maximizing the school’s media coverage, the establishment of the position also coordinates the collection and retention of information for the school’s 15 varsity sports teams.

Long’s general responsibilities included promoting and publicizing the athletic accomplishments of Bergen Catholic’s student-athletes, maintaining the sports portion of the school website, serving as the liaison with local media regarding Crusaders’ sporting events, compiling statistics for each B.C. team, and producing media guides, game-day programs, interviews, and podcasts.

“The establishment of the position of Sports Information Director allows us to increase our communication with the Bergen Catholic family and assure that all our media are consistent in look and feel,” states Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C., President of B.C. “Dan Long has the experience and passion for Bergen Catholic to make this happen. His impact on the quality of our communications will be seen immediately.”

Long acquired valuable experience going back to his days as a B.C. student, when he wrote for the school paper (“The Herald”) and was a member of the school’s in-house television staff (“BCTV”).

During his college days, the Paterson native served as the Sports Director of Georgetown University Television, the studio host of the school’s radio station (WGTB), and the student play-by-play voice of Georgetown’s football, women’s basketball, and men’s lacrosse teams. He has also worked for WGHT 1500 AM as a football sideline reporter.

Following his graduation from Georgetown, Long founded the DL Sports Media (http://www.dlsportsmedia.com) and the B.C. Radio Network, which produces live and archived broadcasts, interviews, and coverage for several of the school’s athletic teams.
Thirteen of B.C.’s most successful alumni, along with one alumni parent and two friends of B.C., returned to their alma mater on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 to take part in Bergen Catholic’s annual Career Day program. The extremely-useful and highly-anticipated program allows Crusaders’ alumni to share their real-life career experiences with current B.C. students under the guidance of Mrs. Pat Fesen of the Admissions Office.
Remember when you were a B.C. student and how daunting the process was when you were trying to decide your major for college, your career path? Choosing a career today is even more difficult!

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

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

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I would like to:
__ Learn more about the Mentor Program and Career Day
__ Participate in Career Day
__ Participate in the Mentor Program
__ Allow students to visit me at work
__ Offer part-time employment
The New Jersey high school sports world in general—and the Bergen Catholic community in particular—was saddened by the sudden passing of John Mazziotta on October 11, 2011.

Mazziotta, who made a huge name for himself as one of Bergen County’s most respected basketball coaches during his outstanding 34-year career, actually could be called “The Father of Bergen Catholic Football” after laying the groundwork for the development of one of the State’s top football programs.

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The man fondly remembered throughout Bergen County as “Mazz” arrived at B.C. in the fall of 1958 as both the varsity football coach and varsity basketball coach. In addition to teaching American History, Physical Education, and Math, he coached major sports in “overlapping” seasons, a feat that is extremely rare today.

The lovable 6’5” “gentle giant” was the Head Coach of B.C.’s first three varsity football teams (1958-60). He posted a very respectable 11-12-1 record while building the program literally “from the ground up,” and was the winning coach in the Crusaders’ first-ever win (25-0 over DePaul in 1958) and in their victory over Don Bosco Prep (14-0) in the first Thanksgiving Day battle between the rivals. After a 2-4-1 start in 1958, he led his team to a .500 record (4-4) the following season and a winning mark (5-4) one year after that.

It is rare to establish a winning tradition that early in a program’s life. It is even more amazing to consider that he quickly built the program into a winning one despite having only one assistant coach on his staff (a man who could only make two practices per week, at that)!

Coach Mazziotta took over the B.C. basketball program in its second varsity season (1958-59) and led the Crusaders to a fine 116-64 record over the next eight seasons, a winning percentage of .644. His squads won a total of five Tri-County Catholic Conference championships (1960, 1961, 1963, 1964, and 1965) during his tenure, made three Bergen County Jamboree appearances, and qualified for the State Tournament eight times.


As the time of his retirement, he had recorded the most career wins by a Bergen County basketball coach (536) and most Jamboree championships (4), marks that were later eclipsed by Donfield (648 and six, respectively). His total of 536 wins is currently tied for the third-most victories in Bergen County basketball history.

Mazziotta graduated from All Hallows High School in the Bronx (where he was an All-City selection in both football and basketball) and went to Georgetown University on a basketball scholarship. He played varsity basketball for the Hoyas for three years. “Mazz” began his coaching career at All Hallows (in basketball and baseball) before making a move to B.C. that would eventually make him a household name in New Jersey high school sports.

Mazziotta is survived by his wife of 48 years, Marjory, and two children, Hannah Mulchrone and Daniel Mazziotta ’89.
In Memoriam

Eugene Adair
Father of Gene ’70

Al Argiro
Father of Thomas ’64 and grandfather of Thomas ’96

Augusta Beletti
Mother-in-law of Robert Mangini ’85 and grandmother of Matthew ’12

Anna Bertolini
Grandmother of Douglas ’99 and Robert ’00

Jeanette Breun
Mother of Kenneth ’85

Stephen E. Brower ’63
Brother of Patrick ’66

Cesar B. Carabuena
Grandfather of Thomas ’15

Violet Carcich
Mother of Robert ’70 and Richard ’72

Tony R. Carnevale
Grandfather of Joseph ’04

Susanne Carroll
Wife of John ’71 and sister-in-law of William ’72 and James ’77

Charles Cocchiaro
Father of Matthew ’02

Richard F. Collier, Sr.
Father of Richard ’68 and Robert ’69, and uncle of Thomas ’75, Timothy ’79 (RIP), and Chris ’82

Michael Curry ’69

Jeanne F. DeValue
Mother of Robert ’73 and Dennis ’75

Lee Di Giovanni
Grandmother of Oliver ’07 and Liam ’14 Fowler

Joseph Dolce
Father-in-law of Paul Bonistalli ’67

John J. English
Father of Pat ’86

Susan A. Flood
Wife of Joseph ’81 and sister-in-law of Kevin ’77 and Keith ’79

Betty Gendron
Mother of George ’67 and Gerard ’70

Maria Genovese
Mother of Ronald ’66 and Robert ’70

Genevieve Glinka
Grandmother of Mark ’11 and Tom ’12 Marsella

James Heitmann ’71
Brother of Robert ’68

James T. Heverin
Father of Tim ’87

Terese R. Hollenstein
Mother of Gottfried ’74, Peter ’79, and Thomas ’85

Anthony Implicito
Father of Dante ’82 and Michael ’84

Doreen Jameson
Wife of Warren ’72 and mother of Chris ’02

Warren Jameson
Father of Warren ’72 and grandfather of Chris ’02

Gloria Kahler
Mother of Peter ’72 and grandmother of Kyle ’07

Edwin W. Keel
Father of Rev. Edwin ’61

Alma Kelly
Aunt of Ken Kelly ’59

Peter Kuchar
Father of Peter ’11

Joseph B. La Monica
Father of Michael ’91

Edward T. Laramee ’59

Andrew Lavin
Father of Andrew ’75, James ’78 (RIP), and Thomas ’87

James Lepis ’67
Brother of Bill ’74

Anthony Mariconda
Father of Philip ’86

John Mazzotta
Former B.C. faculty/coach and father of Daniel ’89

Margaret McCullough
Grandmother of Paul ’08

Laurence McDonough ’61

Avis McKoy
Great grandmother of Joe Charles ’02, B.C. faculty

Anthony Meehan
Brother of Bill ’87

Virginia Minihan
Wife of James, former B.C. faculty

James V. Montecallo
Father of Robert ’73

Timothy J. Phipps ’04

Brian and Tatum Porcelli
Infant son and daughter of Jason ’99

Richard Potter
Father of Richard ’74, Edward ’77, Timothy ’79, and Dennis ’81

Olivia C. Reekie
Mother of Michael ’95

Patrick J. Sabino ’60
Grandfather of Jake Campbell ’14

Jeanette Santoli
Grandmother of Dominic ’00

Vivian Schilling
Grandmother of Jay Podence ’93

Dennis P. Stagnaro ’70

Wayne Tavares
Father of Joe Charles ’02, B.C. faculty

Annmarie Tomasella
Grandmother of Ryan ’12 and Jared ’14

Alfred Vinci
Uncle of John ’83, Charles ’86, and Ken ’88, and brother-in-law of Gail Vinci, former B.C. staff

Claire Zino
Mother of Brian ’70

STAY IN TOUCH!

Alumni, students, parents, and friends of B.C. Stay on top of Bergen Catholic High School news throughout the year by visiting the school’s online magazine, to be published approximately every two months between the regular “print” editions of BERGEN CATHOLIC CRUSADER MAGAZINE. PDF versions of these publications can be found by going to the school website (www.bergencatholic.org), then clicking on the “About BC” tab and then the “Online Magazine” tab on the drop-down menu.
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