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Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 10, 2013
College Alumni Networking/Mentor Event
(Courtesy of the Alumni Association)
6:00 P.M. at Bergen Catholic.

Tuesday, January 15, 2013
Class Chair Letter Signing Party
(Courtesy of the Alumni Association)
6:30 P.M. at Seasons, Washington Township, NJ.

Sunday, March 24, 2013
16th Hall of Fame Dinner Reception
(Courtesy of the Alumni Association)
The Fiesta, Wood-Ridge, NJ.
Cocktail hour: 5:00 P.M.; Dinner: 6:00 P.M.
Honorees to be announced shortly!

Saturday, March 30, 2013
Easter Egg Hunt
(Courtesy of the Alumni Association)
11:00 A.M. at Bergen Catholic.

Thursday, May 16, 2013
Cigar Night
(Courtesy of the Alumni Association)
River Vale Country Club, River Vale, NJ.
6:00 P.M.

Monday, June 10, 2013
42nd Annual Brother Martin P. Burns, C.F.C. Golf Classic
Knickerbocker Country Club, Tenafly, NJ.
Buffet lunch, golf with cart, dinner, and prizes.
10:00 A.M.

Thursday, June 13, 2013
B.C. Hoboken on Tap
(Courtesy of the Alumni Association)
Venue to be announced.
6:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 16, 2013
Alumni Lacrosse Challenge and Barbecue
(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.

The June, 2012 Board of Directors meeting was the final one for Gerard Maron ’87, who served the Board for a trio of three-year terms (the maximum allowed period) and was the Chairman of the Board since 2008. Joining Maron (sitting, second from left) and wishing him well are Board members (standing, L to R) Al Hayward, Robert Flock, Dr. Bernard Newman ’72, Robert Corley, Sr. Grace D’Amico, S.S.N.D., Board Counsel Nilufer DeScherer, and Jim Sattely ’84, and (sitting, L to R) Br. Thomas E. Guihen, C.F.C., President Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C., and Principal Mr. Tim McElhinney.

Unless otherwise noted, please contact Marge Millus at 201.634.4142 for event information, RSVPs and payment.
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Dear Reader,

We have just begun a new year of grace in the life of our Church.

Each day, the Church puts forward a scripture reading for our reflection. The scripture reading for the last day of the Church's year is the same reading used on the first day of the Church's year.

From The Gospel according to Saint Luke: “... Let your heart not become drowsy from carousing, drunkenness or the anxieties of Everyday living.”

At this time of celebration of the deep mysteries of our lives, may our hearts not become drowsy by the anxieties of daily living. Instead, may the time we spend with family and friends during this season renew our hearts with a sense of hope that the best of life is still ahead.

In this issue of CRUSADER MAGAZINE, we begin to feature our flagships of achievement. Flagships are programs that we believe we do well; perhaps better than most.

Our first flagship of achievement is TECHNOLOGY. This is an area that we have lead in for 11 years. I believe you will find the article informative and an insight into what is happening in twenty-first century learning.

Thank you for your continuing interest and support of Bergen Catholic.

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

My best,

Br. Brian M. Walsh
President
December 2012

Dear Alumni,

The school year is progressing very well. The students are engaged in their studies, club activities, and interscholastic team events. It feels like just yesterday that they were returning to Bergen from the summer vacation; so, it is hard to believe that we are already in the month of December. That time moves so quickly at Bergen is a true indication that the school community is vibrant, strong, and enjoyable for all.

Every year is unique and the same is true for the 2012-13 school year. However, most often the qualities that separate one year from another are not as visible as something like the “storm for the ages.” Hurricane Sandy impacted all of us in some manner, and the same was true for Bergen Catholic. Due to power issues, school was closed for eight days. This is a significant amount of instructional time to lose, so, to mitigate that loss, the mid-term examination period has been cancelled. The days assigned to mid-terms will now be converted to full days of school. This was a decision that took some evaluation and research, but I feel is the appropriate step – and as you can imagine, the students are excited by the decision.

As during your time at Bergen, the scholastic program in regularly reviewed and, when appropriate, initiatives are implemented. This school year there are two key initiatives being implemented. The first is the use of a new software package called DyKnow Vision. This software allows for a tremendous amount of collaboration between students and teachers in the classroom setting. Additionally, the software allows for the seamless pushing and collection of documents, as well as the polling of students at any point of the lesson, which allows for the gauging of student comprehension on a real-time basis. The entire faculty is utilizing the software and this has enabled our classrooms to become even more enthusiastic and energetic.

The second initiative is related to curriculum review. During this school year, the faculty will engage in a curriculum mapping project. Every course will be mapped – noting topics that will be covered, projects that will be assigned, and assessments to be administered, and how this information aligns with state, national, and Edmund Rice Christian Brother standards. The school is utilizing Rubicon Atlas software to assist with the initiative. When the mapping is completed, we will be able to clearly view our academic program both vertically and horizontally – to determine if gaps or overlaps exist in sequential courses or if there is opportunity for interdisciplinary work between departments within particular grade levels. It is a tremendous undertaking and I thank and credit the teachers for their excellent work in this regard.

With the arrival of the month of December comes the possibility of State Championships. Our varsity football team has advanced to the title game, which was played on Friday, December 7 at MetLife Stadium. The team reached this game by defeating Notre Dame High School in the quarter-finals and Don Bosco Prep in the semi-finals. I want to congratulate the team members and the coaches – especially the members of the senior class, who have worked so hard over the past four years, and Head Coach Nunzio Campanile for all of his expertise, professionalism, and caring.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. McElhinney
Principal
Building Better Leaders Through Technology

By Joe Haemmerle ’86
Assistant Principal of Technology and Student Affairs

Foundations of the Laptop Program

Bergen Catholic developed a 5-year strategic plan as a part of its Middle States Accreditation for Growth Process in 1997. During that time, a commitment to incorporate technology throughout the curriculum was established. Classes would schedule time in any of three computer labs so that, in every academic discipline, a project would be completed once per semester.

The next step in the process was involving the faculty in maintaining academic records electronically. Grades were submitted via floppy disk at first, and then through e-mail. In-service programs focusing on maintaining a grade book on the computer, developing a personal web page, and creating lesson plans that utilize the Internet took place throughout these years.

A team of faculty and administrators then researched laptop programs in a variety of schools. In September 2002, the faculty and administration received its set of laptops and the wireless lab was created.

While the basic structure of our curriculum remains consistent, Bergen Catholic High School began implementing its Laptop Program during the 2002-03 academic year.

Infrastructure

The school started the program by providing teachers with laptops so that they could begin to become comfortable with them. A laptop cart was also ordered with wireless Internet access in Room 8. Throughout the year, classes were scheduled through that room in order to provide teachers with the opportunity to learn how to implement a lesson in a 1:1 environment. There was also wireless access in the teachers’ work room and library, so that teachers could become more familiar with technologies.

From that point, access points were

Bergen Catholic’s Technology initiative has advanced by leaps and bounds since the debut of the Laptop Program in the fall of 2003. Joe Haemmerle ’86, B.C.’s Assistant Principal of Technology and Student Affairs, takes a look back at how the program started, where it stands today, and what we have to look forward to in the future.
positioned in every other classroom throughout the school during the summer of 2003 as the incoming freshman class purchased IBM Thinkpads. Over the course of four years, each incoming freshman class would purchase laptops and create considerable contention for airspace.

This issue led to a large revamp of the wireless infrastructure in 2005. The school recognized the need to provide a more stable wireless environment for teachers planning to incorporate technologies in their classes, so it partnered with Aspire Technologies to implement a Cisco Aironet solution (which is reliably serving the school today).

Since the late 2000’s, each laptop classroom is equipped with multimedia carts which house a digital video projector and a high-fidelity sound system, so that students can effectively share their ideas.

Today, the entire student body utilizes an 802.11 a/b/g wi-fi network campus-wide. This gives the student the ability to access a world of information. He is no longer constrained by his textbook, teacher experience, and the walls around him. The depth and breadth of information available is nearly unlimited, creating opportunity to develop critical thinking skills (evaluation, analysis, and synthesis) as he brings the world into his classroom.

Today

All classrooms currently are equipped with ceiling-mounted projectors and hi-fi systems as well as HDTVs. The entire student body utilizes laptops in their classes daily. While the laptop has been primarily used as a presentation tool, it is helping students to develop organizational skills and habits that will serve them in years to come. One student commented, “I used to forget my notebook, so I’d borrow piece of paper from a friend and usually lose it after class. The ability to take notes on my laptop helps me to keep everything in one place.”

Using software like DyKnow (pronounced “DIE-NO”), laptops are becoming collaboration tools rather than just presentation tools. Teachers are able to group students and allow them to work on projects without rearranging desks. In addition, they can gather feedback from students instantly through polling apps, in order to check for understanding, or push out quizzes and tests to students.

The school now recognizes a “Technologist of the Year” annually. Rather than receiving a stipend, the winner travels to FETC (the Florida Educational Technology Conference) each January. Not only is it a terrific way to recognize outstanding work in education, the trip to the Conference provides a way for our teachers to “sharpen the saw.” We typically see both a sense of confidence among our faculty members who attend the Conference, as they feel very good about their level of proficiency with technology, but they also bring back a wealth of knowledge from the myriad of speakers and thousands of educators they meet with.

Current Projects – “Keeping Up...”

As times change, so does our level of sophistication and desire to better serve our families. The school has been researching School Information Systems in order to provide real-time access to grades, attendance, and disciplinary records. In addition, Bergen is planning to implement a Course Management System, which will continue to assist with organization of course materials and create greater opportunity to employ a blended educational approach, one in which traditional, in-class education takes place, as well as on-line components.

B.C. has been using Edline, now BlackBoard Engage (since BlackBoard, a leader in on-line course management, acquired it last year) for as long as it’s
had the 1:1 program. The school is currently researching options that present real-time data to students, parents, teachers and administrators. Our hope is to enhance how we blend on-line and in-class educational experiences, as well as utilize a tool that can help us intervene quickly if we notice students having issues in a particular class. We are constantly evaluating and researching our infrastructure. Our goal is to responsibly upgrade the wired and wireless network from both fiscal and performance perspectives.

Curriculum Mapping

Traditionally, curricula have been maintained in binders that gather dust and sit in the Principal or Assistant Principal’s office. B.C. identified “mapping its curriculum” as a Middle States goal and is currently working with the Rubicon Atlas program to implement this concept. During this 2012-13 school year, teachers are utilizing a diary method of mapping, placing lesson plans into their maps so we can gain a clearer understanding of timelines and how materials are presented.

Departmentally, overlaps and gaps will be identified to ensure that we are delivering a consistent curriculum to all of our students. This will also assist us from a cross-curricular perspective as we will be able to ensure that Mathematical principles are taught in phase with their need in Science classes, for example.

Greater methods of varied assessment

Currently, the ExamView program enables us to provide on-line testing for our students. We also enjoy the benefits of tools like Turnitin, which is an on-line dropbox for students through which teachers can paperlessly assess students’ work. Turnitin is often feared by students nationwide as purely an anti-plagiarism tool, but teachers like Jim Horner ’64 and Anna Marie Sainclivier use it to grade papers and return it with feedback that students can deal with at “teachable moments.” Rather than seeing their paper carved up in red ink, students have the ability to reflect on criticism when they are ready to accept and learn from it. Teacher feedback is given through links which can be opened. This empowers the learner and helps him to address feedback at his pace.

However, evolving technologies make it easier for us to assess student projects and proficiency in ways we could not in the past. Take world languages, for instance. In the past, it would be very difficult to assess a student’s ability to speak the language, or to test their listening skills. Today, teachers can push our WAV files and collect them in order to authentically assess student performance.

Naviance

The Guidance Department utilizes a program named Naviance. This program provides families and counselors with scattergrams that can assist with the process of selecting colleges. It also provides tools like personality tests and “SuperMatch,” which provides 21 variables that students can adjust that will help them identify colleges they may want to consider.

“Naviance Family Connection offers innovative, easy-to-use web applications for high school students and their parents, teachers, and counselors to assist them with college and career planning,” reports Peter G. Ulrich, B.C.’s Director of Guidance. “Seniors can use Naviance’s eDocs feature to apply to their colleges electronically.”
Other ways that technological improvements have benefitted us

Cashless Cafeteria: Already in Year 3, our cafeteria, which is run by Gerard Morano, utilizes a cashless point of sales system. While a number of students do still pay daily by cash, many are learning to deal with debit accounts and make responsible purchases.

Printing Network: Controller Doris Tracey and Information Systems Engineer Cory DeRobertis implemented a wireless printing/copying/scanning solution in 2011 which has created a more cost-efficient, paper-efficient environment. The scanners are able to take booklets and scan them rapidly for distribution through e-mail. The system also provide for color printing when black and white just won’t suffice.

Moving forward with tablet PCs

For the 2012-13 school year, the Technology Committee made a decision to move toward tablet PCs. We were able to maintain a similar price-point for parents while helping to create an environment where students can take notes and share thoughts with teachers through the DyKnow Vision platform. That is typically difficult, especially in the areas of Math and Science when simple Word Processing tools are not great for solving math equations.

It is much easier to use DyKnow or OneNote and then send it to a teacher. Response has been very positive among students and teachers to this point. That said, with the ever-growing capabilities of iPad-type devices, and dare we say iPhones/androids, the definition of 1:1 will continue to evolve.

Ability to share the Bergen Story with Many, Many More

One of the reasons I earned a Master’s Degree online was that it became clear to me that this type of education certainly had a future. As we develop methods of delivering and assessing content, we keep our eyes on how we can provide a Bergen Catholic education to wider audiences.

Eye on the Future

While we claimed that we are a “1:1 school,” our students’ backpacks would beg to differ. Forty-five pounds later, it seems that everyone has a “Mini-Me” attached to his back! We are looking at reader-like devices like iPads/Kindles to change that model and streamline what our students are carrying around school.

Google’s Project Glass???

Listening to Tom Chi at November’s TEDYouth event in New York City and realizing the power in today’s cell phone, one can’t help but to think about the day when B.C. is no longer a laptop school. Chi is the leader of the Google Team that invented “Google Glass” in 2012. This is a heads-up display that connects to a netbook or other device and shares an image the way (and I know I’m dating myself at this point) that Arnold Schwarzenegger did in his initial Terminator movie. I thought that was cool then, and it’s crazy cool to think that we may be within five years of actually providing that type of experience to our students. Hey, you never know!
Bergen Catholic High School continued to “keep pace” with the times (and outrun its competition by a wide margin) with the decision to use products offered by DyKnow in the fall of 2010.

“Ear-to-the-ground” scouting and intense research by Cory DeRobertis, the school’s Information Systems Engineer, put DyKnow “on the radar” at B.C.

Since 2003, DyKnow has been developing and delivering the best classroom management and interactive learning software for educators. The Indianapolis-based company’s products are used by thousands of teachers around the world and more than 180 one-to-one computing programs.

Back in 2010, one of DyKnow’s products was its “Monitor” program, a classroom management software package that allows teachers to supervise and guide students on their computers and to encourage collaboration.

The Monitor program allows teachers to supervise their class lessons and insure participation and attention by having the ability to view and capture images on individual students’ screens with the simple click of a mouse. Teachers had the ability to manage access to websites and applications on their students’ computers and to take remote control of individual computers, if necessary, to keep students focused on the task at hand.

Other features were available in the Monitor program, and these items were enhanced when B.C. decided to use DyKnow’s “Vision” program the following year.

“Monitor was a program designed more for classroom management,” notes DeRobertis. “Vision is more of a teacher’s tool, a program that allows instructors to engage with the students and take a more collaborative approach in their classes. It’s the best of both worlds.”

The improvements increased the popularity and usability of the product. According to B.C. Physics teacher Brian Rendine ’01, the software package “was akin to an advanced interactive PowerPoint” and very easy to adapt to.

The DyKnow Vision program has many features that are easy to use and understand, for both teachers and students. One of the more popular features is the “Screen Grab,” which allows teachers to find and transmit a web page image or online textbook lesson page directly off the internet, with just a few key strokes. These pages are immediately transferred onto a students’ laptop or tablet screen, and that’s just the beginning. These images can also be written on or highlighted, and also saved.

The “Replay” feature is especially intriguing, since a teacher can write on his or her screen (as he or she would on a blackboard or SMART Board, back in the “old days”), and the exact replica will appear on the students’ screens (including the second-by-second images of the teachers’ actual hand writing as it is happening).

Furthermore, these screens can be saved and replayed later (during study periods or at home), allowing the student a virtual “instant replay” of the lesson as it took place in the classroom or lab. No longer does a B.C. student have to have his head buried in a notebook, trying to copy notes off the blackboard while possibly missing out on a key teaching point. “The students are no longer ‘copy machines’ and can focus more on learning,” concludes DeRobertis.

In some courses where “step-by-step learning” is important, the lesson can be reviewed over and over again, at the students’ convenience. “I like the replay feature because it is almost like each student taking their teachers home with them,” comments Rendine. “They are able to not only see the finished product of their class notes, but can see them replayed back to themselves pen stroke by pen stroke.”

As important as the teaching aspect of the Vision program is, it has other monitoring features that allow the teacher to “take the temperature” of the class as the lesson unfolds.

The program has “Request Status” and “Chat” applications that allow students to interact with the teacher. It allows a shy student to ask a question if he doesn’t understand something without “speaking up,” with the question appearing only on the teacher’s screen. “It helps
engage the quiet student,” notes Rendine, allowing a shy student to feel less inhibited and more involved.

B.C. English teacher Janet Conley noticed a difference in the way her students reacted when DyKnow Vision was introduced in her classes. “Students are interested in participating, it’s fun, and they are quite competitive while using it,” she observed.

“I recently started using the ‘Chat’ feature in groups and have been really excited to see how even the students who are least likely to participate get involved,” observed Biology teacher Diane Trunfio.

These features allow quiet feedback that can tell the teacher if the lesson is understood or if certain points have to be reviewed. “A teacher can touch on a point that a student brings to his attention, and allows the teacher to redirect his lesson based on responses received,” notes Rendine.

If the teacher is seeking a direct response or instant feedback, it can be immediately acquired with the use of the “Poll” feature, which allows the teacher to ask a question directly or formulate a query that finds out if the class understands a lesson or teaching point. Again, shy students benefit by having to ability to give an honest answer without the fear of raising his hand and speaking up.

Use of DyKnow products also helps foster group learning, according to B.C. English teacher Eileen Holt. “DyKnow allows us to electronically break the students into groups. In theory, the students will have a chance to eventually work with all the students in class, instead of just sticking with their cliques or friends,” notes Ms. Holt, who loves using the “Group Work” feature. “Students in the group can view what each group member is writing on his screen without moving – it takes the guess work out of what the group recorder might be writing. The students can all write and all see what the others are doing.”

“DyKnow has made teaching very student-centered, rather than class-centered. I am able to engage every single student in class, while monitoring each student’s progress rather than monitoring the class’ progress as a whole,” sums up Rendine. “It has individualized an otherwise group-oriented way of teaching.”

“I can make sure that each student has the study guide or the document that we are working on, and DyKnow provides a way to collect student responses immediately. It time stamps them and puts them in a nice neat folder that I can review at any time,” adds Ms. Conley, adding that she doesn’t have to make paper copies anymore.

“By using DyKnow in my class, I have been able to enhance my teaching style to engage the students and foster and environment of active leaning through participation. It increases collaboration and gets every student involved,” proclaims Mrs. Trunfio. “Using DyKnow Vision has provided my students increased opportunities to interact, collaborate, and self-assess. The atmosphere is more dynamic and productive as students are actively involved in all aspects of the learning process.”

The use of DyKnow products still requires a lot of maintenance, according to DeRobertis. He conducts “professional development” sessions for all teachers a couple of times per school year, and provides weekly workshops to provide “customized support” for teachers that need help in different areas. “I have formulated a plan which will facilitate how we can make DyKnow Vision better serve our individual teaching styles,” he notes. “This planning process has many ‘spokes’ to make the ‘wheel of technology’ roll along smoothly.”

There are also plans in the near future for B.C. to host a “webinar,” which would be broadcast on both the school’s and DyKnow’s web site. “You have to continue to reinvent yourself,” sums up DeRobertis, echoing B.C. President Br. Brian Walsh’s motto that “good enough is never good enough!”
B.C.’S Diane Trunfio Honored As DyKnow’s “Educator Of The Month”

Bergen Catholic High School Biology teacher Diane Trunfio has been honored as DyKnow’s “Educator Of The Month” for October, 2012.

Mrs. Trunfio, in her eleventh year as a B.C. faculty member, teaches five Biology classes per day and uses DyKnow products prominently in each of them.

“By using DyKnow in my classes, I have been able to enhance my teaching style to engage the students and foster an environment of active leaning through participation,” notes Mrs. Trunfio, who earned a B.S. at Manhattan College and an M.S. at the University of Delaware.

Asked if she noticed any differences in the way her students react now that DyKnow Vision is used, she replied, “Using DyKnow Vision has provided my students increased opportunities to interact, collaborate, and self-assess. The atmosphere is more dynamic and productive as students are actively involved in all aspects of the learning process.”

Bergen Catholic’s highly-successful, cutting-edge technology initiative has prospered since its inception in the fall of 2003. This fall’s freshman class is using tablets for the first time, while the remainder of the student body continues to receive instruction using laptops.

Diane Trunfio was interviewed by DyKnow’s Katie Hahn after being honored as the “Educator Of The Month.”

KH: Your colleague, Cory DeRobertis, nominated you and he had this to say: “Not only does Diane think outside the box, she has also created a 1:1 environment where students want to be engaged in her class with DyKnow.” Very kind words. What’s your take on that?

DT: Well, that was very nice of Cory! This year we switched our 1:1 program to tablet PCs and the pen functionality is more conducive to teaching Science with a computer, especially with software like DyKnow. When we changed over, I just jumped right into utilizing the new technology.

KH: Bergen Catholic had standard laptop 1:1 program prior to switching to tablet PCs. How long has Bergen been a 1:1 school?

DT: I’m not sure of the exact date we became a 1:1 laptop school, but it’s been at least five years. This is the first year we are using tablet PCs. All of the freshman students have them.

KH: You’re a Biology teacher. I think STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) classes seem to benefit the most from tablet PCs.

DT: I can’t speak for the other teachers, but, for me, the tablets create easier accessibility to the program, and the barrier to collaboration has been minimized between the students and me. It’s the best of both worlds. I think introducing technology, if it’s the right technology, is absolutely beneficial. However, I like having physical eye contact with my students, which can be difficult in a 1:1 program. The tablet PCs changed that, too.

KH: Do you use the computers and DyKnow every day?

DT: Yes, I use the computers and DyKnow Vision every day. I actually call their laptops their “notebooks” because that’s what they are now – they’ve essentially replaced our paper notebooks. As for DyKnow Vision, I’m just so excited about the software itself. Now the students have control over how they learn. They feel more involved in my classes. I’m not simply pushing out information on the computer. We are collaborating and students are actively involved in learning the content.
**KH**: What features do you use most?

**DT**: DyKnow Vision is my preferred presentation tool, and students are required to log-in to my sessions. Now, everything we do for class is in one place and students are more organized because of it. For freshman, teaching organizational skills is important. They need to have that skill before they enter the workforce. I also love using Group Work for lab classes, or when discussing broad concepts, because it increases collaboration and gets every student involved. I recently started using the Chat feature in groups and have been really excited to see how even the students who are least likely to participate get involved through Chat.

**KH**: Do you use DyKnow Monitor?

**DT**: I like using Monitor during tests, and I appreciate the Participant Activity Level feature, so I can see how many students are actively using DyKnow Vision. During tests, I use DyKnow Vision more. I have more ways to engage students, which prevents them from being distracted.

**KH**: That’s what most teachers who use both of our products say: classroom management software becomes less critical with interactive tools.

**DT**: Yes, I agree with that. I have a passion for engaging students, and this software really allows me to create the teaching and learning environment I’ve always wanted. It helps me to incorporate teaching techniques for all learning styles. I’m not just saying this because I’m talking to you. I’d tell this to anyone who asked. This tool really helps me teach better. I’m fortunate to work with this program and to have been given this tool, because I can’t imagine not having it now.

**KH**: We love hearing that! Can you briefly describe your personal teaching philosophy?

**DT**: I hope to ignite a passion for learning in my students and to help them understand the process of learning. I remind myself: I’m not teaching Biology, I’m using Biology to teach my students how to LEARN. Of course, they are learning Biology content, but ultimately they are learning how to learn.

**KH**: What advice would you give teachers who are apprehensive to embrace technology regularly?

**DT**: I’m going to quote Nike: “JUST DO IT!” Learning on the job is OK. Try one thing at a time and don’t push yourself to know everything the first day or the first month…not even the first year, because everything changes so quickly. I’d also ask them: what’s the end result you want to see in your classroom? Ask yourself if there is something you can utilize to be more efficient or make teaching and learning more fun. It won’t take much to make them want to continue integrating this technology when they see how much the students enjoy using the technology and learning in the process!
Jim Maher co-authored a fiction novel entitled *Counterfeit Conception*, and also wrote a four-volume alternative history series as the sole author with the overall title *The Grey Cardinal*. All five books are e-books. *Counterfeit Conception* is a “what-if” story that blends the trials of the family of a wounded warrior fighter pilot, the cloning of a human being using blood residue from the Shroud of Turin, a pandemic disease, and devastating natural disasters with an apocalyptic thread. Loosely based on actual and potential events, the reader is led to ask, “Could something like this really happen?” *The Grey Cardinal* series is intricate blend of espionage, murder, space-based intrigue, and the rise of Vladimir Putin to his current position. It is a purely fictional account, but is based on some actual events. The individual titles are *The Assault* (Part 1), *Crimes + Conspiracies* (Part 2), *Investigation + Deception* (Part 3), and *Anitchka* (Part 4). All five books may be ordered at www.amazon.com/Kindle-eBooks or at www.jamesemaher.com. Jim is a retired Air Force colonel and is also retired from Honeywell International, Inc. He earned his B.A. in American History from Seton Hall and his M.A. in College Teaching from Pepperdine University. Jim can be reached at ventureeagles@gmail.com and is always seeking feedback from his readers.

**Class of 1971**

Leon Pavinski wrote to us recently, “I am one of the Class of 1971. I have not returned to the school in over 40 years, but have returned a raffle ticket or two. The two things that B.C. gave me was the ability to read well and think in what I call ‘peeling the onion.’ That is what made me say, ‘I have a different idea on a run for office.’ Win or lose, it is a long way from where I started. It may make one or two others say that we are not done yet.” Leon lives in Oklahoma and ran for House District 47.

**Class of 1974**

Kevin M. Doyle accepted the *Norman Redlich Capital Defense Distinguished Service Award*, presented at the New York City Bar Association in July. After five-and-a-half years defending death row inmates and capital defendants in Alabama, Kevin founded and headed New York State’s Capital Defender Office. Through its trial and appellate advocacy, the Capital Defender Office brought an end to New York’s death penalty. In his acceptance remarks, Kevin cited the Pro-Life values of the Catholic Church, which permits the death penalty only when the murderer cannot be otherwise incapacitated. Kevin majored in Philosophy at Fordham University and graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law.

**Class of 1977**

Gerry DiFiore is a capital markets and mergers and acquisitions lawyer with the global law firm Reed Smith LLP. After practicing in New York City for many years, Gerry has relocated to Hong Kong to coordinate the integration of his firm’s U.S. and Asian Capital Markets/Corporate practices. Gerry is joined there by his wife, Patti, and would love to connect with any Bergen Catholic alumni who are located in or near Hong Kong or who are passing through on business or personal travel.

**Class of 1960**

Jim Maher co-authored a fiction novel entitled *Counterfeit Conception*, and also wrote a four-volume alternative history series as the sole author with the overall title *The Grey Cardinal*. All five books are e-books. *Counterfeit Conception* is a “what-if” story that blends the trials of the family of a wounded warrior fighter pilot, the cloning of a human being using blood residue from the Shroud of Turin, a pandemic disease, and devastating natural disasters with an apocalyptic thread. Loosely based on actual and potential events, the reader is led to ask, “Could something like this really happen?” *The Grey Cardinal* series is intricate blend of espionage, murder, space-based intrigue, and the rise of Vladimir Putin to his current position. It is a purely fictional account, but is based on some actual events. The individual titles are *The Assault* (Part 1), *Crimes + Conspiracies* (Part 2), *Investigation + Deception* (Part 3), and *Anitchka* (Part 4). All five books may be ordered at www.amazon.com/Kindle-eBooks or at www.jamesemaher.com. Jim is a retired Air Force colonel and is also retired from Honeywell International, Inc. He earned his B.A. in American History from Seton Hall and his M.A. in College Teaching from Pepperdine University. Jim can be reached at ventureeagles@gmail.com and is always seeking feedback from his readers.

**Class of 1965**

John DeSimone was elected Mayor of Leonia, NJ in November 2011 and took office on January 1, 2012. John is the owner of Moore’s Hardware on Broad Avenue in Leonia.

**Class of 1960**

Jim Fisher ’73 (middle) visits with B.C. Athletic Director Jack McGovern ’76 (left) and Head Coach Nunzio Campanile (right) prior to his team’s quarterfinal playoff game vs. the Crusaders in November. Jim is the Offensive Coordinator at Notre Dame H.S. in Lawrenceville, NJ.

The 1987 State Champion soccer team celebrated the 15-year anniversary of their great triumph.
at Austin. Brian is currently pursuing a doctorate degree in Business Administration at Argosy University. He is a Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve for 22 years and currently serves as a member of the Mount Prospect, IL Library Board. He has been married to his wife, Janice, for more than 26 years and has one son.

**Class of 1994**

Jason Hernandez and his wife, Jess, welcomed a son, Nathan Matthew Hernandez, on April 28, 2012.

Dan Keenaghan is employed by the Office of Management and Budget at the White House. He is an Airborne Unit attached to the 450th Battalion, Civil Affairs. Major Dan and his wife, Anne, welcomed Sean Michael Keenaghan on May 31, 2012.

**Class of 1996**

Brad Jaworski married Stephanie on August 12, 2012 at the Liberty House Restaurant in Jersey City, NJ.

Sean Pena is engaged to Kalina Costello and will marry her in May 2013. Sean graduated from Dartmouth College with a B.A. in Government and received his Juris Doctor Degree from New York Law School.

Mike Smith and his wife, Catherine, are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Marco Pierson Smith, on March 23, 2012. Dylan is the very proud big brother. Equally proud are grandfather Kevin Smith ’71 and uncle Tim Smith ’04.


**Class of 2000**

Brendan Scully and Emily O’Hara were married on September 1, 2012.

**Class of 2001**

Steve Ohle married Caitlin Collins on August 10, 2012.

Matt Radoslovich and Jacqueline Betz were married on August 4, 2012 at St. Gregory Church in Harrison, NY. A reception was held at Marros Estate in Rye, NY. Dave Caminiti ’99 was best man. Bobby Olson ’01 and Jason May ’03 were in attendance, as well as former B.C. hockey coaches, Dan May and Glenn Carlough.

James Boron is engaged to Amanda Barfield of Georgia. Dr. Boron graduated from Wake Forest University with an undergraduate degree in Kinesiology and Chemistry. He received his Doctorate of Medicine from Florida State University. He is employed by Atlanta Medical Center Trauma/General Surgeon. A March 2013 wedding is planned in Napa Valley, CA.

Michael Liik married Jessica Fielder on October 19, 2012.

**Class of 2002**

Roderick Alfonso has done 20 triathlons and two Ironman competitions. The former B.C. wrestler makes some of his most important life decisions during his running sessions. He graduated from NYU with a Finance Degree and was closing multi-million-dollar deals when his world was turned upside down by family tragedies. He lost his mom and aunt to cancer within a six-month period. During one of his runs, he decided to leave the corporate world for a career in medicine. Roderick went back to school to finish his undergraduate medical courses and is now attending medical school in Boston. He and his friends have started a non-profit fund designed to help cancer patients. Roderick has spent some time working in research on pediatric liver tumors.

**Class of 2004**

Michael McQueen received his Juris Doctor Degree from Villanova Law School. He was the recipient of the Herman J. Obert Award, which is given for attaining the highest grades in the course of Business Organization. Michael is clerking with the Honorable Patricia J. Costello, the assignment judge for Essex County, NJ.

**Class of 2007**

Anthony Celeste of Waldwick was elected to the town council in November on his first try.

Sean Cleary recently had the opportunity to have a private hard-hat tour of the World Trade Center 1 Building. He was able to sign the concrete on the 88th floor.

**Class of 2011**

Mario Kranjac ’11 (right) and his father, Mario (left) had the honor of meeting with former President George W. Bush (center).

Mario Kranjac is a sophomore at Yale majoring in Economics and Political Science. He worked at the Bush Institute this past summer as a research assistant for the Institute’s Four Percent Growth Project. His main responsibility was to research immigration economics for a team of economists. In addition to helping them write their papers, he conducted his own study on a topic titled “Immigrant Contributions to U.S. Entrepreneurship and Innovation.”
Class of 1967 45th Reunion: June 20–22, 2012

Beautiful weather and fifty-plus classmates and friends made for a great weekend. It was a chance to reconnect with those who made Bergen memories still vivid to us. We were even able to make up stuff, as memories are clouded at our age. “The older I get, the better I remember things that never happened” (Mark Twain). The Friday golf event at the tough Forest Hills golf course in Bloomfield gave Bill Oberdorff, John Paolella, and Tom Smith the honor of winning some bogus trophies. On Friday night, Barbara and Dom Preziosi hosted a wine- and food-tasting soiree at the Swim and Racquet Club in Allendale. Mark Zukowski’s Sonoma vineyard (www.zvines.com) was featured. Dr. Jim Macho of San Francisco provided color commentary on the social and medicinal use of good wine. On Saturday morning, Marge Millus and Principal Tim McElhinney gave a comprehensive update on Bergen’s successes and challenges, and reported that 45 international students now attend B.C.! On Saturday afternoon, Charlie Ade and Greg Faughnan orchestrated a two-hour upper Hudson River cruise on a classic 1918 riverboat right out of Boardwalk Empire. On Saturday night, Fr. Bob Stagg hosted music and dinner at his parish, Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River. There was music and much good cheer. We missed not seeing Hunter Hammill, who was serving his country as an Army doctor in Afghanistan. There were many plans made for mini-reunions around the country. There was also the suggestion made that, for the next reunion, cameras would be checked at the door! This reunion’s photos are on the B.C.’s 1967 class Facebook page.

—Mike Purchia ’67
Bergen Catholic’s 30th Reunion for the Class of 1982 was a fantastic success, despite the fallout from Tropical Storm Sandy that suppressed some of the turnout. Almost 40 attendees came to Bacari Grill, which has become the mainstay for such events.

Marge Millus did the majority of the heavy lifting to organize the event, aided by the very cool and confident Tom Azelby, who is a natural at the microphone. Chris Lester and Vince McCarthy were also part of the three-man committee who helped rally the troops.

Tom’s handoff to Lester at the microphone was nearly “fumbled” as Lester attempted to sing Lou Rawls’ “You’ll Never Find” to get everyone’s attention. Prizes were then awarded to those who traveled the farthest to attend: Ken Finn (Colorado), Joe Waters (Atlanta), and Craig Snyder (Seattle). The best senior party prize was given to Michael Kral, whose infamous pool bash ingratiated us to him but clearly not to his parents. Other prizes for quickest-to-answer trivia questions were awarded as well.

The gentleman of the committee, Vince, somberly read the names of our classmates of ’82 who have passed on to greener pastures.

The anticipation swelled with giddiness and trepidation as long-haired Joe Lovi strolled to the microphone. Those who attended the 20th Reunion will always remember Lovi’s hilarious skit with Peter Caride. This time was different, though! What Lovi has endured since the 20th Reunion is beyond imagination: brain cancer, homelessness…you name it. He is an amazing person! Yet, you would never know what he has been through if you just met him. Once Joe grabbed the microphone, he became an equal opportunity offender, and his stories were hilarious. He brought the house down! Peter played the straight man and was hilarious as well.

Thankfully, the wives and girlfriends who heard the graphic and descriptive comments stayed and enjoyed. I do believe many trips to the bartender helped out quite a bit. God Bless everyone and have a Great Christmas and New Year!

—Chris Lester ’82

The Bergen Catholic Class of 1987 celebrated its 25th Reunion on October 13, 2012 at the Brickhouse in Wyckoff, NJ. School President Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C. provided an update as to where B.C. is today as opposed to the late 1980’s and gave as a window into how it will look in the coming decade. After Br. Walsh’s blessing, former B.C. Board Director Gerard Maron addressed over 50 classmates and guests. Gerard spoke about how the Board is assisting Br. Walsh in meeting the goals laid out for the next decade and thanked everyone for their continued support of B.C. Gerald acknowledged our deceased classmates Daniel Baccaglini, Joe Barry, Justin Latona, and Andy O’Grady.

Special Agent Tim Waters (Michigan) and Kevin Twomey (Massachusetts) traveled far to meet up with fellow classmates, including former football teammates Jim Browning, Dr. Don Haas, Tony Cannon, Steve Casey, Brendon Scott, Chris Harrington, and B.C.’s all-time most-carryes-in-a-season record holder Tom Kearney.

After a lot of great food and reconnecting, Brendon Scott generously provided an endless supply of Nat Sherman cigars for the class to smoke in the Brickhouse’s cigar bar, where B.C. Board of Directors member Joe Maurice was holding court with Judd Towey, Bob Koncelik, Doug Hennessy, Joe Bonanno, and several others.

Class Chairs Bill Holzmann and Matt Brogowski also assisted in making this a fun and successful night as members of the Reunion Committee. Class Chair Bill Tobias willingly became our photographer for the night and was able to capture many moments of old friends catching up and almost reliving a B.C. dance night, so check out B.C.’s Alumni page for additional pictures.

—Bill Meehan ’87
Forty-six members from the Class of 1992 reunited at the Courtyard by Marriott in Montvale in October to celebrate their 20-year Reunion.

It was an exciting evening as old friends reconnected and reminisced about their great times together at Bergen. Laughter could be heard throughout the entire evening as memories were relived and classmates caught each other up on what they have been doing over the last 20 years. For just a moment, some of us wished a time machine could bring us back to the place that was the genesis of our brotherhood!

Thanks to the reunion committee for all of their efforts, and a special thank you to Marge Millus for all of her hard work!

We look forward to seeing more members from the Class of ’92 at the 25th Reunion!

–BJ O’Connor ’92
On October 27, 2012, the Class of 2002 held its inaugural reunion. The day started out with a number of alums converging on Overpeck County Park to support their fellow Crusaders in a bid to defeat rival Don Bosco. Even though the team was not victorious on the field, the game’s outcome did not affect the spirits of the 40+ alums and guests who came together at the Bacari Grill in Washington Township that evening.

The evening was kicked off with remarks from Br. Brian Walsh, C.F.C. and Mrs. Francesca Tambone-Puzio. Other faculty guests who attended included Dr. Joseph Fusco, Mr. John Puzio, Mr. Anthony Mattera, and Mrs. Lily DiMaggio.

Following the speeches, a buffet was enjoyed and stories of both past and present were exchanged, including a few gems by Joe Charles and Rob Holuba. Upon the conclusion of the celebration at Bacari, a number of alums made their way over to the Orange Lantern, where the good times continued well into the morning hours.

On behalf of the Class of 2002, I would like to thank Marge Millus, who was instrumental in the organization and execution of our reunion, and John Amoratis ’77 for hosting us at the Bacari Grill. I definitely look forward to seeing everyone again in a few years. Cheers!

—Brian Keller ’02
Las Vegas Trip: September 14-15, 2012

We had a great turnout for our “Bergen Catholic Goes on the Road” trip to Las Vegas in September, with more than 50 alumni in attendance to watch B.C. beat Bishop Gorman. A big “thank you” goes out to Donna and Dave Hansen for hosting our pre-game and post-game alumni receptions in their luxurious suite at the Red Rock Resort.

The Class of 1991 had the biggest showing, with Tom Barry, Ken Sullivan, Mike Doherty, Don Demers, and P.J. McGrory in attendance. The Class of 1982 was right behind, with Steve Sheridan, Chris Billetz, and Chris Lau making the trip. John Herman ’61 travelled from Riverton, UT. Tony Mandile ’59 (who scored the first touchdown in B.C. football history) came from Glendale, AZ, and Quentin Franklin ’79 flew in from Virginia Beach, VA to support their alma mater.

BerGen CatHolic Goes
On the Road
to Las Vegas

(L to R) Mike Guerra CP ’13, Brian Sherlock ’79, and Mike Haviland ’78.

Br. Walsh greets the attendees.
Napa Valley Trip: September 16, 2012

I never knew Mark Zukowski ’67 after he started as a freshman at B.C. (what we called it then) in 1963, but I’m glad I met him later, much later, in 2012. On September 16, a beautiful, warm, crystal-clear Sunday, Mark and his wife, Jamie, hosted Northern California B.C. alumni, Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C. and Marge Millus at their home and vineyard in Knight’s Valley, just northwest of the world-famous Napa Valley and, frankly, just as good a place to grow wine-producing grapes. Some of the group had seen the Bergen Catholic football team beat Bishop Gorman in Las Vegas two days before. Mark and Jamie put on an equally excellent performance.

Mark worked as a geneticist with Amgen after graduating from Georgetown with a degree in Botany. He obviously paid close attention at both places. Mark and Jamie now cultivate over 20 acres of high-quality grapes in the shadow of Mount Helena. If you’ve ever wondered what it would be like to have the owner of a vineyard walk you through his acres, explain his craft, and then let you sample his wine in his home in the shadow of the mountain, that was our Sunday afternoon. Jamie warned us that Mark might provide “TMI,” but she had nothing to worry about. For 45 minutes, we walked the hills and tasted grapes from the vines while Mark described it all – from planting to harvest. He told us what he worries about (especially rain at the wrong time or no rain at the right time) and why he now enjoys getting up at dawn.

Zukowski Vineyards produces 20-to-25 tons of grapes per season. Most of the grapes go to wineries whose names you would recognize. These grapes are so good that wine producers come asking for some of the crop in the spring. After tasting some of Mark’s private label cab and merlot, which goes by the brand “Kinder” (Jamie’s family name), it was easy to understand why. I’m no connoisseur, but I know what I like and this was as good as any I’ve had in Napa.

We spent a near-perfect afternoon in a flat-out beautiful setting, sipping wine, trading stories, hoping that Bergen plays more football on the West Coast, and that Jamie and Mark will invite us back!

—John Koeppel ’65

Cindy and I really enjoyed the B.C. alumni event at Zukowski Vineyards. In meeting the other B.C. alums, I was struck by the consistency of character and values we shared across all the generations represented. Clearly, character and values are at the core of B.C.’s mission today. It was a special treat to not only tour the vineyard with Mark, but to taste wines made from the vineyard’s grapes. The wines Mark and Jaime shared with us reflected their passion for and commitment to growing grapes of the highest quality. It was a great day in every respect!!!

John McCaffrey ’77
Alumni Golf Outing: September 28, 2012

On September 28, twenty-two years after the first B.C. Alumni Golf outing was held, the 2012 Alumni Golf Outing took place at Emerson Golf Club.

Seventy-five golfers returned for another battle with “par.” Instead of the patchwork of last-minute details stitched together, this event was guided by the steady hands of Marge Millus, Mike Haviland ’78, and Jim Jacobson ’66. They produced a fun event that should become a standard for alumni, even stopping the rain 30 minutes before tee time!

The original outing consisted of hamburgers, hot dogs, pretzels and a keg of beer at the end of 18 holes. We had a barbeque lunch and an open bar with a full catered dinner. The focus of the day, however, was not the delicious cuisine but the memories the guys had of “Life at B.C.”

Memories of the four years spent at B.C. were told and retold as the 75 golfers, some of them 68 years old, relived all the stories of their high school days.

Lest we forget that golf was the original reason for the get-together, here is a list of those who also played some excellent golf:

Low Net: 65 – Phil Borrelli, John Daniello ’91, and Phil Reicherz ’91

Low Gross: 67 – Joe Branciforte ’64, John Corcoran ’75, Brendan McBride ’89, and Fr. Bob Stagg ’67


Closest to the Pin: 5’8” – Greg Amerkanian ’88

In summary, the golf was good, the food and drink were good, the company OUTSTANDING! See you next year!
Class of 1962 Celebrates 50-Year Reunion

Forty Bergen Catholic graduates from the Class of 1962 returned to Oradell, NJ on the weekend of September 28-29, 2012 to celebrate their 50th Reunion in grand style!

The fun started when eight class members participated in the Alumni Golf Outing at Emerson Golf Club on Friday, September 28. Later that evening, 14 distinguished alumni attended a “Refresh My Memory” dinner reception at Bibi’z Restaurant in Westwood.

The members of the Class of 1962 returned to the scene of some great memories – Crusader Stadium – on Saturday afternoon, and the B.C. football team honored its guests by scoring 62 points in a lopsided win over Passaic County Tech. Following a “Welcome Back” reception and guided tours of the new-and-improved B.C. campus, the celebrants attended Mass in the McKenna-Lawrence Chapel, received their “Golden Diplomas,” and then relived some great memories during a dinner reception at Bacari Grill in Washington Township.

I did not realize how much I cherished the memories of my B.C. classmates until I experienced this weekend. Unrealistic as I know that it is, I wish that I could reconnect with these great guys on an annual basis. That all being said, I want to thank and congratulate Marge Millus and Joe Branciforte ’64 on the magnificent job they did. Your efforts only augmented a most memorable experience.

Bud Montana ’62
It was great to see you all. Now that I’m back at home and sharing the weekend experiences with my friends and family, I’m overwhelmed with the events of the weekend. Spending time with you made me realize just how important my time at B.C. was.

For most of my time at B.C., I felt invisible. There was a lot of drama in my family life, and I was one of those kids who kept a low profile. I was such an introvert. Oh, I carried the outline of a wooden compass on my butt, but I could never go home and complain about the Brothers to my dad. That would have just made it worse.

But some of you, without knowing it, saved my life. Here’s what I’ll always remember: I was not a good athlete, but John Hammel, Jim O’Brien, and Tom Mullins included me in their lives. I was not a great student, but Gerry Clark and Joe Flynn included me in their lives. And I wasn’t a funny, happy, and easy-going guy, but Vince Sindone and Denis Poley included me in their lives. They made me laugh. For that, and for all of you, I am forever grateful.

Denis Clark ’62

Thanks for your nice words. As with most, I greatly appreciate your efforts. It was a super weekend. I enjoyed renewing old acquaintances and had a fine time. Particularly, I enjoyed the nice touch concerning the “Golden Diploma” and that the football team missed an extra point so they could honor us with a score of ’62.’ Obviously, I grieved for those no longer with us. But, I consider them with us in spirit. As per looking forward to our 55th reunion: more than that, I look forward to our 75th in 2037. Regards and thanks again for everything.

Rick Broberg ’62
I have enjoyed serving as the interim President of the Alumni Association since January 2012. While we were only an ‘interim’ Board, I believe we made some progress, and I want to thank my co-officers and the Volunteer Committee members who created so many new programs and made this such a great year.

Specifically, I would like to thank:
- Associate Director of Advancement – Marge Millus
- Controller – Doris Tracey
- Vice President – Eric Lane ’92
- Treasurer – Gerry DiFiore ’77
- Executive Secretary – Tom Polifroni ’99

Volunteer Committee Chairs:
- Admissions – Zeke Rodgers ’92, Paul Bonistalli ’69
- Young Alumni – Christian Sees ’96, John Walsh ’95
- Career Development – J.R. Meloro ’91, Brian Hughes ’86
- Service & Spirituality – Sandy Cerami ’85, John Corcoran ’75
- Healthy Living – Bill Leonard ’78, John Malone ’77

I want to thank all the previous Alumni Association Board Members who successfully built one of the area’s most admired high school alumni associations. We stand on your shoulders.

The previous Board had the vision and courage to make major changes to the structure and By-Laws of the already-successful Alumni Association. Thanks to their efforts, we currently have an election taking place for the 2012-2014 term. This election was designed to incorporate a feeling of unity and inclusivity by soliciting nominations from Class Chairs, concluding with a final vote on the proposed candidates via an online ballot. The newly-elected Officers and Decade Representatives will be announced at the Class Chair Letter Signing on January 15, 2013.

While there have been bumps in the road, I believe those learning curves will make for a stronger, more active and engaged Alumni Association. The road to success is not always a smooth one. Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow. – Ronald E. Osborn

Here are a few of the great events coming up in 2013:
- January 10, 2013 (Thursday) – College/Alum Networking/Mentor Event @ B.C.
- January 15, 2013 (Tuesday) – Class Chair Letter Signing @ Seasons
- March 24, 2013 (Sunday) – Hall of Fame Dinner @ The Fiesta
- March 30, 2013 (Saturday) – Easter Egg Hunt @ B.C.
- May 16, 2013 (Thursday) – Cigar Night @ River Vale Country Club
- June 13, 2013 (Thursday) – Hoboken on Tap

To keep up with all that is going on in the Alumni Association, please visit bergencatholic.org, and register and join the official Bergen Catholic High School Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/Bergen-Catholic.

I urge you to join the Bergen Catholic (R)evolution and participate in any way you can. Deus Vult!

Michael JD Haviland ’78
President
Bergen Catholic Alumni Association
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 Advancement at: 201.634.4140, or: JBRANCIFORTE@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

Stone Cost: $5,000
Bergen Catholic’s fifty-fourth graduation ceremony took place on June 3, 2012 at the Felician College auditorium in Lodi, NJ. Br. 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 2012, Thomas Ryan Joseph Lahey and Brendan Patrick McCullagh, spoke during the ceremony.

The Class of 2012 consisted of 166 students from 64 towns in seven Counties, bringing B.C.’s all-time total of graduates to almost 11,400 students. Sixty-five percent of the senior class (108 students) earned a total of more than $19.8 million in scholarships and grants (the fourth-highest total ever at the school).

### GRADUATING CLASS COMPARISONS

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†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)
Matthew Christopher Coyne

The Br. Peter L. Lawrence, C.F.C. – Alumni Scholarship
(Funded by The Bergen Catholic Alumni Association)
Anthony Paul Elhamy Shaker

TOP 25 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING

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Br. Edward T. Beyer, C.F.C. Medal – History  Jong In Yoon
Bergen Catholic Physics Medal  Ryan John Smyth
Bergen Catholic Chemistry Medal  Daniel Bernard McNicholas
Br. Edward Roepke, C.F.C. Medal – Biology  Lawrence Andrew Chan
Bergen Catholic Calculus Medal  Craig Charles Boswell
Thomas Fuchs Medal – Mathematics  Kemuel Nigel Noriega
Br. Joseph S. Smith, C.F.C. Medal – French  Andrew Joseph Schemetow
Richard D’Orazio Medal – Italian  Tyler Michael Lotz
Bergen Catholic Spanish Medal  Daniel Michael Mirandi
Br. Thomas J. Jensen, C.F.C. Medal – Latin  Thomas Edward Marselli
Bergen Catholic Art Medal  Moon Gyu Choi
James J. Obrota Medal – Music  Connor Charles O’Neill
Bergen Catholic Computer Science Medal  Ian Matthew Berman
John Courtney Medal – Christian Service  Timothy John Corcoran
Victor Liggio Medal – Outstanding Scholar-Athlete  Hunter Matthew Kiselick

FACULTY SERVICE AWARDS
2012 Pro Multis Annis Award  2012 Fac Omnia Bene Award
(40 years of service to  (30 years of service to
Bergen Catholic High School)  Bergen Catholic High School as a coach)
Mr. John Direnzo  Mr. James Jacobsen ’66

The Class of 2012’s top two students (L to R) William Barclay Lowe (“Second in Merit”) and Anthony Paul Elhamy Shaker (“First in Merit”).

Andrew Joseph Schemetow delivers the “Welcome” address prior to the Baccalaureate Liturgy.

John Direnzo (left photo) and James Jacobsen ’66 receive their Faculty Service Awards from B.C. President Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C.
17 GRADUATES ARE SONS OF B.C. ALUMNI

The Bergen Catholic Class of 2012 contained 17 graduates whose fathers are also alumni of B.C., bringing the school’s father/son grand total to exactly 300 pairs! Here are the father/son pairings with the 2012 graduates standing in the middle row and their respective fathers (with their graduation years) standing one row above each of them.

(Top and middle rows, L to R) Timothy and John ’75 Corcoran, Connor and Brian ’79 Cole, Austin and Thomas ’79 Devine, Daniel and Henry ’81 Gomez, Kevin and Michael ’80 Leithauser, and Brian and John ’79 Hund. (Front row, L to R) Thomas ’74 and Riley Finnegan, Br. Thomas E. Guihen, C.F.C. (Moderator – Bergen Catholic Alumni Association), B.C. Principal Mr. Tim McElhinney, and Donald and Donald ’83 Maita. (Not pictured) Paul and Paul ’82 Binkunski.

Bergen Catholic Introduces New Faculty Members

New additions to the Bergen Catholic High School faculty for the 2012–13 school year include (standing, L to R) Br. Christopher D. Hall, C.F.C., Frank DiCocco, and F. Michael Traviline, and (sitting, L to R) Elizabeth Pagnani, Marianna Cornelison, and Br. Tony Quinn, C.F.C.

Bergen Catholic High School Appoints 21 Extraordinary Ministers

Bergen Catholic High School marked the opening of the 2012-13 school year with the celebration of Mass of the Holy Spirit, during which 21 B.C. students were appointed as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Celebrating the Mass was Reverend Antonio Ricarte of Sacred Heart Church in Haworth, the school’s Chaplain. Joining Reverend Antonio Ricarte (middle row) were newly-appointed B.C. seniors (top row, L to R) Thomas Garone, Tyler Shiling, Joseph Canlas, Matthew Liguori, Nicholas Muller, Jack Lippin, Brandon Perez, and Colin Elliott; (middle row, L to R) Ernest Elgin, Joseph Esposito, Brendan McCarthy, Matthew Ornstein, Casey Gaarn, Grant Hessman, and Timothy Paul Shaker; and (bottom row, L to R) Ryan Romanos, Mark Shasha, Michael Whalen, Patrick Monaghan, Deek Medzadourian, and Michael Moore.
Three senior students at Bergen Catholic High School have been honored by the National Merit Scholarship Program. The students took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (“PSAT/NMSQT”) during their junior year.

Matthew O’Donnel, Timothy Paul Shaker, and Connor Van Cleave were announced as National Merit Commended Students. These students were named as three 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 three gentlemen are excellent students who participate in several school activities.

Mr. O’Donnel was inducted into the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society, and was named as a Blessed Edmund Rice Scholar. He is also involved in many extracurricular activities at the school, serving as an Editor with The Herald (the school newspaper) and Talisman (the school’s literary magazine) and as a member of the Red and Gold Club. He has also run for the B.C. cross-country team.

Mr. Shaker was inducted into the National Honor Society, the National Mathematics Honor Society, and the National Social Studies 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 Student Government Association, Mock Trial Team, Junior Statesmen of America, Catholic Faith Crusaders, and the Green Club, and has also played for the B.C. varsity basketball team, and also previously played for the football and track teams.

Mr. Van Cleave was inducted into the National Honor Society, The National Society of High School Scholars, the National Social Studies Honor Society, the National Mathematics Honor Society, and the Spanish Honor Society, and was also awarded The Sage College Book Award. He is a member of the school’s Student Government Association (Vice President), the International Club, the Future Business Leaders of America, Midnight Run, and the Red and Gold Club. He also plays for the B.C. varsity basketball team, and also previously played for the football and track teams.

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).
Phillip Bempong ’13 Named As National Achievement Scholarship Program Outstanding Participant

Phillip Bempong ’13 has been named as a National Achievement Scholarship Program ("NASP") Outstanding Participant.

Mr. Bempong, who took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test ("PSAT/NMSQT") during his junior year, was named as one of approximately 3,100 high-scoring outstanding participants who took the battery of tests. The NASP program provides recognition for outstanding Black American high school students.

To be eligible to be recognized by the NASP, a student must be a Black American high school student, and must take the PSAT/NMSQT test.

Mr. Bempong is an excellent student, having been inducted into the National Honor Society, the National Social Studies Honor Society, the National Mathematics Honor Society, and the Latin Honor Society. He was named as an AP Scholar and was awarded The Rochester Institute of Technology Computer Medal. He is a member of the school’s SHIELD Leadership Group, Mock Trial Team, Crusaders for Christian Action, Men’s Vocal Ensemble, and the Red and Gold Club, and also plays for the B.C. track and volleyball teams.

Kevin Labagnara ’13 Recognized By National Hispanic Recognition Program

Kevin Labagnara ’13 has been recognized by the National Hispanic Recognition Program ("NHRP").

Mr. Labagnara, who took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test ("PSAT/NMSQT") during his junior year, was named as one 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.

Mr. Labagnara is an excellent student, having been inducted into the National Honor Society, the National Social Studies Honor Society, the National Mathematics Honor Society, and the Spanish Honor Society. He also received 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 and the BCMD Club, and also previously played for the B.C. soccer and volleyball teams.

ENGINEERING CLUB STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN “LAST FLING PUMPKIN SLING”

Three sophomore members of the Bergen Catholic High School Engineering Club participated in the annual “Last Fling Pumpkin Sling” competition that was held in Hunterdon County on October 20-21. Participants in the event constructed their own catapults and then competed against each other. Representing B.C.’s Engineering Club were (L to R) Dante Tillman, Raphael Longobardi, and Joseph Niece.
Class of 2016 Stocked With Familiar Names!

The recent trend of Bergen Catholic’s freshman class containing students who are sons and grandsons of B.C. alumni continued with the news that no fewer than 28 incoming students fit into those prestigious categories!

The Class of 2016 also contains one student (Carlo Feniello ’16) whose father (Peter ’89) AND grandfather (Peter ’60) are proud B.C. alumni.

Bergen Catholic has 78 current students (including 12 seniors, 16 juniors, and 22 sophomores) who have a father or grandfather who is an alumnus and will hopefully join the 305 graduated alumni who can make the same claim.

Each of the last eight classes (Classes of 2009-16) and 10 of the last 11 have at least 12 father (grandfather)-son combinations in them – an ongoing testament to the quality of a B.C. education.

Here’s a list of those 28 freshman students, with their fathers'/grandfathers’ names and graduation years in parentheses:

John Alicandri ’16 (John ’84)
Thomas Arcieri ’16 (Thomas ’82)
Peter Berkanish ’16 (R. Peter ’76)
Peter Campbell ’16 (Peter ’86)
Matthew Cooney ’16 (Daniel ’80)
James Corcoran ’16 (Daniel ’75)
Angelo Costa ’16 (Angelo ’72)
Timothy Daly ’16 (Brendan ’84)
Timothy DePhillips ’16 (Christopher ’83)
James Esposito ’16 (James ’85)
Frankie Feaster ’16 (John ’79)
Carlo Feniello ’16 (Peter ’89 and grandfather Peter ’60)
Matthew Ferioli ’16 (James ’82)
Miles Finnegan ’16 (Thomas ’74)

Ryan Gallahue ’16 (Desmond ’86)
Kyle Gambert ’16 (Michael ’79)
Jack Hartigan ’16 (Christopher ’86)
Brendan Kelly ’16 (Kevin ’83)
Patrick Lee ’16 (James ’80)
Michael Malone ’16 (Robert ’77)
Mark Marino ’16 (Mark ’80)
John Meloro ’16 (Thomas ’82)
Michael Morrissey ’16 (Michael ’82)
Erikson Nichols ’16 (George ’78)
Thomas O’Boyle ’16 (James ’82)
Brian O’Connor ’16 (Mark ’80)
Michael Quinn ’16 (Michael ’83)
Joseph Ragucci ’16 (Enzo ’89)

Bergen Catholic Honors Its Retirees

Bergen Catholic High School gave thanks to those who served the school so faithfully and selflessly when it hosted its annual Retiree Luncheon just prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. The honorees included (standing, L to R) Tony Plinio, Don Viggiano, Robert Cleaveland, Br. John L. Gilchrist, C.F.C., and Tom Fuchs, and (sitting, L to R) Dottie Burke, Br. James B. Walsh, C.F.C., Kay Breslin, and Br. Edward T. Beyer, C.F.C.
New Bleachers Installed Inside Hoehl Gymnasium

For the first time since the room was built in the mid-1950s, new bleachers were installed inside Hoehl Gymnasium in October. The state-of-the-art bleachers feature sturdy construction, aisles that didn’t exist with the old bleachers, and hand rails in those aisles.

The improvements will result in a more comfortable experience for those attending games and various school functions, although it will result in a slightly-reduced seating capacity. In a new twist, the team benches for the basketball teams will be moved to the west (opposite) side of gym.

Let’s hope that the new bleachers “witness” as many great and memorable moments as the old ones did!
Bergen Catholic High School, for the second time in three years, hosted for its freshmen and sophomore students a moving seminar about teenager suicide, mental health awareness, and depression in conjunction with The Ganley Foundation’s “Crusade for Awareness” nationally-known campaign.

Shortly after the untimely death of their only son, James ‘00, by suicide in 2004, Ann and Jim ’69 Ganley established The Ganley Foundation to commemorate his life. The Ganley Foundation created a national “Crusade for Awareness,” a movement that seeks to promote mental health awareness and to educate teens and their parents about the signs of depression.

The objective of the “Crusade for Awareness” is to help teenagers to recognize the signs of depression in themselves and in their peers. The program provides factual information and helps reduce the stigma associated with depression and other related neurobiological disorders.

The Ganley Foundation, whose work was featured in an ESPN special, has an impressive web site (http://ganleyfoundation.org/) that details its mission, its programs, and its goals.

Ann Ganley addressed the audience of B.C. freshmen and sophomores, and then introduced guest speaker Jordan Burnham, a suicide survivor himself.

Burnham, a young man whose moving story has been featured on ESPN’s “Outside the Lines,” Sports Illustrated, CNN, Dr. Phil, and Good Morning America, shared his personal experiences leading up to his suicide attempt and his long recovery, and then answered questions from B.C. students.

At the conclusion of the presentation, officers from Bergen Catholic’s “Pro Life” group, which is named “B.C. Alive,” presented a donation from a recent fund raiser to the Directors of The Ganley Foundation.
Undeterred by the invasion of Hurricane Sandy, and despite a 13-day postponement that pushed it to a Wednesday night, the Fifth Annual Crusader Gala was once again a rousing success! Two outstanding Bergen Catholic alumni were honored on November 14 at the Venetian in Garfield, NJ in the much-anticipated event.

The honorees, who received Founder’s Medals presented by Bergen Catholic President Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C., were James Horner ’64 and Gerard Maron ’87.

(L to R) Associate Director of Advancement Marge Millus, B.C. President Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C., and Director of Advancement Joseph Branciforte ’64 get ready to draw one of the winning tickets in the 50-50 raffle.
Gerard Maron is the youngest of six children and was born and raised in Oradell, NJ. He graduated from St. Joseph School in 1983 and was a member of the Bergen Catholic Class of 1987.

After graduating from B.C., he followed in his brothers’ footsteps when he attended Providence College, where he graduated in 1991 with a B.S. in Accounting. Upon graduation from P.C., he was recruited by several former Bergen Catholic graduates to join PricewaterhouseCoopers (formerly Coopers & Lybrand) in Parsippany, NJ.

Gerard’s intention was to spend two years at the firm, obtain his CPA license, and then pursue other opportunities. However, the firm kept providing great opportunities for Gerard to develop his skills, which included earning his M.B.A. in Finance from Columbia University. Twenty-one years later, he is still at the firm and is a partner in its Transaction Services group. In this capacity, Gerard advises various private equity firms on buying and selling businesses.

Gerard and his wife of over fifteen years, Christine, currently live in Oradell with their three children, Micaela (13), Erin (11), and Brian (8). Gerard and Christine first met in 1979 when Christine’s family moved from Brooklyn to Oradell.

Gerard has always lived the mission of Bergen Catholic and contributes in as many ways as he can. He served on the Bergen Catholic Board of Directors from 2003 to 2012 (the maximum allowed term) and was Chairman of the Board from 2008 to 2012. He is also a Bergen Catholic class chair and a member of the 1987 reunion committee.

Gerard is also actively involved in his community. He served on the Board of Advisors to St. Joseph School in Oradell, is a member of the St. Joseph Church Finance Committee and the Forward In Faith Strategic Planning Committee, and coaches various youth sports teams in Oradell. He has also been involved in numerous other charities and committees over the past 21 years and is always willing to lend a hand or an ear when needed.

James Horner, a member of the Bergen Catholic Class of 1964, has served his alma mater as a highly-respected faculty member since the fall of 1981. During his days as a B.C. student, he was a contributor to the literary magazine Talisman (which he now moderates).

Jim matriculated at Providence College, where he majored in English and graduated magna cum laude. He served as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Turkey immediately after graduating from college, and taught English at Atatürk University in Erzurum during his two years there.

Jim returned to the States to earn a Master of Arts degree in Religion and Literature from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago in 1972. He then accepted the position of Director of Religious Education at St. Cecilia Parish, Englewood, NJ, a post he held until 1981. In 1983 he was Director of Religious Education at St. Mary’s in Rutherford, NJ until 1990.

Jim joined the B.C. faculty in the fall of 1981 and has taught Religion and English for more than three decades. He has been very active in many other areas at B.C., serving as Moderator of English Enrichment, Talisman, the Right to Life Club, Club Interact, Amnesty International, and Crusaders for Christian Action.

In addition to moderating the above activities, he has helped organize weekly trips of students and faculty members to St. John’s Soup Kitchen in Newark, NJ, as well as “Big Brother” events such as Field Days and hiking, canoe, ice skating, and roller skating trips with children from St. Agatha’s Home in Nanuet, NY, March for Life trips to Washington, DC, annual Blood Drives, and the ever-popular student-faculty sports events.

Jim was honored as B.C.’s “Teacher of the Year” for the 2002-03 school year. He was rewarded for his exceptional efforts in utilizing technology in the classroom by being named as the school’s “Technologist of the Year” for the 2010-11 school year. He requires his students to do their homework electronically, which then can be projected in the classroom and appraised by fellow students to promote continuous interaction and participation. Jim incorporates technology to grade papers, using “rubrics” that he developed, and writes comments directly on his students’ work to promote fast and efficient grading.

Jim is the father of Thierry ’90, Hervé, Marie Joséèphe, and Raphael ’01, and the grandfather of Benjamin and Henry Horner.
The 41st Brother Burns Annual Golf Classic took place at Knickerbocker Country Club in Tenafly, NJ. After an outstanding day of competition, fun, laughs, and comradeship, the 100 golfers in attendance and their guests enjoyed a sumptuous dinner that included an awards ceremony that honored the numerous contributions of Mike Ference ’87 and Jim McGovern ’83 to Bergen Catholic High School.

Honoree Mike Ference ’87 receives the Brother Martin P. Burns Award from Jim Jacobsen ’66.

Honoree Jim McGovern ’83
Corporate Sponsors (L to R) Al Hayward, Tom Devine ’79, Michael Marcon ’82 (Equity Risk Partners), Marc Ross, Dan Kelly ’86 (Nomura Securities), Richard Friedman (Sichenzia Ross Friedman Ference LLP), Robert Eide (Aegis Capital Corp.), James Ahern, and Glen Pfeiffer ’76 (BD).

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BERGEN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY STEPS UP TO ASSIST
Habitat For Humanity

By Craig Bender ’14
The Herald

Several current students, alumni, and parents of current and former Bergen Catholic High School students joined forces with Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County to participate in house building and refurbishing projects in three towns in July.

Specifically, B.C. volunteers assisted with the building (from the ground up) of a new house in Oradell, with a major renovation project in New Milford that provided wheelchair access throughout the entire first floor for a family whose young daughter was afflicted with seizure disorders and cerebral palsy, and with the painting and a general “sprucing-up” of two houses in Englewood. Craig Bender ’14 was one of the volunteers who contributed time and effort during the stifling July heat to take part in the program.

TUESDAY GROUP (ORADELL): (L to R) Lauren Haviland, Linda Lahey AP ’12, Susan Haviland AP ’06, ’09, Thomas Lahey ’12, Michael Guerra ’13, Bryan Castro ’13, Scott Penza ’91, Thomas Duhamel ’93, Brendan McNamara ’93, Mike Haviland ’78, and James Ferioli ’82.


The Habitat for Humanity renovated an old house in New Milford for the family of Zoey Komino. Zoey, the youngest child in her family, has been a victim of seizure disorders and cerebral palsy and is dependent on life-giving equipment. The renovations provided her with a myriad of benefits, including wheelchair access throughout the first floor and a handicap bathroom with wheel-in-tub accessibility, as well as a larger bedroom to accommodate her therapy equipment.

Additionally, Habitat provided future living space for a live-in caregiver, direct accessibility to the outside, and an uninterrupted power supply and a generator backup to sustain her through a power outage. Although the work was rigorous, the work day included taking down instillation, breaking down walls, and putting up ceiling supports and roofing, as well as a massive clean-up. Anyone who attended the event could have caught sight of good-spirited Crusaders like Alec Talarico ’15, Bryan Castro ’13, Richard Han Ruiz ’14, and Patrick Kuncio ’13.

Talarico, working diligently at the Oradell home where the construction crew built a duplex for two families in need, expressed his satisfaction with his “HFH” experience. “It was a great experience to help people in need. Working on the house gave me a sense of what it feels like to do actual labor.”

Similarly, Castro gave some insight into the activities he took part in, and spoke about the comforting sense of gratification he felt after helping the cause. “I did Habitat for Humanity for three days. My first day, I helped to paint the front porches in the lower-income houses. I did that in the morning, then in the afternoon, I helped build the foundation of the house,” recalled Castro.

“I enjoyed my work with Habitat for Humanity because I contributed to families in need,” reported the B.C. senior. “Some days, I worked with ten people, and other days, with four or five. Everybody worked hard and showed that they cared about the families that we were serving. It was a very memorable experience.”

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ORADELL: “…Bergen Catholic will be the foundation that others will build upon.” — B.C. Alumni Association President Mike Haviland ’78.

NEW MILFORD: Sheets of plywood are moved into place.

FRIDAY GROUP (ENGLEWOOD): (Standing, L to R) Dominick Lembo ’13, Matthew Iobst ’14, Dr. George Kipel AP ’13, Mrs. Lorraine Kipel AP ’13, Todd Marco ’02, and Br. Kevin Kiernan, C.F.C., and (sitting, L to R) Bryan Castro ’13 and Calin Barber ’14.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Craig Bender ’14 is a member of The Herald and the Architecture Club.
As part of Bergen Catholic’s ongoing Strategic Planning initiative, five “Outcome” committees, comprised of various constituents from among administration, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, students, and friends of the school, have been working on five Strategic Planning Outcomes.

Outcome One (with a 2012 deliverable) reads as follows: We have a working definition of “brotherhood” and will have designed a tool to assess baseline and measure growth. There are additional benchmarks for 2016 and 2020, which we will report on in the future. We thank all survey participants for your valuable and thoughtful feedback via our survey tools.

Included below are the responses to the four quantifiable survey questions. The results give us a clear baseline measurement from which we can spring forward with initiatives designed to increase the sense of “brotherhood” above the impressive baseline percentages reported herein.

**BROTHERHOOD SURVEY RESULTS**

**Do you feel “connected” to your alma mater, Bergen Catholic High School?**

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“Brotherhood” can best be defined as “a feeling of connectedness that reflects a shared common bond through our B.C. experience—emphasizing values, faith, leadership skills, and lifelong friendships.”

Indicate your level of agreement or disagreement:

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Crusader Legacy Society

Have You Named Bergen Catholic In Your Will?

Bergen Catholic’s Crusader Legacy Society formally recognizes investors who have chosen to leave a legacy to the school through a variety of planned giving techniques, such as will bequests, charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts, retained life estates or the gift of a life insurance policy, et al.

If you have been so thoughtful, we thank you for your forward thinking and your generosity. Just let us know of your intentions and we will add you as a member of our growing list of those who have chosen to leave some of their legacy to Bergen Catholic High School. A simple e-mail to jbranciforte@bergen-catholic.org, describing your intentions, will add your name to our list of those who want to make a difference to future generations of Bergen Catholic students. Deus Vult!

Crusader Legacy Society Membership Roll*

| Mr. & Mrs. Francis X. Donlan ’63 | Mr. Artie Prior ’59 |
| Mr. Robert F. Fortsch ’73 | Mr. Dennis M. Sigrist ’82 (RIP) |
| Mrs. Deirdre Fortune, Friend | Mr. Frank J. Sposato ’69 |
| Mr. Carl C. Haas, Parent | Mrs. Mary C. Steidl, Parent |
| Mr. Michael James Jordan ’61 | Mr. & Mrs. Brian A. Tramontozzi ’90 |
| Mr. & Mrs. John Lowe, Parent | Ms. Kathleen M. Treubig, Parent |
| Mr. & Mrs. James W. O’Brien ’62, Parent | Mr. & Mrs. James Whelan, Parent |
| The Honorable John B. Paolella ’67 | Mr. Joseph A. Zodl ’66 |

*Represents all self-reported planned gifts as of 6/30/12.
Cross Country

Under the guidance of first-year head coach John Downey, the Crusaders produced one of their best seasons in recent history, finishing second overall in the Big North United Division, third overall in the BCCA Championships, and fourth overall at the Bergen Meet of Champions. Those performances against Bergen County competition proved to be the highest finishes for the Crusader program since 2001.

Senior Mike Whalen ’13 led the way for B.C. during the season, recording the second-fastest time in school history at the Darlington Park Course. With a solid and young B.C. team consisting of Matt Morano ’15, Tom Selvaggi ’15, Mike Sondeji ’15, Pat Ryan ’15, Chris Sheldon ’15, and Dan Lynch ’14, Big North United Division “Coach of the Year” Downey will have a lot to look forward to for years to come with this rebuilt B.C. cross country program.

Football

The football team embarked on a historic regular-season schedule in 2012, taking on opponents from five different states (many of them ranked amongst the nation’s elite). B.C. began its season by defeating reigning New York state power St. Anthony’s (59-21) on Long Island, before traveling across the country to take on national powerhouse Bishop Gorman. In front of a national audience, B.C. handed the Gaels a rare home loss, winning 42-35 in Las Vegas to the delight of over 200 Crusader fans who made the trip out west.

The Crusaders would lose a heart-breaker to long-time rival St. Joseph Regional (38-37) in overtime, before rebounding with victories against Passaic County Tech and DePaul Catholic at home. During the roller coaster ride of the season, B.C. would be upset at home by Florida state power Cocoa High School, 24-14. Once again B.C would fall just shy of defeating Don Bosco Prep, 20-17, in a game that over 8,000 fans witnessed at Overpeck Park in Palisades Park, NJ as the centerpiece of the Bergen County Fair.

Following a thrilling 48-42 overtime victory in Washington, DC against Friendship Academy, B.C. qualified for the state playoffs for the 24th season in a row, and extended its state record of total appearances to 36 in the 38-year history of the NJSIAA playoffs. Crusader quarterback Jon Germano ’13 broke all the school passing records during the season, while teammate JJ Kulesar ’13 emerged as one of the state’s elite wide receivers, also rewriting the B.C. receiving record book in the process.

Soccer

The B.C. soccer team used an 11-game unbeaten streak midway through its season to power it all the way to an appearance in the BCCA finals, as well as the Non-Public North “A” semi-finals.

In one stretch of the season, BC won eight consecutive games, including an exciting 2-1 win over Don Bosco Prep in the county semi-finals. Forward Erick Alonso ’14 led the team in both goals (12) and total points (19), while Travis Nitti ’13 helped anchor the team’s defense on the back line in front of goaltender Michael Payan ’15. Coach Rui Dos Santos’ team became the first team in Bergen County soccer history to start the tournament in the play-in round and advance all the way to the championship game.

About the Author

Dan Long ’03 is B.C.’s Sports Information Director, and is also the “Voice of the Crusaders” on the B.C. Radio Network, which produces live and archived broadcasts, interviews, and coverage for several of the school’s athletic teams. He is also the founder of DL Sports Media (www.dlsportsmedia.com).
In Memoriam

Dennis J. Arena  
Brother of Kenneth ’61

Florence Borghi  
Mother of Anthony ’75

John Byrne  
Father of John ’79 and William ’84 and Brenda Esposito, B.C. staff, and grandfather of Joseph Esposito ’13 and Nicholas Esposito ’16

Peter Certo  
Father of Dr. Thomas ’67, Peter ’70, and Richard ’75, and grandfather of Gregory ’08 and Thomas ’10

Lewis Cole  
Father of Brian ’79 and grandfather of Brendan ’09 and Connor ’12

Anibal Crespo  
Father of Lily DiMaggio, B.C. faculty, and grandfather of Giovanni DiMaggio ’04 and Nino DiMaggio ’05

Br. John “Jake” Crowley, C.F.C.  
Former B.C. faculty

John De Rosa  
Father of Mark ’93

Henry G. Devenny  
Father of Henry ’85 and Brian ’91

Elizabeth Downs  
Aunt of Brent Sopko ’00

Elizabeth Doyle  
Mother of Dermot ’76

Paul Frazza  
Father of Paul ’76, Christopher ’77, and Luke ’81

Ronald Freeman  
Nephew of Gerard Quinn ’76, and cousin of Christopher Quinn ’10 and Gerard Quinn ’14

Mary Gallagher  
Mother of Brian ’74, James ’80, and Thomas ’85, and grandmother of Daniel ’05, John ’11, and Anthony J. ’13

Michael Giannotto ’75  
Ruth Graczyk  
Mother-in-law of Robert Kouba ’70

William Hagerman  
Grandfather of Randy ’03 and Ryan ’07

Rev. Michael H. Hansen ’59  
Brian C. Hayden ’69

Victoria Horner  
Mother of James ’64, B.C. faculty, and grandmother of Thierry ’90 and Raphael ’01

Kevin Hurley ’68  
Thomas Irwin  
B.C. Hall of Fame member and former B.C. faculty member and bowling coach

Mira Kalevic  
Mother of Yolanda Gasparro, B.C. faculty

John G. Kantakis  
Father of John-David ’16

Stuart Kaufmann  
Stepfather of Matthew Finger ’95

Charles Lohr ’83  
Brother of Andrew ’80 and William ’84

Margaret Peters Machorek  
Mother of Robert ’61 (RIP) and grandmother of Michael ’95

Adeline Mastrobuoni  
Mother of Thomas ’80

Dennis A. Maycher  
Father of Todd ’82

Patrick McLaren  
Grandfather of Patrick Flynn ’05

Marie Mottola  
Father of Gary ’65

Rosemary Moye  
Mother of Jeremiah ’71, James ’74, Joseph ’78, and John ’81, and grandmother of Michael Gannon ’10

Anthony J. Mulholland, Sr.  
Father of Anthony ’82 and William ’88, and brother of Patrick ’78

James O’Mara ’60  
Brother of Donald ’61

Alan J. Post  
Father of Justin ’80 and Roger ’87

John Prinelli ’61  
Rita Ralph  
Mother of Vincent ’70 and Jim ’72

Gerard A. van Koolbergen ’59  
Father of Gerard ’88 and Martin ’89, and brother of Br. James van Koolbergen, C.F.C., former B.C. faculty

John C. Weldin  
Father of John ’69 and Thomas ’72, and grandfather of Brian ’01

John E. Ziegler  
Brother-in-law of Ted Burt ’63

As we go to press, we are saddened to announce the loss of longtime faculty member and bowling coach Thomas Irwin, who passed away on December 3. A story dedicated to Mr. Irwin’s memory will appear in the next edition of CRUSADER MAGAZINE.
16TH
Hall of Fame
Dinner Reception
Sunday, March 24, 2013
The Fiesta, Wood-Ridge, NJ.
Cocktail hour: 5:00 P.M.; Dinner: 6:00 P.M.

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Office of Advancement
The Office of Advancement, guided by the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice, seeks to build growing, sustainable relationships with people and organizations who care about the mission of Bergen Catholic High School and to spread the “good news” of Bergen Catholic to all who care to hear it, embrace it, and support it with their time, talent, treasure and prayer.