SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS
Service to Others
2013
Upcoming Events

Tuesday, July 9, 2013
Full Alumni Association Meeting
7:00 P.M. at B.C. Library – All are welcome.

Thursday, September 5, 2013
Bergen Catholic On the Road to New Orleans
Alumni Cocktail Reception hosted by Tom Roberts ’79.

Thursday, September 26, 2013
Cigar Night
7:00 P.M. at River Vale Country Club, River Vale, NJ.

September, 2013
Theology on Tap
Final date and time TBA.

Thursday, October 3, 2013
Career Network Night
7:00 P.M. at B.C. Library.

Friday, October 4, 2013
Alumni Golf Outing
12:00 Noon at Emerson Golf Club, Emerson, NJ.
$150 per golfer, includes lunch, golf with cart, beef steak dinner, and prizes.

Friday, October 4 – Saturday, October 5, 2013
Class of 1963 50-Year Anniversary Reunion Weekend
Friday, October 4, 2013:
12:00 Noon: Golf at Emerson Golf Club, Emerson, NJ – Lunch and golf for all interested golfers.
3:00 P.M.: Pickup basketball in Hoehl Gymnasium.
6:30 P.M.: “Refresh Our Memories” Dinner Reception at Bibi’z Restaurant, Westwood, NJ.

Saturday, October 5, 2013:
12:00 Noon: “Welcome Back” reception and guided tours of B.C. given by current Crusaders at B.C. Library.
6:00 P.M.: 50-Year Reunion Celebration Mass at McKenna-Lawrence Chapel.
7:00 P.M.: Dinner Reception at Bacari Grill, Washington Township, NJ.

Saturday, October 5, 2013
Class of 1973 40-Year Anniversary Reunion
7:00 P.M. at Glen Rock Inn, Glen Rock, NJ.

Class of 1978 35-Year Anniversary Reunion
7:00 P.M. at The Brick House, Wyckoff, NJ.

Class of 2003 10-Year Anniversary Reunion
7:00 P.M. at Hotel Victor Bar & Grill, Hoboken, NJ.

Saturday, October 19, 2013
Class of 1983 30-Year Anniversary Reunion
7:00 P.M. at Bacari Grill, Washington Twp., NJ.

Souper Bowl Food Drive
12:00 Noon before B.C. football game at Crusader Stadium.

Saturday, November 2, 2013
Alumni Memorial Mass
(Courtesy of the Alumni Association)
10:00 A.M.: Mass in the McKenna-Lawrence Chapel. Brunch immediately following at Bacari Grill, Washington Township, NJ.

Saturday, November 9, 2013
Class of 1988 25-Year Anniversary Reunion
7:00 P.M. at Bacari Grill, Washington Twp., NJ.

Thursday, November 21, 2013
6th Annual Crusader Gala
(A President’s Office and Parents’ Club event)
The Venetian, Garfield, NJ.
6:30 P.M.: Cocktail hour, dinner to follow. Honorees to be announced shortly.

Friday, November 29, 2013
Alumni Football Social
7:00 P.M. at Bacari Grill, Washington Township, NJ. Contact: Tom Polifroni ’99 for further details via e-mail at: tpolifroni@aol.com.

Friday, November 29, 2013
15th Annual Alumni Hockey Game
(Organized by the Hockey Club)
Time TBA – Ice House, Hackensack, NJ. Contact: Regina Radoslovich for further details via e-mail at rradoslovich@bergencatholic.org, or call her at 201.634.4146.

Saturday, November 30, 2013
Alumni Soccer Game
(Organized by the Soccer Club)
11:00 A.M. at Crusader Stadium.

Unless otherwise noted, please contact Marge Millus at 201.634.4142 for event information, RSVPs and payment.
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June, 2013

Dear Reader,

As a school community, we have just celebrated the Commencement Exercises for the graduates of the Class of 2013. Each of these 143 young men was provided many opportunities to develop as persons because of the efforts we put into making our Mission Statement more than a statement on a sheet of paper, but a lived reality.

THE MISSION OF BERGEN CATHOLIC IS TO BE a Catholic community which prepares young men to be leaders by:

- Deepening religious faith
- Developing academic excellence
- Strengthening social consciousness and responsibility,

in accordance with the Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brothers Education.

The theme of this issue of CRUSADER MAGAZINE is SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS: SERVICE TO OTHERS. It provides stories on the efforts of our students and alumni to respond to the needs of people both close to home (Ridgewood, Hackensack, and New York City) and in the global village (Uganda, Haiti, and Peru).

May your reading of this issue of our magazine help you to put into your life the wisdom of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta:

“Love has to be put into action and that action is service
A mission of love can only come from union with God.
From that union, love for the family, love for one’s Neighbor, love for the poor is the natural fruit.”

I pray that God and His Blessed Mother will ever guard and guide you and Bergen Catholic High.

Sincerely,

Br. Brian M. Walsh
President
June, 2013

Dear Alumni,

The school year has moved very quickly. We have reached the spring, and with this time period comes much activity as well as warm temperatures. While the current school activities are in many ways consistent with those from years ago, for a significant portion of the alumni base the ability to turn on the air conditioners in classrooms was not something you were able to experience while a student at Bergen. Each classroom at Bergen Catholic is now equipped with either an air conditioner unit or an air conditioning system. So, no longer do students leave a classroom drenched in sweat during the humid months of May or June.

A new bell schedule will be in place for the 2013-14 school year. The current bell schedule has been utilized for the past 15 years and has served the school’s academic program well. However, with a desire to raise the average instructional time per period, as well as to create some much-needed flexibility in the master schedule, the school will utilize a rotational drop schedule beginning in September 2013.

This style of bell schedule means that one class will rotate out on each of the seven days of the cycle. This dropping of a class will enable average instructional time to increase from 40 minutes per period in the current schedule to 47 minutes per period in the new schedule. The new schedule will retain the four grade-level lunch periods, as well as the activity schedule that occurs every Tuesday and Thursday and which has become very much part of the culture of Bergen Catholic.

The spring athletic teams provided the school with much excitement. The varsity golf, lacrosse, and track teams all won league championships. The varsity baseball team finished with a 22-6 record and was ranked in the Top 10 in the state for the majority of the season, the varsity lacrosse, tennis, and volleyball teams each advanced to the state semi-finals, and the varsity crew team competed in four regattas during this, its first season.

The varsity golf team, in addition to the league title, impressively went on to win the North Non-Public “A” Sectional Championship. During the course of this golf season, Mr. Jim (Jake) Jacobsen ’66 won the 900th match of his career as the B.C. golf coach. Coach Jacobsen ranks first in coaching wins in the history of high school golf in the State of New Jersey.

Bergen Catholic partners with Immaculate Conception High School to produce an annual dramatic performance. In April, the schools performed West Side Story. The acting, singing, and dancing was of high quality and played to sold-out audiences each night.

I would like to announce that Mr. Charles Flynn has decided to retire at the conclusion of the 2012-13 school year. Mr. Flynn was hired at Bergen Catholic in 1973 as an English teacher. Over the course of his 40-year career, he has taught all four grade levels, served as a department chair, led activities such as BCTV, Battle of the Bands, and The Walden Pond Art and Music Festival, served as the J.V. baseball coach for four years, and in 2007 became a member of the Guidance Department. Mr. Flynn’s accomplishments were recognized by the school in 1999 when he was named “Teacher of the Year,” in 2010 when he was presented with the Bergen Catholic Founder’s Medal, and in 2013 when he was provided the Pro Multis Annis Award for his 40 years of service to Bergen Catholic. Mr. Flynn is a true legend of Bergen Catholic. He will be missed.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. McElhinney
Principal
Many wonderful stories have been chronicled in this magazine and in the local newspapers about the special ways that B.C. students have contributed to the community. Some stories involved B.C. students traveling to foreign countries to help impoverished citizens there… some others are as simple as students assisting at a Christmas tree sale or donating time at local soup kitchens or camps. All have a common thread… that is, that Crusaders past and present care about others!

The desire to help others is one that is engrained in the minds of B.C. students through daily prayer, and also through the Christian Service Requirement that each student is expected to meet to graduate.

Bergen Catholic’s general school policy clearly states the need for its students to reach out and help others. A requirement for grade-level promotion and graduation is Christian Service to others at school and in the community. Service Projects are graded by each student’s Religion teacher. The minimum

Christian Service Is the Backbone of a B.C. Education

Bergen Catholic High School has earned a strong academic reputation for itself over the 58 years of its existence. The list of distinguished alumni who have made names for themselves in the “real world” continues to grow… as does the desire for current and past Crusaders to go out of their way to help others in need.

YMCA’s Annual Christmas Tree Sale: Several Bergen Catholic High School students volunteered at the Ridgewood YMCA’s annual Christmas Tree Sale during multiple weekends preceding the holiday. Proceeds from the tree sales benefit Ridgewood YMCA Good Works Programs, which fund camp scholarships, world service projects, and mentoring programs. Some of the B.C. students who assisted included (L to R) Matthew Agnello ’15, Chaseton Ennis ’13, John Kearney ’14, Matthew Paull ’14, Domenick Mattia ’13, Deek Medzadourian ’13, Aidan Finnegan ’14, and Timothy DePhillips ’16.

“Shelter Our Sisters” Toy Drive: Bergen Catholic High School held its annual Toy Drive in December, with B.C. students and their families donating hundreds of individual gifts to be distributed at “Shelter Our Sisters” in Hackensack, an organization that assists women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Assisting with the collection and distribution of gifts included (standing, L to R) Greg Avella ’15, Michael Aniello ’15, Milton Luo ’15, Owen Rozinsky ’14, Joseph D’Alcamo ’15, Jayme Trilling ’16, Alec Vasconcelos ’16, and Emilio Montes de Oca ’16; and (sitting, L to R) Christopher Tuceri ’14, Marc Acunto ’14, Andrew Ferriter ’15, J. P. Maher ’15, and Luke Boswell ’15.

Editor’s Note: The concept of Christian Service is something that is “engrained” into a Bergen Catholic student literally from the first day he steps through the door! B.C. students are compelled to help and support their fellow man during their days here, and to continue serving as they move on with their lives. This section contains just a handful of the hundreds of heart-warming stories that involve the works of Crusaders past and present!
number of hours of Christian Service to be completed over the course of a student’s four-year tenure is 100 hours, although many students go well beyond that number.

The concept of Christian Service starts with a 10-hour requirement during a student’s freshman year, followed by a 10-hour increase in each subsequent year (i.e., 20 hours for sophomores, 30 hours for juniors, 40 hours for seniors), adding up to a total of 100 hours of service.

“Service to others, especially the needy, is not optional for Christians. It is a mandate found in scripture and in Church teachings,” states Joshua D. Powers, B.C.’s Director of Campus Ministry and Chair of the Religious Education Department. “We were each created out of love; thus we are called to respond to all we meet with a return of love. The Bergen Catholic Religious Studies curriculum includes fostering such a love-response as part of the requirement for student grade level promotion and graduation.”

Each year, B.C. students are challenged to seek out a problem and find ways to solve it. The program mandates that each student choose an action (for example, feeding the hungry), study the issue at hand, devise a plan of action to solve the problem, execute a strategy (including enlisting the help of others, if necessary), and evaluate the results of his work.

“We challenge our students to come up with their ‘game-plan’ when it comes to Christian Service,” reports Powers. “First, we encourage them to figure out who are the people you want to help or what is the cause that concerns you most. Then, we ask them how they are going to make a difference by serving those people or tackling the cause they wish to work with. Every great Christian Service project requires some careful planning, thinking, and plenty of action.”

In addition to planning and performing their Service Project, students are required to write a quarterly paper that impacts their Religion grade in that marking period. Students must assess and reflect on the importance of their Service Project and how it is connected to the Scriptures.

Service Projects are not limited to the school year, either—summer service also counts toward the requirement. This summer, Powers and a group of 22 students will travel to Appalachia, West Virginia from July 7-13 to participate in the JusticeWorX Mission Trip, where the theme is Social Justice.

“Service has taken on a new life and direction with our students this year. As more and more students had the opportunity to travel with our Peru mission trip, they returned with a passion to do more for others in need,” comments Powers.

“We were approached in 2012 by Justice WorX to see if our students would be interested in Mission Trips to West Virginia. One student—Chris Rickey ’14—committed to the program,” said Powers as he explained the birth of the plan. “Chris’ experience and testimony to his work done through the program led us to schedule a week of service for students who were interested.”

In addition to participating in spiritual workshops and team-building...
exercises, students will perform manual and labor-intensive tasks to help the poor in that area. The experience is similar to the Habitat for Humanity program, with work groups pitching in to help with basic home repair and special projects, such as the construction of wheelchair ramps for people who can’t afford those basic needs.

“These 22 students will move from learning what Social Justice is in the classroom to living social justice for the week long program,” added Powers.

“The goal is to continue to help our students realize what a difference they can make in the world by lending a helping hand, having an open heart, and living the Essential Elements of a Christian Brother Education.”

In Bergen Catholic’s world, however, the term “Christian Service” doesn’t begin and end with Service Projects. B.C. students raise funds and personally donate money to many worthy causes throughout the year. Weekly homeroom collections raise donations that support the Brother’s Mission in Canto Grande and Lima, Peru, and other fundraisers target specific causes.

A major fundraiser—“Go4the-Goal”—was held in September, with students, parents, and members of the B.C. soccer team teaming up to raise $4,000 for the Hackensack Pediatric Cancer Unit. When Hurricane Sandy struck the area, B.C.’s Campus Ministry partnered with the Crusaders for Christian Action to assist families impacted by storm. As a result, over 100 bags of groceries and $2,500 in grocery gift cards were donated to the Center for Food Action in Mahwah, NJ. Bergen Catholic students raised a total of $5,700 during “National Wear Red Day,” in support of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Heart Association.

And, when it seems that there’s nothing left to give, B.C. students gave their own blood! Almost 100 donors contributed a total of 89 pints of blood during the “May Day Blood Drive” that was held in conjunction with Community Blood Services of Paramus, NJ. How fitting that B.C. students would be willing to give blood, since the concept of Christian Service is literally “in their blood.”
When a January 2010 earthquake ravaged Haiti, a Bergen County hospital led the charge to make sure that the injured and displaced citizens would receive the aid that they so badly needed. Who other than a prominent Bergen Catholic graduate would be the catalyst in such a noble gesture?

Holy Name Medical Center in Teaneck, under the guidance and leadership of President and CEO Michael Maron ’77, went above and beyond the call of duty to send crucial aid necessary at the time—and even more importantly, continues those extraordinary efforts to this day.

“What are we going to do today to make a difference?” he asked. “There is no greater gift than to give of yourself for the benefit of someone else.”

More than just sending “care packages” to assist, Holy Name sent personnel—Maron made several trips himself—and much-needed equipment and supplies to help the natives “weather the storm” at Hôpital Sacré Coeur. Not only did 20 Holy Name employees who traveled there help the hospital survive the 7.0 magnitude calamity, they helped expand it significantly. Hôpital Sacré Coeur grew from a 73-bed operation to one with more than 400 beds during the peak time of need right after the earthquake.

Hôpital Sacré Coeur, a small hospital in Milot located about 70 miles north of the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince, now operates as a “sister hospital” to Holy Name and continues to receive support in the form of new equipment, supplies, and medical training from the Teaneck entity. The new buildings erected there are constructed properly and are filled with medical supplies that the locals never had seen before. Holy Name has also helped revamp operating procedures, stabilized the hospital’s finances, installed a new data center and computer systems, performed radiology upgrades and biomedical engineering improvements, and even donated two generators to provide the hospital’s only source of power.

More than the “concrete” aid they’ve received, the locals are buoyed by incredible love, encouragement, and caring attitude displayed by Holy Name personnel. One special example involved the “hands-on” attitude of Maron himself.

In the early portion of the post-event crisis, Maron and his staff became aware that lives were being lost due to lack of basic equipment and supplies at Hôpital Sacré Coeur. The Holy Name team raised $125,000 in contributions to purchase an oxygen processor for the under-equipped hospital.

Maron, who has served as President and CEO of Holy Name for the last 16 years and has been affiliated with the hospital since 1987, traveled to Haiti for the first time to make sure that the processor was running properly—only to arrive at the hospital to see the equipment still unassembled outside the building! He promptly rolled up his sleeves and began to dig a trench to start the assembly process. After several hours of digging, laying pipe, and assembling the generator, they finally had a critical piece of equipment up and running in the small hospital.

The B.C. Hall of Fame member and former hockey star is widely credited for his role in supporting Holy Name’s efforts and encouraging staff members to travel to Haiti—something that leaders at other hospitals typically discourage because of the scheduling disruptions those efforts would cause at home.

“It can cause some scheduling changes but the return for us is so... continued on p. 15
Operation Smile Assists B.C. Family As Well As Others

By Eric Zimmerer ’13

Editor’s Note: Eric Zimmerer ’13 overcame the stigma of being born with a cleft lip and palate to become not only a valued student here at Bergen Catholic, but a very prominent member of the school’s Operation Smile Club. The club raises funds for Operation Smile, an international children’s medical charity that provides safe, effective reconstructive surgery and related medical care for children born with facial deformities such as cleft lip and cleft palate. Eric and his mother, Mrs. Rosemarie Zimmerer, took on very active roles since he joined the club during his sophomore year.

My experience at Bergen Catholic made me happy. Bergen helped me discover why it is important to see and be seen in a whole new light. The school challenges us both as students and also on a personal level, as its programs are designed to help its students realize their full potential as leaders.

I have cleft lip and palate and I have always felt connected to Bergen Catholic. The teachers, administration, staff, and peers made me feel comfortable, valued, and to be considered a vital member of the Bergen Catholic family.

In my sophomore year, I joined the Operation Smile Club under the leadership of Mrs. Margaret Casper. To me, I was part of one of the most prominent charities for children in the world. Our fundraising efforts helped Operation Smile send volunteer surgical teams to more than 60 countries to heal children’s smiles and to bring hope for a better future.

The summer before my senior year, I attended the Operation Smile Leadership Conference at Georgetown University. I was fascinated. I met students from
around the world, heard top-rated inspirational speakers, attended motivational workshops, and made new friends. I especially enjoyed the topics of leadership, overcoming obstacles, and learning what it means to make a difference. All the information from the conference was a mosaic of stories and visual tales of people who met in a single place and who collectively understood how to help others realize their potential.

In September, I returned to Bergen Catholic very optimistic about my future role in the leadership and fundraising of B.C.’s Operation Smile Club. Upon returning to school, we were made aware of teacher and coach Dominic Santoli’s son, Nico, having been diagnosed with cancer.

When it came time to plan our annual Christmas Operation Smile fundraiser, I asked our club, “Where are we going with respect to planning our event?” At Bergen Catholic, we believe that we are one family. The club members collaborated and unanimously included Nico Santoli in the fundraising efforts.

As President Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C., our beloved patriarch (who has irrepressible enthusiasm for his school) says, “When we value individual lives and strive to make them better, we value all of humanity.” Our Christmas fundraiser was record-breaking. As a leader, I was proud of the club members when we presented Coach Santoli with his share of the fundraising proceeds!

I believe that we all come to Bergen Catholic to learn to improve ourselves. I am convinced that my four years provided me with a deeper understanding and enjoyment of the challenges and issues students face throughout their personal lives. My experiences have prepared me to become a leader, deepened my religious faith, pushed me beyond my comfort level, and strengthened my social conscious.

Eric Zimmerer ’13 was a member of Operation Smile during his four years at Bergen Catholic High School, serving as an officer for the last two years. He was also a member of Midnight Run and the B.C. golf team (serving as a captain during his senior year), and was appointed by the Superior Court of New Jersey as a member of the Juvenile Conference Committee for Bergen County. Eric will attend Clemson University in the fall and hopes to continue his volunteer work for Operation Smile during his college years.
I remember it perfectly, standing outside of Penn Station on a drizzly Friday night. I was distributing one of the ham-and-cheese sandwiches that we had spent hours making. It was the first time I was allowed to step off the bus at one of our stops, an opportunity given only to seniors and officers.

That night, I spoke to many people about their lives, experiences, and how they plan to get back on their feet. I remember leaving that run with nothing but a smile on my face. That night truly summarizes my time as a member of Midnight Run: unforgettable.

I joined Midnight Run as a timid freshman. I did not know much about the club or even what it did, but my brother Andrew ’11 was already a member and insisted that I join. After meeting a couple of times during Activity period, it was finally time for the first run of the year.

I had signed up to go on the run, not knowing what to expect. My brother also went, providing me a sense of comfort. However, that was not enough; I was petrified. I kept thinking, “What if something goes wrong or what if I mess up?”

As we finally got into New York City, it was time to pull down the bus windows and distribute the clothing, food, and toiletries that we had collected. After I hesitantly spoke with the first gentleman, I was surprised to find out that I loved helping him. The people I came in contact with that night were extremely polite. Realizing that I was truly helping people, it made my first experience even more exciting.

After my first experience, I understood why my brother urged me to join Midnight Run. It was a chance to not only help others, but it enabled me to put my life in perspective. I realized how grateful I was to have the opportunities I have been given and to be surrounded by people who love me.

My most memorable experience as a member of Midnight Run was during the Cardboard City event of my junior year. That mid-November night, a large part of the Bergen Catholic community gathered to talk about homelessness, eat a simple meal of soup, bread, and water, and sleep on the football field in our monstrous city of cardboard.

I enjoyed all of these activities, but my favorite part of the night was when a group of kids, around the age of eighteen, came to speak with us. They were part of the organization Covenant House, and when they spoke to us, I was shocked. All three of them were regular-looking kids, but had all experienced homelessness at points in
their lives. If I had passed them on the street, I would have never been able to tell that they were homeless, and I thought that was the best part.

It seems that there is a generalization of homeless people as older men with scraggly beards and poor hygiene. However, some of the homeless people I have met have been mothers, fathers, husbands, and wives, and were some of the nicest people I have ever met. The thing that stuck with me from that night was how much education was stressed. One boy told us about that, even though he was homeless, he still dreamed of going to Rutgers. All I kept thinking was, “this guy is awesome.”

I cannot believe my time at Bergen Catholic came to a close. I still vividly remember walking into the gym for the first time as a freshman, not wanting to move on from my comfort zone in eighth grade. However, after being a high school student for just a few weeks, I knew I was ready and would make the most out of the next four years.

I can say without question that Midnight Run has made my Bergen Catholic experience memorable. When I was younger and went into the city, I would see many homeless people. As my family and I inched closer to them, I distinctly remember running to the other side of my mom to distance myself.

Midnight Run has not only changed me and opened my eyes to homelessness, but it showed me that homeless people are still people. Maybe they have not been given as much as we have, but they still deserve our respect.

Finally, my Midnight Run experience has been so memorable because of our Moderator, Mrs. Rosemary Ortiz-Whiteside. Whether it is through her corny jokes or big heart, she motivates us to help as many people as we can. She reminds us how blessed we have been in our lives, and that it is our job to give back to our community.

I cannot thank Mrs. Ortiz-Whiteside enough for helping me not only assist homeless people, but through my transformation as a timid freshman to a hopeful, sometimes overly-talkative senior.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Adam Degand ’13, in addition to participating in Midnight Run, was a member of the school’s Tomorrow’s Children group and crew team. In the fall, he will attend the University of Notre Dame and plans to major in Finance.
A gentle zephyr combed the sweat off the small African child’s forehead. His emaciated face revealed a world of suffering and adversity that he has faced during his verdant lifetime. A permanent frown is fixated on his face – until he receives a pair of shoes from kind donators like Mark and Katie Dunleavy.

These shoes may not be the best or the most fashionable, but to this boy, they signify happiness. Endurance. Hope. Because of simple donations made by numerous Bergen Catholic students and faculty, the children of the Agape orphanage have a reason to smile.

The Agape orphanage holds approximately 50 children in Rukangiri, Uganda. Dr. Mark Bisanzo ’94, a medical physician who is a graduate of Bergen Catholic, moved to Uganda to treat patients similar to the Agape children. In fact, he saw over 2,100 patients in his nine-month period in Uganda. The children of the Agape orphanage are in need of many things, and although no one can replace the comfort of having parents, shoes are necessities that are often taken for granted. Crossing the rough African terrain barefoot is a fate no one should have to endure.

Katie Dunleavy (sister of Mark ’13) is a Red Cross volunteer who assisted in the shoe donation in the beginning of the school year. She traveled to the Agape orphanage in September and in December. In total, 180 pairs of shoes
and 300 pairs of socks were donated and delivered to the children of the Agape orphanage.

All of the children in the Agape orphanage are at most 18 years old, which compounds the hardships of living without a parent. Katie, moved by her fellow Red Cross members and the Agape children, worked at a Ugandan hospital and volunteered at the orphanage in order to assist the children and the staff of the Rukangiri area.

The small African child’s shoes may last a month, a year, or even two years. Eventually, they will wear out, and become unusable. However, the kindness that we, as Bergen Catholic Crusaders, give will stay in that child’s heart.

Sometimes, something as trivial as a pair of shoes, a pair of socks, or even a letter can cause someone’s will power to increase dramatically. The mission of Bergen Catholic, as shown by our donations, does not stop in Bergen County, New Jersey, or even the United States. The children of the Agape orphanage are surely thankful for our generosity, and hopefully we will make just as much, if not greater, of a donation next year.

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much greater,” notes Maron, also the former President of the B.C. Alumni Association. “When individuals are exposed to the Haiti experience, it is always life-altering, in a positive way, and they bring that back to their peers and their patients. We have witnessed an incredible positive increase in camaraderie and workplace appreciation for those who have visited.”

Maron, who has been to Haiti approximately 15 times and visits for a week once every two months, looks back on the values that were instilled into him during his high school days. “Bergen Catholic instills in its students a thirst for ever-continuing improvement of one’s self,” he notes.

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“When we accept that we are all going to die, and in a relatively very short period of time, then we can strip away all the noise and focus on what matters. You can live 100 years and do nothing with your life and help no one, or you can live 20 years and have affected the whole world. It’s all about the choices we have to make with our limited time.”

Spoken like someone who might have learned a thing or two about the importance of service to others during his days at Bergen Catholic!

Nikolas Paladino ’16 is a member of SHIELD, the Mock Trial team, the Men’s Vocal Ensemble, the Herald, and the Green Club, and also plays for the J.V. tennis squad.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR
Seven new members were inducted into the Bergen Catholic High School Hall of Fame when the Alumni Association presented its Sixteenth Hall of Fame Dinner on Sunday, March 24, 2013 at the Fiesta in Wood-Ridge (owned by Matt Landy ’77). The new inductees, who joined the 154 people already in the Bergen Catholic Hall of Fame, included Harry Carle ’85, the late Br. Thomas Jude Jensen, C.F.C., Tad Jones ’99, Br. Anton Joseph Lips, C.F.C., Matthew LoVecchio ’00, Matthew Radoslovich ’01, and Darren Rizzi ’88. B.C. Principal Tim McElhinney presented plaques to the honorees who were able to attend the dinner, while Master of Ceremonies Zeke Rodgers ’92 distributed the medals.

The distinguished inductees are profiled on the following pages.
HARRY CARLE ’85

Harry Carle is a member of a family that produced five outstanding student-athletes at Bergen Catholic. A graduate from the B.C. Class of 1985, he enjoyed an outstanding four-year career on the Crusaders’ cross country and track teams. He was a First-Team All-County selection four times and was an All-State cross country honoree in 1984. Harry won the 1984 Bergen County Meet of Champions cross country title and three other individual county titles on the track. His 9:07.6 3200-meter performance at the 1985 State Meet of Champions set a then-Bergen County outdoor record, and is one of six school records that he holds. Harry also owns the outdoor 1600-meter record (4:14.9) and a pair of indoor marks (4:23.8 in the 1600-meter run and 8:45.03 in the 3000-meter run), and ran the two fastest B.C. times at two different cross country courses (Garret Mountain Reservation and Warinanco Park). The Record selected Harry to its All-Decade cross country team for the 1980s. After graduating from Bergen Catholic, he competed for St. Thomas Aquinas College, where he was a two-time NAIA All-America selection. Harry proudly followed in the footsteps of brothers Pat ’72, Marty ’74, Chris ’76, and Gene ’80, all outstanding track stars.

BR. THOMAS JUDE JENSEN, C.F.C. (RIP)

Br. Thomas Jude Jensen, C.F.C. established himself as one of the most highly-respected instructors in Bergen Catholic’s proud history. He earned a B.A. at Iona College and an M.A. at Manhattan College, and accepted teaching assignments at Essex Catholic, Cardinal Hayes, Power Memorial Academy (where he coached future N.B.A. players Ed Searcy and Len Elmore), and Iona Prep, before coming to Bergen Catholic. His arrival at B.C. in the fall of 1984 began a term that lasted almost one-quarter of a century. He taught several levels of Mathematics at B.C., as well as Religion and Latin. His varied interests inspired him to become Moderator of the Bicycle, Latin, and Greek Mythology Clubs. Br. Jensen’s love of sports quickly became evident to the B.C. community when he took over the junior varsity baseball and basketball squads, quietly providing firm leadership and instilling the importance of basic fundamentals and discipline into each of his teams. The contributions of this highly-regarded coach laid the groundwork for the outstanding success of the varsity teams of both programs during his association with them. Br. Jensen came to the rescue of the athletic program during the 1987-88 school year, when he accepted an appointment to the position of Athletic Director.

TAD JONES ’99

Tad Jones, a 1999 graduate of Bergen Catholic, is recognized as the most awarded bowler in school history. A four-time First-Team All-County selection, he led the Crusaders to four straight N.N.J.I.L. league titles, three Bergen County championships, one North Jersey Sectional title, and one State Championship. Tad was a two-time recipient of the Record’s “Athlete of the Week” award after he rolled 803 and 805 series. He finished his career at B.C. with a 218 average, and was one of only ten bowlers in New Jersey High School history selected to the Star Ledger’s All-Century Team. He also achieved success on the baseball diamond as a three-year starter for the Crusaders, accumulating a 10-1 pitching record and .415 career batting average. Elected co-captain of the team as a senior, Tad helped lead B.C. to its only Bergen County Championship in program history. He capped off his senior year by receiving First-Team All-County and Second-Team All-State honors as a third baseman, and was named “Most Valuable Player” of the Bergen County Tournament. Tad moved on to Bentley University, where he received his undergraduate degree in Corporate Finance & Accounting and his Master’s Degree in Taxation. He currently works as a Certified Public Accountant.

Into B.C. Hall of Fame
BR. ANTON JOSEPH LIPS, C.F.C.

Br. Anton Joseph Lips, C.F.C. was a role model who is remembered best as someone who made a difference in his students’ lives, both in the classroom and outside school. He set an example for all to follow as a person, teacher, moderator, and Christian Brother during his five-year term at Bergen Catholic. A graduate of Power Memorial High School, Iona College (where he received his B.S. and M.B.A. Degrees), and Fordham University (M.S.), he taught at St. Cecilia Grammar School (New York, NY) and at Catholic Memorial (West Roxbury, MA) and Regina (Corner Brook, Newfoundland) High Schools before arriving at Bergen Catholic in the fall of 1963. Br. Lips spent five years at B.C. teaching four grade levels of Math (including Algebra, Geometry, Calculus, and Advanced Math) and Religion. He also served as the Moderator of the Mathematics Club and varsity football team (which won its first three State Championships during his tenure). His outstanding leadership skills were recognized when he was named as Superior of the Brother’s community at All Hallows High School and at Iona College (where he spent the final 28 years of his career), and as Councillor of the-then Christian Brother’s Eastern American Province.

MATTHEW RADOSLOVICH ’01

Matthew Radoslovich, a member of B.C. Class of 2001, was a superb hockey, lacrosse, and soccer player for the Crusaders before going on to enjoy a fine collegiate and professional career on the ice. A four-year letterman and co-captain, he led the hockey team to its first State Championship and Tournament of Champions title in 2001, the season he was named the Star Ledger/NJ Devils “New Jersey Player of the Year.” He was named First-Team All-State and received “Devils’ High School Player of the Month” and “Athlete of the Week” honors during that season. Matt was a three-year letterman for the soccer team, and was a member of the 1999 State Championship squad. He was also a two-year letterman for the lacrosse team, helping him to earn the B.C.C.A.’s “Multi-Sport Athletic Award” at the end of his career. Matt then became only the second player in history to “walk on” to the powerful Boston University hockey team, where he became a four-year letterman. A three-time Hockey East All-Academic athlete, he received B.U.’s prestigious John B. Simpson Award (for outstanding leadership) as a senior. Matt then went on to play five years of professional hockey at the “AA” level, seeing action for three teams (including affiliates of the New Jersey Devils and the Dallas Stars).

MATTHEW LOVECCHIO ’00

Matthew LoVecchio graduated from B.C. in 2000 after a storied playing career on the football field and basketball court. A three-year starter (earning All-County honors each season) and two-time All-State selection, Matt quarterbacked the nationally-ranked 1998 and 1999 football teams to an overall record of 22-1 and two State Championships, while leading B.C. to an average of 42 points-per-game. He threw for 3,267 yards during his career, and his total of 48 TD passes stood as a school record until the fall of 2012. Matt threw for 1,700 yards and 29 TDs to lead the legendary 1998 team to a #9 national ranking, a 12-0 record, and a stunning total of 599 points scored (almost 50 points-per-game). During his career, he also rushed for 495 yards and five TDs, and made seven interceptions. He capped his high school gridiron career by earning an Honorable Mention selection on USA Today’s All-America team, and was recently selected to the Record’s all-time B.C. team as the QB. Matt was the captain of the B.C. football and basketball teams as a senior. He accepted a scholarship to the University of Notre Dame, where he started the final eight games of the 2000 season as a “true” freshman, compiling a 7-1 mark and setting an Irish record for fewest interceptions per passing attempt.
Darren Rizzi graduated from Bergen Catholic in 1988 after an outstanding varsity career that saw him start for two seasons each in two sports. He is best known for his performances as one of B.C.’s finest receivers, verified by his recent selection to the Record’s all-time B.C. football team. During his term as a starter, Darren helped B.C. advance to the State Championship Game twice (winning a title in 1986) and compile an outstanding record of 18-3-1. He concluded his B.C. career with 69 receptions (a school record that stood for 22 years) for 1,239 yards and 11 TDs, and earned several honors, including First-Team All-State All-Parochial. He was also an All-League outfielder for the baseball team, helping B.C. post a 39-19 record and win a Sectional title during his two seasons. Darren continued his football career at Rhode Island, where he was a three-year starter and two-time All-America choice (compiling totals of 160 catches for 2,426 yards, and 15 TDs). After a tryout with the Philadelphia Eagles, he began a coaching career that took him to Colgate, New Haven, Northeastern, Rutgers, and Rhode Island (including four seasons as a Head Coach at two schools), and finally to his current position as the Special Teams Coach of the Miami Dolphins. He and his wife, Tracey, are the proud parents of five children.

JOIN THE BERGEN CATHOLIC (R)evolution

It’s been quite a whirlwind of activity since the installation of the new Alumni Association Board at the turn of the year. If you aren’t aware, the new board is below. Please feel free to reach out to them with new ideas, ways to make the association better, or if you want to know how to get involved.

The first half of the year was chock full of great events including: A Career Networking Night, The Class Chair Revolution, The Hall of Fame Dinner, Ridgewood Memorial Day Run and Hoboken on Tap. A lot has been done in a short period of time and we are all excited for more and even better events for the future.

See page 2 for a few of the great events coming up in 2013. 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
Class of 1960

Joe Chiarelli was appointed Chief Executive Officer and a Director at Sanuwave Health, Inc. Joe has worked with and in the healthcare industry, as well as on Wall Street, with firms of distinction in a management, research, or financial capacity for over 25 years.

Class of 1964

Joe Chiarelli

Class of 1965

Edward Craig is an orthopedic surgeon at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City and professor of clinical orthopedic surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College. He received a lifetime achievement award from the New York chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. Ed is a pioneer in shoulder replacement. He designed both an anatomic and a reverse total shoulder replacement system for patients with severe arthritis. He also specializes in rotator cuff repair of the shoulder and has designed a rotator cuff repair system. Ed’s other specialties include arthroscopic surgery and sports medicine.

Class of 1966

Richard Soboleski and his wife are relocating to the Texas Hill Country town of Kerrville in the Comanche Trace community after living in Houston for the last 37 years. He is retiring after a 43-year career, including 40 in the engineering and construction industry, where he was a process engineer, project engineer, project engineering manager, and project manager. Rich has worked on numerous projects in refining, LNG, chemicals and petrochemicals, mainly in the US and Canada, as well as in Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, and Australia. He has been with MW Kellogg/KBR for 32 years. For the last seven years, Rich was the Project Director of Engineering, where he led the engineering and design efforts for a new fully-integrated refinery in Angola for the national company, Sonangol. He also worked for Bechtel, Merck Pharmaceuticals in Rahway, NJ and was in the US Army Signal Corp. Rich plans to provide consulting services during his retirement.

Class of 1966

Richard Soboleski

Class of 1977

Bill Haggis retired last summer after 30 years, seven months on the River Edge Police force. Bill was presented with a plaque from the River Edge PBA containing the various badges earned by him during his outstanding career.

Thomas Kelliher has taught US history at Northridge Prep in Niles, IL for almost 20 years. Tom has been running a summer Civil War trip for almost as many years. His students spend two days at Gettysburg and visit other battlefields around Washington, DC. They also visit the capital and stay at The Heights School, where Tom taught for six years.

Bill Haggis is congratulated by wife, Laura, and children (L to R) Bill, Nicholas, and Jennifer.

Class of 1980

Joe Ahearn is an insurance broker and freelance graphic designer. He is part-owner of all the rights to Captain Action. His group is moving ahead with plans to expand its Captain Action toy line with Lady Action figures. It has been working to help Captain Action, an adventure hero toy popular in the 1960’s, regain some of its former popularity by creating a comic series and a toy line.

Class of 1980

Joe Ahearn

Class of 1994

Mark Bisanzo and his wife, Sheila, celebrated the first day of spring on March 21 with the arrival of their son, Cavan Thomas. He weighed eight pounds and 10 ounces. Maeve is the proud big sister.

Class of 1994

Mark Bisanzo

Class of 1995

David Dennis is engaged to Nicole Shortway and will marry her in November 2013. David is a graduate of University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and is practicing physical therapy in northern New Jersey. He is the brother of B.C. grads Scott ’89 and Ricky ’95.

Class of 1995

David Dennis

Class of 1997

Matthew Moroney became a partner in the law firm Goldberg, Miller & Rubin in Philadelphia, PA. He is a member of the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York Bar Associations. Matthew received his Juris Doctor of Law degree from Temple University School of Law and graduated cum laude. He has been selected as a “Rising Star Super Lawyer” numerous times. Matthew concentrates his practice on defending per-
sonal injury claims, uninsured and underinsured motorist claims, coverage issues, and bad faith claims, and investigates and brings lawsuits against those who defraud insurance companies. He has won over 35 jury trials.

Class of 1996
Jay Marchetti and his wife, Megan, are proud to announce the birth of their third daughter, Lyla Homan, who was born on March 15, 2013. Lyla’s proud big sisters are Brooke Ava and Kate Maribel.

Class of 1998
Jim Hufnagel, who led NCAA Division II in lacrosse scoring while at the University of New New Haven, is now a proud father. James Hufnagel was born to Jim and his wife, Margaux, on March 16, 2013.

Class of 2001
Bob Olson reports that he has New Jersey’s latest upstart craft brewery, Bolero Snort Brewery, based in Ridgefield Park, NJ, launched its first two flagship beers at the end of February at select area restaurants and bars.

Class of 2002
Michael Liik and Jessica Fielder (AHA ’99) were married on October 19, 2012 at St. Pius X Church in Old Tappan, NJ by former B.C. Campus Chaplin, Rev. James White. A reception was held at The Pearl River Hilton. Brian McGuirl ’02 was the Best Man, while Ryan Oakley ’02 and Ryan Benson ’02 were groomsmen.

Class of 2003
Conor McManus married Jennifer Diliddo on April 20, 2013.

Eric Weber is employed at Bank of America in Charlotte, NC. He received a B.S. degree in Finance from the University of Scranton in 2007 and is engaged to Toni Zito. A July 2013 wedding is planned.

Class of 2005
Frank Castellvi received a B.B.A. with a concentration in Marketing from the Sellinger Business School at Loyola University, MD. He is a project director with Next Generation Healthcare Group in New York. Frank was recently engaged to Whitney White, and will marry her in October 2013.

Patrick Flynn is busy planning a summer 2014 wedding with his fiancé, Julia Brodnick. Patrick graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Communications. He is currently employed with Under Armour in Baltimore, MD.

Class of 2006
Paul Girardi attended a Wilderness Medicine Seminar in Big Sky, MT in February. Some of the topics included planning a medical wilderness kit, identifying and treating frostbite, hypothermia and altitude sickness, and dealing with insect and reptile envenomation. Paul is a third-year medical student at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey’s School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Class of 2009
Kevin Joseph has written some articles for USA Today. In early April, he produced his most exciting piece, “Harrison Ford Takes On Different Role As Branch Rickey.” The article appeared in the April 8, 2013 edition.

Thomas Musich was inducted into Manhattan College’s Government Studies Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha, in February.

Class of 2011
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Early on the morning of December 1, 2012, Bergen Catholic SHIELD members Nicholas Bushman ’14, Mark Cristaldi ’14, Ryan DeLoughry ’14, Michael Setteducati ’14, and Steven Setteducati ’15 arrived with their parents at Bergen Catholic High School. They were welcomed by Mr. Joshua Powers, Mrs. Francesca Tambone-Puzio, Mr. John Puzio, and Br. Kevin Kiernan, C.F.C.

After a short prayer service from Bergen Catholic Chaplain Fr. Antonio Ricarte, the students embarked on their mission to help the poor of rural Appalachia. These students participated in an Edmund Rice Christian Brothers mission trip to rural Lewis County, Kentucky. Chaperoned by Br. Kiernan, the students travelled into Appalachia with students from four other Christian Brother high schools: Catholic Memorial (West Roxbury, MA), Bishop Hendricken (Warwick, RI), Brother Rice (Bloomfield Township, MI), and Iona Prep (New Rochelle, NY). The trip itself was operated by the Glenmary Farm Mission: a Catholic mission group that promotes a Catholic presence and provides assistance to citizens of impoverished Lewis County.

The Glenmary Home Missioners were founded in 1939 by Fr. William Howard Bishop, a priest in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. His mission was to serve the large area of Appalachia and the American South, which lacked a Catholic presence or even resident priests. The mission in Lewis County has been in operation since 1962. The mission focuses on the simplicity of life and the service to the local people.

Lewis County is one of the poorest counties in America, and many of its citizens gladly accept food, firewood, and clothing from the Glenmary Mission. An extremely rural and underdeveloped area, Lewis County is defined by a simple way of life and friendliness among its residents, even though most residents struggle to stay above the poverty line.

After the groups arrived and settled into their home at the Glenmary Farm, and became acclimated to the no-technology and no time-telling policy, the students received an introduction from Julian Smith and Walter Plummer, the “farm managers” who are the live-in leaders at the farm.

At the beginning of the week, the
students and chaperones were divided into five work teams. Each day, every team was given a different task to help the residents of Lewis County. These service opportunities included assisting at a local nursing home, visiting patients at a mental health facility, organizing supplies at a local food pantry, and building affordable housing for impoverished residents.

Other service activities included working at the Glenmary Farm itself.

The groups washed the bunkhouse, kitchen, and bathroom, and also chopped logs for firewood so that the people of the region could heat their houses in the winter. Throughout the week, the common theme for the volunteers was to understand true poverty, and realizing that only a week of service could do a large deal of good for the residents of Lewis County. All volunteers agreed that the short week was extremely impactful and rewarding.

Aside from direct service, all of the student volunteers were able to share one common bond: the teachings of the Irish Christian Brothers founder, Blessed Edmund Rice. The students agreed that, although they lived in different states and had never previously met, they felt the bond of Blessed Edmund Rice that they acquired from their respective high schools.

During the week, the group visited an extremely small Catholic Church, representing the only parish in the region. For authentic cultural experiences, the group traveled to a local Protestant prayer service, and also participated in a night of line dancing. Every evening, the students had free time to relax, talk, or play a game of football. At the very end of the night, the group gathered in a small chapel to reflect on the events of the day, and how those events applied to the mission of Blessed Edmund Rice.

All students had an incredible experience in Lewis County. It was an amazing experience to meet fellow Christian Brothers’ students from schools in different parts of the United States. It was rewarding for students to realize that they were making a true difference in someone’s life.

Finally, the group would like to thank SHIELD, Mrs. Tambone-Puzio and Mr. Powers for coordinating the trip and for working tirelessly to make it possible. Lastly, the students offer a heartfelt “thank you” to Br. Kiernan for offering his dedication, guidance, and willingness to chaperone the trip.
Two Legendary “Giants” Pass Away

The Bergen Catholic High School community was deeply saddened when two of the “pillars” upon which the school was built passed away within the last several months. Thomas W. Irwin, a member of the B.C. family since 1962, passed away on December 3, 2012, about one month before the passing of 37-year teacher and Guidance Counselor William J. Rollins. Both men will be remembered fondly, albeit in different ways, for the great contributions to the growth of Bergen Catholic High School.

If life at B.C. was ever made into a T.V. show, then Irwin might have been cast as Oscar Madison, while the detail-oriented Rollins might have filled the role (the lovable aspects only, of course!) of Felix Unger. Almost polar opposites they were—but both gentlemen were widely respected and beloved, both inside the walls of the school and out. Ironically, maybe fittingly, both men began their B.C. careers teaching English and History.

Irwin’s legacy grew not only in the classrooms of B.C., but also on the side streets of Oradell and on the bowling alleys of North Jersey, where he built a successful and respected program. Rollins’ calm demeanor and wealth of knowledge guided and navigated many a nervous B.C. student through the daunting and intense college selection process.

Thomas Irwin’s arrival at B.C. in the fall of 1962 began an outstanding term of diversified service that would last for a half-century. That was a pretty good run, considering that he was hired on a “temporary” basis. “I always had a connection to religious life,” he commented during an interview in 2000. “It was in 1962 that Br. Alfred Keane, the Principal of Bergen Catholic at the time who taught me in third grade, asked me to fill in as a teacher, and so it comes that I have been temporarily here since then.”

Born on May 21, 1938, Tom Irwin grew up in Mount Vernon, NY and was an “Iona” guy all the way, attending Iona Grammar School, Iona High School, and Iona College in New Rochelle, NY.

He was a beloved History teacher at B.C. for 38 years, until his retirement as a full-time teacher in 2000. Irwin also taught English I and II during his tenure, but it was another course that he instructed that made him especially popular.

Irwin was especially well-known for his prowess and patience as a Driver’s Education instructor, a position he held for most of his tenure. Even after his retirement from full-time teaching, he continued on with the “Driver’s Ed” program on a part-time basis until last fall. Displaying nerves of steel and possessing a steady hand and an extra-quick foot on the brake medal, the gentle giant taught thousands of B.C. students the “ways of the road”—providing them with an excellent foundation to build on and a humorous story—or ten—to remember him by!

Irwin’s success as a coach was legendary, as well. He took over as head coach of the bowling team in 1963 and held that post for 42 years, giving him the longest consecutive tenure of any head coach in the school’s glorious athletic history. The bowling team grew to become a powerhouse during his tenure, winning 15 league championships, eight Bergen County titles, one Sectional crown, and two State championships. In the early days of his tenure, he was also an assistant coach with the freshman baseball team.

He also helped develop some of the best bowlers in the area, including Star...
Ledger “New Jersey All-Century Team” honoree and recent B.C. Hall of Fame inductee Tad Jones ’99 (the only Crusader to win the individual state title).

Irwin himself was inducted into the Bergen Catholic Hall of Fame in 1995.

Bergen Catholic High School was blessed in the fall of 1961, when William Rollins joined the faculty as an English and History teacher. His hiring by founding Principal Br. Eugene D. McKenna, C.F.C. proved to be one of the school’s smartest moves during those early days of B.C.’s existence. The following year, first-year Principal Br. Alfred X. Keane, C.F.C. also saw something special in the St. Peter’s College graduate and promptly added Sophomore Guidance Counselor duties to the second-year teacher’s list of responsibilities.

A humble man, Rollins did more for Bergen Catholic High School than he would ever care to admit. In the classroom, he taught Psychology as well as English and History, and also initiated a Reading Development course in 1963. He ran the Summer Reading Program, and found the time to service as Moderator of the freshman tennis and golf teams, the Current Events Club, and the National Honor Society. He also worked tirelessly toward earning an M.A. from Seton Hall University and an M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Rollins served the Guidance Department for 36 of his 37 years at B.C., starting as the Sophomore Guidance Counselor in its early ‘man-cave’ décor, where between Tom and Vic Liggio, the smoke from their filterless cigarettes got so thick that it was like Rick’s Café in Casablanca. Yes, those were the days, fondly remembered.”

Charles Flynn
Sophomore Guidance Counselor

“Tom Irwin taught me how to drive. I clearly remember his frustration over my ability to accelerate and decelerate smoothly. I had the honor to call Tom a colleague for the last nine years. He will be missed.”

Al Spiegel
Chair, Computer Science Department
Academic Information Systems and Laptop Administrator

“When I came to the Guidance Department to train as his successor, Bill made me feel welcomed and generously expressed his confidence in me. As I began to learn more and more from him, it was easy to see why he was so successful as the Director of Guidance. He had great patience, was an active listener, and generated a strong sense of confidence and competence. He had built up so much good will in the college admissions’ community that he is still spoken about today with great reverence.”

Peter G. Ulrich
Director of Guidance
Counselor, moving up to help the seniors in his second year in the department, and then taking over as Department Chairman one year after that (in his fourth year at the school). His numerous duties at the school soon grew to include the responsibilities of Advanced Placement Coordinator and Middle States Coordinator.

His expertise quickly became recognized throughout North Jersey. In 1968, he was elected Chairman of the Bergen County Catholic Guidance Committee, and was named President of the New Jersey Association of College Admission Counselors five years later.

He is credited with guiding more than eight thousand students during their uncertain and anxiety-ridden days leading up to college acceptance. Considering that the B.C. alumni list contains just over eleven thousand names, it can be said that Rollins’ services impacted a huge percentage of the students that have passed through the school’s hallowed halls.

Rollins was a member of the inaugural class of inductees when the Bergen Catholic Hall of Fame came into existence in 1990. Another day that was long overdue came to fruition on March 2, 2005, when the B.C. family honored one of its finest and most highly-respected employees by dedicating the William J. Rollins Guidance Center in his honor.

On that day in 2005, the speeches offered lauded Rollins’ years of outstanding service to the students of Bergen Catholic. Then-B.C. President Br. Lawrence T. Murphy, C.F.C. called Rollins “one of the giants upon whose shoulders the Bergen Catholic community stood on” in looking toward the future, while then-Principal Dr. Joseph S. Fusco praised Rollins’ continuous level of excellence in serving under every one of the school’s first nine Principals. Then- and current-Director of Guidance Peter Ulrich lamented the impossible task of “trying to fill the shoes of a legend!” Words such as those are only reserved for someone special—someone like William Rollins.

“Mr. Rollins was my senior guidance counselor. I was convinced that he knew admissions officers at every college in America. Meeting with him early in my senior year, I remember him pulling out his address book which was filled with business cards and slips of papers. I can never recall Mr. Rollins getting agitated or frustrated as I bombarded him with questions about college. He was always there to answer my questions.”

Al Spiegel
Chair, Computer Science Department
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“The William J. Rollins Guidance Center was dedicated on March 2, 2005. Former B.C. President Br. Lawrence T. Murphy, C.F.C. (left) congratulates Rollins on the special day.

“Bill Rollins never wavered, no matter the challenge he faced as Director of Guidance. To this day, I don’t know how Bill managed a much larger student population, working primarily with Chris Donfield and then Harry Monahan. Like the ‘saver’ Mo Rivera on the Yankees, Bill would calmly ‘step up onto the mound’ and throw the perfect pitches. Bill Rollins is sorely missed!”

Charles Flynn
Sophomore Guidance Counselor

Today
B.C. STUDENTS RAISE MORE THAN $13,000 AT St. Baldrick’s Event

Twenty-four Bergen Catholic High School students and five faculty members had their heads shaved in support of adolescents who are suffering from childhood cancer. The B.C. students, with the help of the school’s Tomorrow’s Children Fund group, took part in the nationally-acclaimed St. Baldrick’s program on March 18 on the school campus.

The St. Baldrick’s Foundation is a non-profit public charity that hosts fund-raise events across the globe. The foundation raises money for childhood cancer research primarily through head-shaving events. Volunteers, sponsored by family, friends and employers, go bald in solidarity with kids who typically lose their hair during cancer treatment due to chemotherapy treatments. The foundation has already raised almost $28 million nationwide during the first three months of the 2013 calendar year, after raising more than $33.5 million in 2012.

The concept of St. Baldrick’s was devised in 1999 by three executives from New York City, and grew from a single event to a nationwide effort. It is now known as the world’s largest volunteer fundraiser for childhood cancer research. The founders decided to turn their St. Patrick’s Day party into a benefit for pediatric oncology research by shaving their own heads. Therefore, the name of the Foundation is a play on the words “Bald” and “Patrick.”

As an added incentive, B.C.’s Dean of Upperclassmen John Tedeschi vowed to take part in the head shaving if the commitment level reached $10,000, and gladly joined in the fun when that goal was met.

Bergen Catholic students raised a final total of $13,619 in donations due to their participation, more than doubling the total raised during the 2012 event.

“The students and Bergen Catholic community really came together to raise money for this great cause,” remarked B.C.’s faculty member Christine Sorrentino, the Moderator of B.C.’s Tomorrow’s Children Fund group. “We more than doubled the amount raised last year, and the number of students and staff who shaved their heads. I look forward to see what we can accomplish next year.”

Several other B.C. community members also volunteered their time to make the drive a success. Five Bergen Catholic students (Matthew Ornstein ‘13, Ryan Rose ’13, Anthony Bradshaw ’15, Ciro Riccardi ’15, and Matthew Weisbecker ’15) and B.C. staff members Director of Campus Ministry Joshua Powers and Controller Doris Tracey also pitched in, as well as Mrs. Karen Lippin (mother of Jack Lippin ’13), a stylist at JJS Klippin beauty salon in Westwood.
School now draws from 132 towns, 18 Counties in Two States

At one time, even when the walls of the packed school were seemingly “bulging,” Bergen Catholic High School rarely drew students from outside the Bergen County border. While it was not unusual to enroll students from just across the Passaic River and from State-line towns such as Pearl River, Nanuet, and Tappan, NY, the bulk of B.C.’s enrollment typically came from within Bergen County.

Those days are long gone! Through the hard work of new Director of Admissions and Enrollment Management Joe Charles ’02 and predecessors Joe Haemmerle ’86, Rich Ardito ’98, and Zeke Rodgers ’92, B.C.’s marketing efforts have extended far and wide, reaching farther and farther from “Ground Zero.”

“It’s only right that in the most densely-populated state, we have students who come from 12 of the 21 counties in New Jersey—as far south as Monmouth and as far west as Sussex,” notes Charles. “No matter what town they’re coming from, they are all coming to B.C. for an opportunity to grow in mind, body, and spirit.”

Bergen Catholic’s success on various fronts, including the statewide and even national attention that its sports teams and prominent alumni have earned, has certainly made the school a very well-known entity well beyond Bergen County. In addition, the closings over time of “powerhouse” schools such as Essex Catholic of Newark and East Orange in Essex County, St. Joseph’s of West New York in Hudson County, and Passaic County schools Don Bosco Tech, Paterson Catholic, and Paul VI have further added students from those areas to the pool of possible candidates.

As the 2012-13 school year drew to a close, Bergen Catholic enrolled about 770 students residing in a total of 132 towns and cities, spread across 18 counties and boroughs. Previously, the only major bridges that our students crossed in the mornings and evenings were, for the most part, the ones passing over the Passaic River. Now, the George Washington, Goethals, Tappan Zee, and Driscoll Bridges can be added to that list!

B.C.’s new Director of Transportation Bill Magee continues to help push the footprint out even farther with the addition of new bus and van routes. “We’re trying to make it a lot easier for students to get here for the education and to make the trip more convenient than in the past,” reports Magee.

Local Boards of Education who provide transportation for public school students are also required by law to transport students to private and parochial schools—if those students reside more than 2.5 miles and less than 15 miles from their particular school of choice. Students living outside the 15-mile “circle” have to find their own mode of transportation, and that’s where B.C. has stepped in to help.

Bergen Catholic runs bus and van routes to pick up students from key local “pick-up” points (such as train stations in Oradell, Glen Rock, and Ridgewood), and other spots in Rockland County, NY. A pick-up service at the George Washington Bridge (to help attract students from New York City) was established a couple of years ago, and other routes are expected to be added as interest into B.C. grows. “By offering transportation into Manhattan, we have ‘crossed the river’ to hit an area where we feel we can start to generate an alternative interest for many families looking for a strong Catholic school with great tradition and values,” comments Charles.

Magee happily reports that two new pick-up points have been added for the 2013-14 school year. One point will be at the Willowbrook Mall in Wayne, where students from Passaic and Morris Counties (and beyond) can be dropped off to be transported to Oradell. Willowbrook’s proximity to Routes 23, 46, and 80 makes it a desirable and convenient location to establish a pick-up point.

Another route will be established within the Bergen
County border—originating at the Rutherford train station, with stops in Hasbrouck Heights and Lodi—to help make B.C. a viable choice for students in the South Bergen area.

With students from the incoming Class of 2017 arriving from 76 different towns in September (including some towns listed in the accompanying text box and new towns like Boonton, Landing, and Parsippany in Morris County and Highland Mills and Stony Point in New York State), it appears that the “expanding footprint” continues to grow!

“**You’re from...WHERE?**”

Bergen Catholic High School’s “foot print” continues to expand as more students from “far and wide” have been attracted to the school. Here’s a brief (incomplete) sample of the towns from bordering counties that some of our current students are from. We’re not going to list every town, just a sampling of towns and cities that B.C. has not drawn from traditionally in the past:

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**You CAN Get There From Here!**

The phrase “You can’t get there from here” doesn’t apply to New York City students, at least when it comes to finding a way to get to Bergen Catholic High School’s campus!

An “impossible” trip is now possible due to the availability of a school-operated van service. A school van drives across the George Washington Bridge each morning to pick up NYC students at the Port Authority Bus Terminal at 6:55 A.M., and typically delivers them to the B.C. campus by 7:30 A.M. At the conclusion of the school day, the van departs at 2:10 P.M. for the return trip to the “Big Apple.” Who said that it couldn’t be done?
ALUMNI

Events

Alumni Football Game – Friday, November 23, 2012

The fourth Annual Football Game was an exciting affair once again. Some of Bergen Catholic’s biggest stars from the past who attended included (standing, L to R) John Daniello ’91, Scott Esposito ’92, Seth Damergy ’93, Mike Linn ’00, Dominic Santoli ’00, Ken McNair ’97, Dan Smith ’08, and Anthony Matesic ’88; and (kneeling, L to R) Mark Fabish ’93, Jim Burt ’99, Jonathan Poppe ’03, Zeke Rodgers ’92, Joe Piela ’95, Jason Porcelli ’99, and Mike Rinaldi ’88.

Zeke Rodgers ’92 is sacked by the blitzing Mike Rinaldi ’88.

Scott Esposito ’92 fakes out Mike Linn ’00 and goes in for the TD!

Alumni Football Social – Friday, November 23, 2012

1960s GROUP: (L to R) Jim Lucie ’61, Tom Sheridan ’61, Roger Nettune ’61, and Joe Mele ’61.

1980s GROUP: (L to R) Bob Murray ’83, Brian Langan ’83, Larry Carpentier ’83, and Dan O’Brien ’83 celebrate the 30-year anniversary of the undefeated, nationally-ranked 1982 State Championship team!

1990s GROUP: Joe Piela ’95 (L) and Dave Cavalluzzo ’93 (R) remind B.C. Head Coach Nunzio Campanile about a certain game that happened 20 years earlier!

Master of Ceremonies Tom Polifroni ’99 gets the event rolling.

CRUSADER
Alumni Hockey Game – Friday, November 23, 2012

Alumni Soccer Game – Saturday, November 24, 2012
Chicago Trip: March, 2013

We had a range of alums from 1960-76 graduating classes. We didn’t know each other while we attended Bergen, but were united in the love of Bergen, desire to relive our high school years, and to hear about how Bergen has evolved with the times and what is happening today with the students, faculty, and school. We all felt the warmth and connection of the brotherhood, and give thanks to Brother Walsh, Tim McElhinney, and Marge Millus for taking time out to meet with us. I look forward to the next visit and encourage our alums to meet and feel the love!

—Brian Wanca ’72

(L to R) Brian Wanca ’72 and Br. Patrick Moffet ’59, C.F.C.

(Standing, L to R) Br. John Casey ’64, C.F.C., Dan O’Connor ’64, Bob Birkmeyer ’60, B.C. Principal Tim McElhinney, Br. Patrick Moffet ’59, C.F.C., Brian Wanca ’72, B.C. Associate Director of Advancement Marge Millus, and Harry Terhune ’62; and (sitting, L to R) Larry Fajardo ’76, Br. Peter Zawot ’75, C.F.C., B.C. President Br. Brian M. Walsh C.F.C., and Jim Klink ’73.

Houston Trip: April, 2013

The Alumni Office’s out-of-town receptions present a terrific opportunity to get a personal refresher course on B.C. from faculty and administrators in attendance. Of course, they also provide a unique chance to meet fellow alumni that can lead to serendipity, whether it be professional networking or, as I experienced, a mini-reunion of sorts. I ran into three alumni with whom I regularly rode the Red & Tan Lines bus from Pearl River to Oradell some 45 years ago and hadn’t seen since then! Who would have thought then we’d all meet again in Houston, Texas, y’all!

—Thad Miller ’69

(L to R) B.C. Principal Tim McElhinney and Larry Fajardo ’76.

(Sitting, L to R) Brian Cushing ’05.

Maryellen and Thad Miller ’69.

Brian Cushing ’05.
Cigar Night is Back!

Thanks to Bob Fortsch ’73, we had another Cigar Night on Thursday, May 23, 2013 at River Vale Country Club. Thank you to all the Committee Members, with a special thank you to Mike Panos ’72. We had close to 50 guys in attendance, despite the torrential rain that evening. No rain, snow, sleet, nor hail was going to keep the attendees from participating in Cigar Night! The night consisted of a four-course sit-down dinner including wine and beer, two cigars compliments of Nat Sherman Cigars, and tastings of single malt scotch. Save the date—with a resounding 100% consensus: our next Cigar Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2013.

BERGEN CATHOLIC GOES ON THE ROAD” SERIES

Alumni, please mark your calendars to join in the fun as “Bergen Catholic Goes On The Road” visits a city near you! Upcoming visits are being scheduled for the following cities:

New Orleans September 5, 2013
Phoenix September 7-8, 2013
Los Angeles September 9-11, 2013
Salt Lake City September 12-14, 2013
San Francisco April 8-10, 2014
Pittsburgh April 22-24, 2014
Hoboken On Tap TBA
A pair of prominent Bergen Catholic alumni and current staff members received major promotions, effective March 11. Zeke Rodgers ’92 was named Associate Director of Advancement-Leadership Giving and Annual Fund, while Joseph Charles ’02 filled Rodgers’ previous position as Director of Admissions and Enrollment Management.

Zeke Rodgers, who has worn many hats during his career as a B.C. student/athlete, teacher, coach, and administrator, joins the Advancement team after serving as the Director of Admissions since the 2008-09 school year. A B.C. Hall of Fame inductee (2010), Rodgers starred for the Crusaders’ baseball, basketball, and football teams during his scholastic days, and eventually became a coach in each sport (in addition to lacrosse) after an outstanding football career at the University of Connecticut.

“Admissions’ loss will be Advancement’s gain. Zeke brings vitality and a desire for a fresh approach to all of our efforts in Advancement,” praises Joe Branciforte ’64, B.C.’s Director of Advancement. “His promotion to our team will enhance the results that will be achieved for many years into the future.

“We continue to be blessed with staff that have lived the Bergen Catholic experience as alumni, parents of alumni, and as graduates of our sister Catholic schools—not just as employee staff members,” adds Branciforte. “We welcome Zeke to his new home and look forward to the expanded capabilities that his presence will bring to our efforts in building a better Bergen Catholic High School.”

Joseph Charles returned to B.C. in 2006 as a substitute Computer Science teacher, and eventually was hired to a full-time position. The Iona College alumnus was named Performing Arts Department Chair in 2009, and was honored as the school’s “Technologist of the Year” for the 2009-10 school year. The assistant cross country and track and field coach was appointed Associate Director of Admissions in August 2012, a promotion that prepared him well for his new position.

“I am excited that Mr. Joe Charles has assumed the position of Director of Admissions and Enrollment Management,” comments B.C. Principal Tim McElhinney. “As an alumnus of the school who has served as a teacher, department chair, and coach at Bergen, Mr. Charles is acutely aware of the value of the Bergen Catholic scholastic program and will be able to share his experiences and insights well with prospective families.”
The Bergen Catholic High School Mock Trial Team completed another successful season, despite being eliminated in the final round of the Bergen County playoffs.

The Mock Trial Competition involves all 21 county bar associations in the State of New Jersey and is overseen by the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, which each year provides a case for teams to develop and argue.

The competition pits student teams from high schools around the state against each other in a courtroom setting. Students from each school play the various roles of plaintiffs, defendants, attorneys, witnesses, and jurors involved in a court case. This year’s sample case involved a civil lawsuit due to death of a championship show dog.

Under the guidance of team moderator Peter Coleman, the Bergen Catholic team reached the playoffs of the Bergen County section of the competition by defeating Northern Valley Regional High School at Demarest, Elmwood Park, and Leonia. In the quarter-final round of the Bergen County playoffs, B.C. beat Immaculate Heart Academy and then defeated two-time defending champion Mahwah in the semi-final round. The team eventually lost in the finals to Torah Academy.

The Crusaders were represented by two different “teams” during the competition, a “Prosecution Team” and a “Defense Team.” The “Prosecution Team,” which performed in the victory of Immaculate Heart Academy, consisted of lawyers Timothy Paul Shaker ’13 and Nicholas Barile ’14 and witnesses James Lowell ’15, John Meloro ’16, and Nikolas Paladino ’16. The “Defense Team,” which performed in the victory over Mahwah, consisted of lawyers Shaker and Patrick Monaghan ’13 and witnesses Thomas Harte ’15, Matthew Leone ’15, and Paladino.

Other team members who made significant contributions to the team’s success during the season include Phillip Bempong ’13, Joseph Canlas ’13, Daniel Lowe ’13, Matthew O’Toole ’13, Christopher Heffernan ’14, Ryan O’Connor ’14, James Park ’14, Robert Meloro ’15, Eric Cutler ’16, Shay Dineen ’16, and Brendan Duff ’16.

USO Club Raises Almost $2,500 For “Wounded Warrior Project”

The Bergen Catholic High School USO Club recently raised almost $2,500 for the “Wounded Warrior Project” by hosting a T-shirt sale at the school. The Club hosts events and makes contributions throughout the year to support our men and women in uniform.

Nicholas Muller ’13 Wins Award In National Essay Contest

Nicholas Muller ’13 was awarded a $500 scholarship after earning Honorable Mention in a national essay contest sponsored by the Bill of Rights Institute.

Last fall, the Bill of Rights Institute sponsored a national essay contest called “We The Students.” Nick’s essay, which discussed several different ways in which students are affected by the Constitution, was recognized as one of the top five entries in the entire contest. He was one of two high school students to earn an Honorable Mention award, earning him a $500 scholarship to the college of his choice.

The Bill of Rights Institute, an organization based in Arlington, VA, educates young people about the words and ideas of America’s Founders and the liberties guaranteed in our Founding documents, and promotes how our Founding principles continue to affect and shape a free society. It is the goal of the Institute to help the next generation understand the freedom and opportunity the Constitution offers.
Andrew Losier ’15 To Participate In Youth Leadership Seminar

Andrew Losier ’15 has been chosen to represent the school at the Hugh O’Brien Youth (“H OBY”) Leadership Seminar.

Andrew, who attended a H OBY seminar in June at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, NJ, was selected by a panel of faculty members at the Oradell school from a pool of worthy sophomore candidates to represent Bergen Catholic.

An outstanding student who has been named to the school’s Principal’s List in each of the last eight marking periods, Andrew is a member of several of B.C.’s activity groups, including Crusaders for Christian Action (a group that provides community outreach through food, clothing, and fund-raising efforts) and the Engineering Club. He also plays for B.C.’s soccer and volleyball teams.

In his “spare” time, Andrew also volunteers at Camp Sunshine, a Ridgewood-based organization that provides recreational programs for children and young adults with multiple disabilities.

“Andrew is the consummate Edmund Rice scholar and a true leader among his peers, hence his selection for this year’s Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership Award,” praises veteran B.C. Sophomore Guidance Counselor Charles B. Flynn. “‘Good enough is not good enough’ for Andrew, always striving for success while remaining humble and thankful for his gifts.”

Vocalist Joonah Chong ’14 Honored

Vocalist Joonah Chong ’14 has done some impressive singing as a member of Bergen Catholic’s Chorus, but his fine work is not limited to Oradell! He sang and was honored with a Certificate of Commendation for his participation in Bergen County’s Korean American Day Celebration.

Joonah also had the incredible opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall, and won Third Prize in the Voice category at the New York International Music Competition. He hopes to make another appearance at Carnegie Hall this summer.

Richard Ruiz ’14 Wins Veterans Of Foreign War Essay Award

Richard Ruiz ’14 was named as the local-district winner of the annual essay contest hosted by Veterans of Foreign War Little Ferry Post 809 during “Loyalty Day Program.” The topic for this year’s contest was “Is the Constitution Still Relevant?”

Presenting Richard Ruiz ’14 with his award are Irma Lo Presti (L), President of Ladies Auxiliary, and William A. Weber (R), Commander for VFW Little Ferry Post 809.
Tae Yeong Kim ’14 Receives Award At North Jersey Regional Science Fair

Tae Yeong Kim ’14 was presented with an award certificate and was granted a New Jersey Institute of Technology Academic Fellowship during the 30th Annual North Jersey Regional Science Fair that was held in March at Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

The award was given in recognition of excellence of a project entitled, “Improving the Roll Motion of Sports Wheelchair,” in which Kim designed a computer model of a safe, stable motorized sports wheelchair.

The North Jersey Regional Science Fair is a high school student science competition in which students, individually or in groups, present a wide variety of projects. Projects are expected to be investigative in nature, posing and attempting to answer some question or problem, either through experimentation and design, or in a “theoretical sense.” The fair accepts entries from ten counties of northern New Jersey.

B.C. Receives Bergen County “Gold Star” Award

Bergen Catholic High School’s “standard of excellence” extends all the way to the school cafeteria! The school in general, and Director of Food Services Jerry Morano in particular, was awarded a 2012 Bergen County “Gold Star” Award during a ceremony held at the Bergen County Administration Building in Hackensack.

The awards, presented by the Bergen County Department of Health Services, are presented to schools and other food establishments (such as restaurants, coffee shops, and delicatessens) who display exemplary qualities and go “above and beyond” the normal health standards that are required to ensure the health of the customers they serve.

Only two percent of schools in Bergen County are selected for the award, and face a multitude of inspections if they are to be considered for the award. In addition, Morano and his staff are required to perform and record numerous self inspections and to take food manager training and food safety courses.

Green Club Hosts Recycling Drive

Bergen Catholic High School’s Green Club ran a drive to inform its students about the importance of “going green.” Students were asked to bring into school a minimum of 30 recyclable items—at least five from six different categories: aluminum, cardboard, glass, paper, plastics, and recyclable containers. The items were then properly sorted for recycling by club members.

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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Tree of Life

Leaf Cost: $1,000

Stone Cost: $5,000
New Club Is All “Business”

When a leader spots something than can be implemented or improved, he doesn’t sit around waiting for it to happen – he steps up and makes it happen! Thanks to James Park ’14, Bergen Catholic High School can now boast that it is hosting a chapter of nationally-known DECA Inc.

DECA Inc. is an organization based in Reston, VA that helps prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. The organization has impacted the lives of more than ten million students, educators, school administrators and business professionals since it was founded in 1946, and enhances the preparation for college and careers by providing programs that apply learning in the context of business and promote thought-provoking competition.

When Park wanted to join a business club as part of B.C.’s after-school activities program, he found that such a program was not offered. So, he received permission to start the registration process after finding out about DECA.

Once the club was formed, an in-house structure had to be established and a plan had to be put into place. With the help of Moderator Br. Christopher D. Hall, C.F.C. (who came to B.C. from Bishop Gorman High School in Las Vegas, NV last summer), a Executive Board of Park (as President), Vice-President Gerard Quinn ’14, Treasurer Alexander Morgan ’13, and Secretaries Trevor Nicol ’14 and Henry Rice ’14 was elected.

The 21-member group took “baby steps” in its first year of existence, and has ambitious plans for the future, including participation in a number of business competitions.

A couple of its prime members, Morgan and Park, have already accomplished some impressive feats, and the possibility certainly exists that many more outstanding stories will emerge from this ambitious group.

James Park ’14 is no stranger to accepting challenges and to putting his best foot forward. Could we be witnessing the emergence of a future Wall Street star right before our eyes?

The Fort Lee resident, along with a pair of ambitious friends from Paramus Catholic and Regis High Schools, opened many eyes by entering a “case competition” last spring at New York University. The project involved being asked to fix an international business problem, and the trio did it so well that it reached the final round of the competition, despite the fact that it was competing against college students! The group didn’t win, but its Honorable Mention prize was impressive nonetheless considering the competition.

Buoyed by its success at NYU, the trio entered the 2012 Global Enterprise Challenge, an online international enterprise skills competition open to high school students from around the world. Once again asked to solve a complex business problem, the trio’s video presentation was impressive enough to garner a third-place prize among United States entrants!

What to do for an encore? James Park has a summer schedule that will keep him quite busy. He is involved with three major projects that are each impressive enough individually.

On June 15, Park participated in the U.S. Naval Academy’s Summer Seminar, which is a six-day experience for high achievers who want to learn about life at the Naval Academy. The ambitious student was also accepted into the West Point Summer Seminar, and plans on applying to both academies.

Park was one of 120 students nationally who was accepted into the prestigious “Leadership in the Business World” (“LBW”) program. Sponsored by Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, LBW is an intensive summer program for a select group of rising high school seniors who want an introduction to a top-notch undergraduate business education.

The four-week seminar, held jointly in Philadelphia and San Francisco, offers elite students the opportunity to hone their leadership, teamwork, and communication skills in preparation for college. Park will depart for San Francisco for three weeks beginning July 7, and then spend one additional week in Philadelphia to complete the seminar.

The seminar allows motivated students to test their potential as future business leaders by attending lectures and presentations, visiting business enterprises of outstanding business leaders, engaging in discussions about business subjects, entrepreneurship, and leadership, and developing communication, team-building, and leader-
ship skills through collaborative teamwork.

And if that isn’t enough to whet James’ appetite, he will begin an internship at Morgan Stanley when he returns from Philadelphia, an opportunity that will actually extend into the next school year.

Park’s summer is really just an extension of his busy school-year schedule. He is an Editor with *The Herald* and participates with the school’s Mock Trial team and Vocal Ensemble. Once a member of B.C.’s hockey and lacrosse teams, he hopes to rejoin both programs next year.

When the Bergen Catholic High School chapter of DECA meets in September for its first meeting of the 2013-14 school year, it will already have a seasoned business leader at the helm: President James Park.

The just-graduated B.C. senior came up with a novel idea during his freshman year, put a plan in place, and made it all work by the following year. Inspired by a family member who works in the fragrance industry, Alexander literally put his finger on the pulse of the consumer and turned that information and research into a profitable business.

Realizing that many fragrances are prohibitively expensive (at least when it comes to “trial-and-error” sampling), Morgan understood that it was more efficient and desirable for consumers to be able to sample a multitude of designer fragrances without buying full-size bottles of the products. The option of being able to buy and sample fragrances in small vials allows the consumer to investigate small amounts of various fragrances without paying full retail price.

Through his research and keen eye, Alexander realized that there were two types of customers who he could market his work to: those looking to try out new scents, and “collectors” who were looking to try a variety of fragrances. He also noted the complaints from consumers on online blogs about the hassle of being harassing by pushy sales people who run at them as they enter department stores, spray bottle in hand and ready to fire!

For just a few dollars, a consumer can try as many fragrances as he or she desires, then make a final decision on what products to buy. One can “take a chance” and purchase a small amount (typically a half ounce) of “high-end” products, rather than to make a significant investment that might not turn out to be desirable.

Alexander decided to start his business by selling samples on eBay, and soon made a name for himself among eBay buyers. He began advertising on google, which cultivated more business. Online fragrance critics soon took note of his work and continued to spread the good word, resulting in even more internet attention from “fragrance fans” who follow various web sites.

Armed with confidence (not to mention some hard-earned cash), Alexander started his own web site (http://www.fragrancevials.com/) during his sophomore year, and the business continues to grow today.

However, success does come without a price. Alexander’s phone beeps with messages all day long, so he had to rush home from school to fulfill, package, and ship out as many orders as he can that same day. That didn’t leave too much time for recreation, and barely enough time to keep up with his school work.

As often happens in the business world, things don’t always go as planned, even when it’s a good thing. One day, after offering customers a “coupon code,” he was besieged with a stunning total of more than 200 orders! Still, with customers in more than 20 countries (including Brazil and Australia), and very few dissatisfied customers, it appears that the “sky is the limit” for the crafty Cresskill resident.

Despite his ultra-busy schedule, the perennial honor student still found the time to participate in several activities at B.C., including Future Business Leaders, the Stock Market Club, and Midnight Run.

He plans to attend Fairfield University to major in Finance, and ponders the great possibilities that lie ahead for him.
CONTINUES TO GROW AND THRIVE

Fine Arts

Bergen Catholic Fine Arts Department Hosts Winter Concert

Bergen Catholic High School’s Fine Arts Department hosted a Winter Concert in March. In addition to outstanding group performances by the Vocal Ensemble and Orchestra, the audience was treated to vocal solos by Kirk Nouhan ’13 and Niko Paladino ’16, and a piano solo by Adam Rakowski ’16.

Bergen Catholic High School’s Men’s Chorus: (top row, L to R) Ethan Nouhan ’15, Emilio Montes de Oca ’16, Phillip Bempong ’13, Matthew O’Donnel ’13, and Francisco Andrade ’15; (middle row, L to R) Mark Shasha ’13, Adam Rakowski ’16, Ernest Elgin ’13, James Park ’14, and Niko Paladino ’16; and (bottom row, L to R) Timothy Daly ’16, Joonah Chang ’14, Kirk Nouhan ’13, Kyle Garino ’16, and Paolo Estrella ’16.

Bergen Catholic High School’s Orchestra: (standing, L to R) Francisco Andrade ’15, Dahhoon Jeong ’14, Adam Rakowski ’16, Deek Medzadourian ’13, Jaewon Kim ’16, Hyung-Suk Yoon ’13, and Steve Kim ’14; and (sitting, L to R) Kwangjun Jung ’15, Orchestra Director Caitlyn Payne, and Jin Won Kim ’14.

Adam Rakowski ’16.

Kirk Nouhan ’13.

Niko Paladino ’16.
Jazz Ensemble Spring Concert – Thursday, May 23, 2013


Youth Arts Festival – Thursday, May 16, 2013

More than 250 pieces of artwork representing the work of students from a total of 10 grammar schools were displayed at Bergen Catholic High School’s twelfth annual Youth Arts Festival. The Festival, hosted by the B.C.’s National Art Honor Society was run by AP Art students (L to R) Bryan Castro ’13, Patrick Estanbouli ’14, Joseph Canlas ’13, Aaron Ortiz ’14, Athens Bailey ’14, Michael Zampolin ’14, and David Yu ’13. Other key participants who are not pictured include Liam Kelly ’14, Kieran Morrissey ’14, and Patrick Sucero ’14.

The art work of B.C.’s AP Art students was also presented at the Festival. Bryan Castro ’13 displays some of his outstanding work.
Here is a brief recap for Bergen Catholic Crusaders’ winter and spring sports teams:

**WINTER, 2012-13**

**Basketball (14-12)**
On the hardwood, the Crusaders advanced to the quarterfinals of both the Bergen Jam boree and the North Non-Public “A” state playoffs. B.C. finished third in the highly-contested United Division, and managed to pick up a road victory in the first round of the state playoffs against Delbarton before falling to top-seeded Seton Hall Prep. P.J. Reed ’13 was named Third-Team All-County.

**Bowling (14-3)**
B.C. won its seventh consecutive league title this past winter, as the Crusaders remained undefeated against their Catholic school rivals. Simon Lezaja ’14 and Freddy Dressel ’13 each received First-Team All-League honors, Patrick Sucero ’14, Vincent Dimaya ’14, and Marco Phelan ’14 made the Second Team, and John Korin ’14 was awarded Honorable Mention.

**Hockey (7-13-3)**
The Crusaders finished the winter atop the Gordon Conference’s National Division, and advanced to the quarterfinals of the Bergen County Tournament. Tucker James ’13 was named First-Team All-County after leading the Crusaders in scoring.

**Indoor Track**
This winter saw the first league championship for the Crusaders’ Indoor Track & Field program since 1996, as B.C. rolled past the competition. Five members of the B.C. team were named First-Team All-United Division honors for their outstanding seasons: Ted D’Amico ’13, Michael Whalen ’13, Kyle Queiro ’13, Dan Lynch ’14, and Kyle Ellerson ’15.

**Skiing**
B.C. completed its debut season as a varsity program this winter, where it had several Top 10 finishes as a team. The Crusaders were led in top finishes by Neil Savage ’13.

**Swimming (10-2)**
The Crusaders won the Bergen County Championship for the first time since 2006, and now lay claim to two county titles in program history. B.C. once again dominated its league competition on their way to another United Division title, and several school records fell this winter. The 200-Meter Medley Relay team of Josh Sembrano ’14, Ralph Cannarozzi ’15, Liam Kelly ’15, and Sebastian Lopez ’14 broke a 10-year-old B.C. record with a time of 1:35.51. The 200-Meter Freestyle Relay (Sembrano, Rob Farrell ’14, Kelly, and John Om ’15) clocked a record time of 1:31.08, and Sembrano broke the record in the 100-Meter Backstroke with a time of 51.01.

**Wrestling (19-1)**
For the second year in a row, the Crusaders’ wrestling program captured the Non-Public “A” state championship, and finished what could be considered the finest season in program history. The Crusaders won their final 19 matches of the season on their way to their seventh state title. In addition to the state title, B.C. won its 15th sectional crown, 16th County championship, and 25th District title. Johnny Sebastian ’14 (182 lbs.) and Nick Suriano ’16 (106) each captured individual state championships, and both finished in the Top 10 in the country in their respective weight classes.

**SPRING, 2013**

**Baseball (22-6)**
Under the new leadership of head coach Mark DeMenna, the Crusaders’ baseball program thrived this spring, totaling the most wins in a season dating back to 2004. Led by catcher Zach Cerbo ’13 and pitcher Jeff Granger ’13, the Crusaders made their way into the Top 10 in the state and finished second in the United Division. B.C. defeated several state-ranked opponents, including previously-undefeated and top-ranked St. Joseph Regional, and swept a pair of games against Don Bosco Prep and Paramus.

**Crew**
After competing in 2012 as a club sport, 2013 marked the first season that the B.C. crew team competed as a varsity sport. B.C. competed in four regattas in three different states.

**Golf (30-2)**
The B.C. golf team enjoyed another fantastic season, as the Crusaders won the North Non-Public “A” sectional
championship for the first time since 2009. B.C. finished second overall in the State at the Tournament of Champions, claimed another United Division title, in addition to a Big North Conference crown. Overall, B.C. won five different tournament championships during the season, and was led by All-County golfers Ryan Rose ’13, Matt Love ’13, Zach Egermayer ’14, Bobby Piluso ’15, Brendan Kim ’15, and Steve Weingroff ’16. History was also celebrated this season as head coach Jim Jacobsen ’66 won his 900th match in his 31st season in charge of the B.C. golf program.

Lacrosse (12-5)

For the first time in program history, the Crusaders’ lacrosse program won the prestigious Gibbs Division, highlighted by victories at Mountain Lakes and against Don Bosco Prep at MetLife Stadium. Led by the exploits of Tucker James ’13, Chris Blewitt ’14, and Mike Reilly ’15, B.C. advanced to the Bergen County Tournament title game, qualified once again for the Non-Public “A” State playoffs, and found its way into the Top 10 of the State this spring.

Outdoor Track (4-0)

The Crusaders’ Track & Field program carried its momentum from the winter into the spring season, and captured its first league championship since 1996 by going unbeaten in their United Division dual meets and by tying for the lead at the Big North Championships. The javelin relay team of Nick Regan ’13, De’Shaun Morris ’14, and Garrett Hessman ’15 broke a 38-year-old school record during the season with a total of 473’ 11”.

Tennis (11-6)

The Crusaders finished another respectable spring second overall in the United Division and advanced to the semifinal round of the North Non-Public “A” State playoffs. B.C. was led by the outstanding play of the top two singles players on the team: Sean Fernandez ’14 and Brian Balico ’13.

Volleyball (19-9)

After graduating a significant part of their 2012 team, the Crusaders exceeded all expectations with another strong season campaign in 2013. B.C. once again advanced to the semifinals of the Bergen County Tournament, and earned a home match in the State playoffs. B.C. was led by Kirk Nouhan ’13, who proved to be an All-County performer.

Charles Flynn Retires After 40 Years at B.C.

As this edition of CRUSADER MAGAZINE was about to go the press, the announcement was made that one of Bergen Catholic’s most popular faculty members, Charles Flynn, has decided to retire.

Flynn just completed his 40th year of outstanding service to the school. Since arriving at B.C. in the fall of 1973, he has worn many hats and was credited with creating several highly-popular activities (such as BCTV and “Battle of the Bands”).

The Bergen Catholic community wishes Charlie, his wife, Maura, and his children and grandchildren the best as they look forward to the many peaceful days ahead, and thanks Charlie for helping make B.C. a better place!

A story dedicated to the career of Flynn will appear in the Fall 2013 edition of CRUSADER MAGAZINE.
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