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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Bergen Catholic Community,

I am delighted to write this letter of introduction for our Crusader Magazine. On behalf of my wife Amy, and our three children Brendan (13), Patrick (11), and Cameron (6), I am blessed, honored and humbled to be joining Bergen Catholic High School as your 4th President. Drawing me to this leadership opportunity was the esteemed history of Bergen Catholic’s commitment to educating young men in mind, body, and spirit along with the school’s mission and the purpose the Blessed Edmund Rice sought when providing educational opportunities for all children.

Coming from a humble upbringing, I am the youngest of three, and along with my sister and brother, we are the first in our family to have attended college. After college, we all entered the field of education with my sister working in the charter school network, my brother the public school system and for me, the private and Catholic schools. In addition, we all married fellow educators. One can only imagine the conversations around the dinner table during the holidays!

After high school, I attended Siena College where I met my wife Amy who is from New Milford, New Jersey and a graduate of The Academy of Holy Angels. After Siena, I enrolled at Fordham University receiving both my master’s degree and doctoral degree and gained valuable education leadership experience at The Harvey School in Katonah, New York, Rockland Country Day School, in Congers, New York and EF Academy, in Thornwood, New York. I bring to Bergen Catholic my excitement and enthusiasm for young men to succeed in all that school life has to offer. At school, we often talk about helping our students become Christian gentlemen. Our hallways are decorated with descriptive words describing what it means to be a gentleman. Coupled with our commitment to manners and etiquette, we hope to help guide students in becoming closer with their faith and prepare them to become better husbands and fathers.

I look forward to working with our distinguished faculty and staff members in building on past successes and helping Bergen Catholic to better prepare for future challenges and opportunities. May God continue to bless you and your family.

Dr. Brian Mahoney
President, Bergen Catholic High School

Upcoming EVENTS

JANUARY 2019
Thursday, January 3
6:00 PM
Careers4Crusaders
Bergen Catholic Gymnasium

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8
6:00 PM
Class Chair Letter Signing Event
Bacari Grill, Washington Township

FEBRUARY 2019
Tuesday, February 12
6:00 PM
Lawyers Networking Event
Bergen Catholic

MARCH 2019
Sunday, March 31
5:00 PM
Hall of Fame
(See back cover for details)
Seasons, Washington Township

MAY 2019
Tuesday, May 7
6:00 PM
Class Chair Meeting
Bacari Grill Terrace Room, Washington Township
(May Alumni Association Board Meeting)

THURSDAY, MAY 23
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Cigar Night
River Vale Country Club
(Annual Event — Thursday before Memorial Day)

MONDAY, MAY 27
Memorial Day Run
Veterans Memorial Field, Ridgewood

JUNE 2019
Monday, June 10
Bergen Catholic Golf Classic
Upper Montclair Country Club

Thursday, June 13
Hoboken on Tap
(Annual Event — 2nd Thursday in June)

NOVEMBER 2019
Friday, November 15
2019 Crusader Gala
The Venetian, Garfield

Unless otherwise noted, please contact Marge Quinn at 201-634-4142 for event information, RSVPs and payment.

If you would like to schedule your reunion, please contact Marge Quinn at 201-634-4142.

We are celebrating years ending in 4 and 9.
Since July, we have been building on the past successes of Bergen Catholic and the guidance and leadership from the Presidents who have come before me. I am grateful for the foundation they have provided and the accomplishments they have achieved. I am equally grateful to the Blessed Edmund Rice and the Brothers at Bergen Catholic for the support and guidance they provide me. I appreciate their spiritual presence, conversations, and words of encouragement I encounter every day.

Along with the dedicated faculty and staff, we have taken these past successes and charted a bold course which will bring Bergen Catholic to new and greater heights. There is a great hope, enthusiasm, and excitement for the future of Bergen Catholic and we have much to be thankful for. I contribute much of this new-found energy to the hard working and accomplished young men of Bergen Catholic who make it a pleasure to be a part of this great school. Schools today are often challenged with new enrollment efforts and it is imperative we look for ways to grow our school keeping Bergen Catholic sustainable for generations to come. In the face of these challenges, I am pleased with our recent admissions efforts.

Our past two Open Houses, along with five in-home gatherings for prospective families, have generated a tremendous amount of interest in our school. Each Open House provided over 500 people with information on the Bergen Catholic difference. They learned that we are both a school and a Brotherhood where young men are prepared to excel in all that life has to offer. Operating on Tuesdays and Thursdays, our Crusader-for-a-Day program continues to be the highlight of the admissions process. Just this past week we welcomed 38 students who experienced the awesomeness of what it is like to be a student for a day at Bergen Catholic High School.

This past fall we introduced Ms. Beth Walter as our new Director of College Counseling. This newly created position at Bergen Catholic has underscored the importance of a 4-year college counseling program that starts in the student’s freshman year. Through her efforts, Ms. Walter has reshaped the college counseling experience, helped to bring clarity to all families, assisted families in navigating Naviance and the financial aid process, and welcomed over 150 college representatives to Bergen Catholic! In addition, along with support from our guidance team, seniors have applications into all Ivy League Schools, an abundant of tier1 schools and we have several student-athletes committed to Yale, Duke, Michigan, Xavier, Notre Dame, Holy Cross, Cornell, and Stanford.

The 2018 Crusader Gala was the most successful Gala in school history. Over 500 people attended honoring the class of 1964. The school is blessed and fortunate to report that after our expenses, over $200,000 was raised in one historic night! Congratulations to all who made the evening so successful. The work of our Gala committee members and volunteers, including our own Marge Quinn and Regina Radoslovich, was outstanding. I am forever grateful to our sponsors and everyone’s hard work, long hours and expert advice in making the New York, New York-themed evening so successful and enjoyable. All of the efforts support our student-assistance program helping to make Bergen Catholic affordable for all families. We look to you, our parents, alumni, and friends to continue in your support of Bergen Catholic High School.

Please join us in spreading the word that BC is rapidly moving in a direction that will position Bergen Catholic to be the top private Catholic school in New Jersey—and ultimately reaching our goal of becoming the top private Catholic school in the country. Please participate and support Bergen Catholic as we continue to commit ourselves to the classical approach to teaching the foundations of education infusing this with opportunities where students can expand their knowledge base of innovation, entrepreneurialism, technology, engineering, and robotics. In addition, we continue to present students with a well-rounded approach to their high school years by offering chorus, jazz ensemble, theatre, along with digital art and design.

Finally, on Sunday, December 2nd we celebrated the Advent season with a Mass. Our Chaplin, Father Kay, presided over the Mass, welcoming families and friends to the Christmas season and the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This strong symbol of faith reminded us how thankful we are for the gifts in our lives. May we also remember those less fortunate during this holiday season and do what we can to help break the cycle of poverty once and for all.

Wishing you all the best in 2019!
On June 8, 1955, the parents of Bob Murray (BC ’59) received a letter that read, “Your son Robert, has passed the entrance examination to the High School conducted by the Christian Brothers of Ireland. Registration will be held in Visitation School, Paramus, on Saturday, June 25th, between 9:30 A.M. and 12 Noon. At this time a registration fee of $10.00 and the first month’s tuition of $20.00 will be required.” So began Murray’s career as a member of Bergen Catholic’s first graduating class, and one of the school’s most active and esteemed alumni.


Things were very different when the first freshmen began their studies in 1955. As construction began at the school’s permanent location, the young men occupied four rooms at Visitation Grammar School in Paramus. For their sophomore year, they moved to what is now the north wing of the current facility, but even that space wasn’t completed. “The rest of the school was still under construction and they were building it around us,” said Murray. “There was no heat, so they brought in potbelly stoves which would occasionally puff back and fill the room with black smoke. When blackboards and floor tiles were installed, we had to carry our desks out into the hall to continue the class.” That first class graduated 112 students.

In 1975, Murray was asked by Br. Peter Lawrence, to whom he was very close, to give a speech at the ceremony commemorating Bergen Catholic’s 20th anniversary. Brother told him to put together a table of his classmates and to get someone from the class of 1960, celebrating their 15th reunion, to put together two. After the speech, founding principal, Br. Eugene McKenna, told Murray that he needed him to start an alumni association and Murray replied, “I’ll help in any way I can.” McKenna’s response? I don’t want you to help. I want you to DO it. “That’s just the way the Brothers worked in those days,” said Murray, “which was great, and one of the reasons the school is so successful.” As they built a database of over 1,000 graduates, the association began making plans for the class of 1959’s 20th reunion.

Murray graduated from Iona College in 1963 and spent 20 years with IBM. He then founded an IBM distributorship in northern New Jersey and in 1991 went into the financial services business, dealing with large, institutional clients. He hasn’t completely retired, he says, and he’s still involved to a small extent in that business. He’s still involved with the school, as well. There are plans for a 60th reunion next year and according to Murray, letters have already gone out. They’re hoping that 30 to 40 classmates will attend.

Asked how he thinks being part of Bergen Catholic’s first graduating class, founding the alumni association, and staying in close touch with his classmates has affected his life and molded him as a person, Murray paused for a moment. “Every year the Brothers would have an orientation for the incoming freshmen and their parents. It was very formal, and they would say, ‘You send us your boy and we will send you back a man.’ They accomplished that. And, 60 years later, my closest friends are all guys I went to high school with.”
Each day of the school year, Robert Howard ’20 takes the 1+ hour bus ride to Bergen Catholic from his home in Cranford where he lives with his mom, dad and two younger brothers. He said he chose BC, rather than a high school offering a less onerous commute, because of the strength of the wrestling program and because he and his family “fell in love with the brotherhood.”

The strength of Bergen Catholic’s wrestling program is undeniable. They’ve been district champions every year since 1990, Parochial A state champs for the last 7 years and they were national champions in 2018. Over the life of the program, 25 BC wrestlers have won over 100 bouts.

Howard started wrestling young — first grade, in fact — and he’s progressed steadily ever since. Last October, he won a gold medal at the Summer Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, wrestling in the 55 kg (121 lb.) weight class, and last season won the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) crown in the 120-pound division. He’s been a member of the U.S. Cadet World Wrestling Championships team twice and was #2 in the nation in the October 10th “Adidas National High School Wrestling Individual Rankings” at 126 lbs.

Howard, who is also a good student, is, unsurprisingly, highly motivated. “I’m deathly afraid of being average,” he said. “I literally couldn’t imagine not being the best I can be at what I do.” Frequently asked what else he does for fun outside of the sport, Howard says, “I like being in high school and hanging out with friends, but to compete at this level, it’s hard to have other hobbies and interests. Wrestling occupies a lot of my time and it’s really the only thing that I do.” Asked if he regrets that and wishes the commitment wasn’t so all-consuming, Howard replied that he wouldn’t have it any other way. “This sport has taken me from someone who was shy to someone who is able to speak in front of people. It’s going to carry me into college and get me into a good school. I would not change anything that I’ve done.”

He’s thought of as a good kid, too, and Howard thinks it’s just because of the person he’s tried to become. “I want to be the same kind of person that I looked up to when I was in middle school. I used to send messages to Daton Fix (one of the country’s top-ranked high school wrestlers at the time, who now wrestles for Oklahoma State) or I’d comment on Instagram pictures of him. One day he sent me a response and it really meant a lot to me.”

Howard now tries to do the same for younger kids. When someone messages him, he always tries to answer, and if someone asks for a picture, he’ll get them one. After wrestling an 11-year-old at club practice, the boy’s father wrote on Facebook how thankful he was that Howard had made the gesture. Howard is uncomfortable with that kind of praise, saying, “I just try to treat people with respect.”

And what does the future hold? Next June, Howard will try out for his third Cadet World team, with the tournament to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria in July/August. After that, he’ll attend one of his top three college choices — Michigan, Penn State or Iowa. (He’s still uncommitted.) Although he’ll try out for the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, he admits that at his age the prospects are slim — but he said he definitely plans on making the team for the 2024 games in Paris.
We are delighted to tell you that the Oradell Zoning Board has approved our campus revitalization project, so many years in the making. The Board of Directors and leadership of Bergen Catholic have been aware that there are parts of the campus that must be modernized, and there is a need for new construction as well. Our priorities for funds historically have been community safety and security first and foremost, regulatory compliance second, and program support in all areas of the academic experience next. Some projects that were imagined years ago are now able to come to fruition. And, the athletic complex is first on the list!

Both the bleachers and the field need attention to ensure the health and safety of our students who use the facilities. The bleachers were constructed in 1977 and the field was last renovated in 2008. Unfortunately, the lifespan of the turf is coming to an end. The building and concession areas are outdated and do not represent the high quality athletic experience we offer. Renovating and improving the existing field will allow us to have an upgraded playing surface which provides our student athletes a modern area to compete and succeed athletically. Particularly with the stringent concussion prevention protocols now in place in our league and others, we want to be sure that all athletes are protected. The current track surface is of the kind that was popular in the 70s and we’re excited about coming into the second decade of 2000s with a new one. As Coach Leonard said, “The new surface will be kinder and gentler on the athletes who are competing today. Moreover, a greater distance from players on the field and a standard length of 400 meters will preserve safety for our runners and require reduced time in measuring distances for our competitions.”

One of the areas on which we focused has been multi-purpose use of facilities. Using the football field for lacrosse and soccer as well, and placing the new track around the field, are two outdoor examples of this thinking. Coach Campanile notes that he’s delighted to have the new field and “I am proud of the JV and Varsity Football teams level of play now and am confident they will excel further when they are able to use the new field. I’m happy to share with the other sports and am pleased that the new surface poses reduced risk of concussion to our excellent players.” Lacrosse Coach Kelly and Soccer Coach Pete were most enthusiastic when they learned of the plans. “We are so glad that BC is making this effort on behalf of our teams and the other users! This will bring the field and caliber of play to the next, championship level,” they said.

The new building will also be multi-purpose, focused on concession sales, shopping (especially for BC logo items), and comfortable bleacher seating for our fans. As a whole, the facilities will match the expectations of a highly competitive interscholastic high school athletic program providing additional space for training and competitions.

CAMPUS REVITALIZATION: The Concept and Benefits

Some projects that were imagined years ago are now able to come to fruition.
At Bergen Catholic, we do a great job of enrolling wonderful, variously-talented students and giving them a first class education. Beth Walter, Director of College Counseling, has put considerable effort into making students’ next steps into higher education a similarly first class experience. Beth Walter, Director of College Counseling, has put considerable effort into making students’ next steps into higher education a similarly first class experience.

To give you an idea of the work that she and her team have done with the Class of 2019, we offer the following data:

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### Schools with the Most Applications
- Boston College: 8
- Fairfield University: 17
- Fordham University: 14
- Marist College: 11
- Pennsylvania State University: 11
- Providence College: 19
- Rutgers University – New Brunswick: 13
- Sacred Heart University: 10
- Villanova University: 12

### Ivy League Applications
- Brown University: 9
- Columbia University: 7
- Cornell University: 11
- Dartmouth College: 5
- Harvard University: 3
- University of Pennsylvania: 13
- Princeton University: 12
- Yale University: 3

### TOTAL
- 65 applications for Ivy League institutions

### Athletic Commitments
- 35

The Crusader College Counseling Experience is led by veteran college counselor, Ms. Elisabeth Walter. Ms. Walter has over 19 years of experience working in both the guidance and college counseling field and is considered an expert among her peers. Her energy and enthusiasm for helping each student find success in a complicated process is truly unmatched. Ms. Walter also works alongside many families helping them navigate the college counseling process and to best position our BC students for admission to the college or university of their choice.

Our Crusader College Counseling Experience is an interactive and comprehensive program to college counseling and advisement beginning in ninth grade. As freshman, students will be assigned a college counselor to assist with the college exploration process. The college counselor will work in tandem with the student’s guidance counselor to ensure all goals are achieved academically, athletically, through extracurricular activities and through community/Christian service hours.

Flagship opportunities of the Crusader College Counseling Experience include many events for both students and parents. The Duke Writing Seminar, Jesuit Excellence Tour, BC/IHA College Fair, the College Admissions Panel, annual College Counseling and Athletic Recruitment Events, College Bus Tour, Mock College Interviews, Resume and Activity Profile writing, the over 150 colleges that visit BC throughout the year are just a sampling of what this program has to offer. Through all of these programs, students and families will gain insights and invaluable information about the college exploration and application process.

BC offers additional college readiness and support programs such as the Summer Academy @ BC (a summer program that will provide College Essay Writing, College Application Boot-camps, SAT Prep, and enrichment coursework in math and science,) a variety of dual enrollment courses where students can earn college credit for classes taken at BC, and SAT/ACT test prep courses that cost less to BC students.

Students and parents will benefit from the Crusader College Counseling Experience because it is truly like no other. This is the first program of its caliber in Bergen County.

A plethora of parent seminars on topics such as College Readiness, College Planning, Financial Planning, and NCAA eligibility will be offered as well. Students and parents will benefit from the Crusader College Counseling Experience because it is truly like no other. This is the first program of its caliber in Bergen County. With the gracious support and collaboration of Dr. Mahoney, Bergen Catholic’s dynamic and energetic leader, the Crusader College Counseling Experience will prepare our students for the entrance and placement into the most elite colleges and universities in the country.

We wish the Class of 2019, and BC graduates, great success in their next educational journey!
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We are grateful to all who supported our Golf Classic and Honorees this year. The 2018 Golf Classic sold out with 176 Golfers and raised over $100,000.

We express a special thank you to our 2018 Committee Members:

Mr. John Amoratis ’77, P ’14
Mr. Joseph Anderson P ’17, ’18
Mr. Chris Barry ’93
Mr. Alfred Hayward, P ’97, ’02
Mr. James Jacobsen ’66

We cordially extend an invitation to attend the 48th Annual Golf Classic on Monday, June 10, 2019, at Upper Montclair Country Club.

Congratulations to our 2018 Golf Classic Honorees:

Mr. Jay Coyle ’88 • Mr. Neil O’Halloran ’90

Jay Coyle celebrating the day with his family

Neil O’Halloran celebrating the day with his family

The Coyle Family

The Jansons: Steve ’71, Mike ’65, Jesse ’99 and Noel ’68

Eamonn Twomey ’89, Scott Vandersnow ’93 and Chris Barry ’93

2018 Golf Classic Student Volunteers

Sitting Nick Stiffland and Will Ciberti
Standing Sal Perrone, Mike Viggiano, Allen Delgado and Andrew Perrone

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Thanksgiving and Christmas are the times of year we reflect on what we are thankful for. At Bergen Catholic, we are fortunate to be thankful and grateful for many wonderful school-wide achievements and accomplishments. On Friday, November 16 Bergen Catholic High School celebrated their 2018 Crusader Gala. It was a magnificent evening with many opportunities for parents and friends to participate in supporting Bergen Catholic. Over 500 people attended with the goal to raise funds to support our tuition assistance program where we can help make Bergen Catholic affordable for all families. Thank you to Marge Quinn, Regina Radoslovich, and all our hard working and dedicated volunteers especially our Gala co-chairs, Debbie Regis and Monica Borg.

The theme of the night was New York, New York. The Venetian in Garfield, New Jersey was transformed into Midtown Manhattan! Just like yesteryear, we were entertained by the songs and music of “Frank Sinatra.” Attendees took their chances in our 50/50 Crusader Raffle which grossed an all-time high $127,600! Congratulations to our two winners, both BC Alumni! In addition to our raffle, parents and friends bid on numerous silent auction items and took their chances on our “Money Hat, Wine Pull and Lottery Board.” Emcee Sandy Cerami ’85 led the night where we honored the Class of 1964. Three honorees from the class, Joseph L. Branciforte, Joseph P. Donlan and James J. Dowling, along with 25 members of the class and Br. John E. Dornbos received Founders Medals. After the honorees, President Dr. Mahoney joined Sandy on stage for our live auction! This exciting part of the night included opportunities to bid on a fishing trip to North Palm Beach, Florida and Hamilton tickets to Broadway! The most coveted live auction item was Principal-for-a-Day. The highest bidder provided an opportunity for their son to be our principal, Mr. McElhinney for a day! This lucky Crusader will set the dress code, choose the lunch menu, decide if students should have homework, meet with our coaches and attend a high-level power lunch with Dr. Mahoney at Bacari Grill! The best part is that Mr. McElhinney has to attend the lucky Crusader’s classes, complete all homework, take any scheduled tests and quizzes, change for physical education classes and sit with fellow Crusaders at the lunch table. Congratulations to Freshman Abe Balikcaglu ’22 and Sophomore Charlie Borg ’21, who each will take the reigns from Mr. McElhinney in the very near future.

The night was filled with great energy and wonderful enthusiasm for our Bergen Catholic community. Save-the-date as next year we’ll look to top our most recent success and celebrate again on Friday, November 15.
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Honored for their loyalty and dedication to Bergen Catholic High School

2018 Crusader Gala
The Venetian
November 16, 2018

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Principal Tim McElhinney — Live

Amy Mahoney, Stacy Hughes, Lia Kunnapas and Alexis Fatigati

Mike Maron ’77, Dr. Mahoney and Gary Adler

Jorge Muccini ’84, Jordan Patton ’11, Julie Fill, Matt Rosa ’08 and Jeff Fox

Mike Maron ’77, Kathy & Mike Powers ’64 and Dr. & Mrs. George Ajian
If you make your bed every morning, you will have accomplished the first task of the day. It will give you a small sense of pride, and it will encourage you to do another task and another and another.

Making your bed will reinforce the fact that little things in life matter. If you can’t do the little things right, you will never do the big things right.

And, if by chance you have a miserable day, you will come home to a bed that is made — that you made — and a made bed gives you encouragement that tomorrow will be better.

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And, if by chance you have a miserable day, you will come home to a bed that is made — that you made — and a made bed gives you encouragement that tomorrow will be better.
The school year is off to a fine start. The summer months are tucked neatly in the rear view mirror and a fine routine to the day has developed at Bergen Catholic. Students and teachers alike are engaging in lessons that are challenging them to think, contemplate and analyze material. As a result of these actions, they all become extremely engaged and enamored with topics related to each course.

The 2018-19 School Year marks the fifth year of Bergen Catholic’s 2 to 1 Technology Program. Every Bergen Catholic student utilizes a MacBook and iPad Mini. The MacBook is used primarily for content creation (note-taking, essay writing, virtual labs, animation, etc...). While, the iPad Mini is used for content delivery as all of our textbooks and resources are in digital form and accessible through the iPad. In addition to the strength of the devices, the faculty employs the use of applications to engage the students in interesting ways as well as to bring the content of their courses alive. Also, the vast majority of our assessments (tests and quizzes) are administered through a testing software called Examplify.

Bergen Catholic is committed to the use of Educational Technology because it assists with instructional strategies, which make the interactions between students and teachers more fruitful. Additionally, the use of Educational Technology places meaningful responsibility on each student, as their participation in each lesson not only furthers their learning and understanding, but also the learning and understanding of their peers. This responsibility assists with the creation of a class culture that is vibrant, enthusiastic and energetic. But mostly the use of Educational Technology makes the learning experience at Bergen Catholic fun and enjoyable.

Most Sincerely,

Timothy J. McElhinney
Principal
New Faces

Amy Sees
OFFICE MANAGER

I’ve worked at Bergen Catholic for a short time and it has been a truly wonderful experience. I came from an elementary catholic school providing me with experience in working closely with students and their families. One of my children will be attending Bergen Catholic in the fall and my husband is an alumnus. I love to see children succeed in all that they do. To be able to say that I play a part, if only a small one, makes it all worth it. I look forward to many years here with the Bergen Family.

Brenda Esposito
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

I am a graduate of Berkeley College and hold an SHRM Certification from Fairleigh Dickinson University. This is my 10th year at Bergen Catholic. What inspires me to come to work each day is the Bergen Catholic Brotherhood; a brotherhood that has been made famous by the passionate young students, as well as notable educators and administrators. The Bergen Catholic community is a special family that places the highest value on mind, body, and spirit.

Catherine Smallman
SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Ms. Smallman received her B.A. in Sociology, Human Development and Family Studies from the University of Connecticut. She received a M.A. in Counseling with a concentration in School Counseling from Montclair State University. Ms. Smallman became a school counselor because she wants to be able to assist students in becoming the best versions of themselves and make an impact on her student’s lives.

New Places

Tara Maka
DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE AND THE LEARNING CENTER

I have been a guidance counselor for 11 years and am in my 3rd year at Bergen Catholic. I have a BA from Quinnipiac University in Sociology and my MA from Fordham University in Education and School Counseling. I’m inspired to come to work each day because each student has such unique and wonderful talents. They are passionate and hardworking in academics, activities, and athletics and have so much to offer to BC. I enjoy encouraging them to fine-tune their strengths and improve in areas they and we have identified. They inspire and motivate each other, and me, to do our collective best work.

Elisabeth “Beth” Walter
DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE COUNSELING

This is my 17th year working in the guidance and college counseling field. I have a BA in Sociology from Penn State University and an MS in Counseling Psychology from Lehigh University and an MA in Educational Leadership from The College of Saint Elizabeth. From my own experience in degree programs and understanding their importance in a student’s academic trajectory, I’m inspired to bring new programs to the Bergen Catholic students and families and provide them with the finest private counseling experience. Our students graduate prepared for the demands of the rigorous college admissions process, the benefits of higher education, and the responsibilities they assume as members of a global community and BC Brotherhood.

Cathy Corrado
REGISTRAR

I have an AA degree from Endicott College as a bi-lingual secretary, qualified in French and English. I’ve worked at Bergen Catholic since 2000 as a receptionist, secretary, and now registrar. It’s awesome to see our students evolve from young boys to young men as my own son, now a veterinarian, did. BC students are well educated, polite, and eager for their next steps. Being a part of the Guidance Office gives me a chance to know students better, see positive change, and learn more about the benefits of a BC education.
Inside the Halls

Very exciting times here at Bergen Catholic High School. The energy around the school is inspiring as both students and teachers show great levels of enthusiasm for the subjects that are being taught. The school year is off to a strong start and the month of September was very busy.

The first month of school can often set the tone for the remainder of the year. I am proud of the students, faculty and staff and I know we are well-positioned for a successful school year. On the 5th and 6th of September, Bergen Catholic welcomed the incoming freshmen and returning students at the annual orientation programs. It was an opportunity for all students to meet our new President, Dr. Mahoney. Dr. Mahoney addressed the students and explained to them the value of a Bergen Catholic education and his passion for raising the school to new heights.

In his address, Dr. Mahoney underscored how the Bergen Catholic experience does not end with a diploma at graduation and how the true value of an education at BC is when our brothers help other brothers in the celebration of BC. These moments are often found when young brothers intern for older brothers or when Crusaders network other Crusaders in the workforce. These shared experiences shape the memories and advantages of a Bergen Catholic High School education. Working collaboratively with the administration, Dr. Mahoney began to transform the hallways within our school by championing what it means to be a Christian gentleman. With ‘gentleman’ on our walls, the administration team surrounded the students to meet our new President, Dr. Mahoney. Their meeting set the tone for the remainder of the year. I am proud of the students, faculty and staff and I know we are well-positioned for a successful school year.

On Thursday, November 8, we held parent/teacher conferences to give parents and guardians an opportunity to speak with their son’s teachers regarding their academic progress. These meetings allow for further communication between parents and teachers to reaffirm the partnership between families and school and help the students reach their full academic potential with support at home.

Finally, a new Curriculum Committee, under the leadership of Albert Spiegel ’95, Director of Scheduling and Computer Science teacher, has been formed to investigate new methods of infusing 21st-century teaching and learning into our current curriculum. The committee will be reviewing the school’s academic program and making suggestions for improvement in addition to exploring the establishment of dual enrollment programs and partnerships with nearby colleges and universities. We look forward to updating you again in upcoming issues of our Crusader Magazine. Live Jesus in our lives...forever!

BCHS art program for the current school year is based on building skills to our students. The general art course for Sophomores and Freshmen includes drawing, painting and printmaking. Our drawing classes are centered on increasing the hand abilities to control lines with different kind of drawing materials and draw complex subjects. In the painting classes students learn to use paint and understand and apply colors according to Color Theory. The program also includes lessons about styles in art and history of great artists. Students learn how to appreciate visual art and understand the visual language an artist uses to express ideas. The ambition of the art department is to introduce digital photography and digital image manipulation. During the second half of the school year students will be able to learn digital photography for their creative projects.

BCHS AP Studio Art 2D Design is the top course for advanced in art students. They take art classes for two years and complete a portfolio with artworks based on the principles of design and elements of art. Most of our AP students use the portfolio not only to receive an AP score from College board but to apply to the best art and design universities in the US. The best artists of the AP course are offered personal exhibition opportunity inside the school library.

The art program of BCHS has a great acceptance and support from parents and administration.

Nedko Bucev
AP Studio Art and General Art Teacher
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he Performing Arts Department continues to raise the cultural awareness and esteem of the arts by providing our students with meaningful experiences and numerous opportunities for public performances. Our Ensembles, both instrumental and vocal, continue to impress audiences with their musicality, finesse and stellar performances. Our Ensembles are called upon to perform at numerous school events, from Open Houses, Masses, and Commencement in addition to their annual Holiday and Spring Concert Series. Our musicians are actively involved in competitions, musical festivals and collaborative projects with Mary Help of Christians Salesian Voices, the Rockland Youth Jazz Ensemble and the Bergen Community College Jazz Band. We continue to emphasize the importance of music and the arts in the development of our talented students. The Performing Arts Department is visible throughout the school community as well as the community at large.

The Performing Arts Department is offering a whirlwind of concerts, activities, trips and special events for the Bergen Catholic Community for the 2018/2019 school year. The Men’s Vocal Ensemble kicked off their season with its sixth annual Choral Boot Camp for both veteran and new students in late August and our new members were able to get a head start on our repertoire for our upcoming concert appearances. The Vocal Ensemble also showcased the arts at both of Bergen’s highly successful Open Houses with stellar performances. Members of the Vocal Ensemble have performed our National Anthem at home football games and have received rave reviews. Recently, a trio of talented Ensemble Members wowed the crowd at MetLife Stadium with their performance of ‘The Star Spangled Banner’ at the championship football game.

The Vocal Ensemble has performed our National Anthem for our 2019 events! At this time, all the shows are completely sold out! Our Bergen Catholic Thespians have hit the ground running. This November, Crusaders were featured in ‘Come From Away,’ ‘The Band’s Visit,’ ‘School of Rock,’ and ‘Dear Evan Hansen.’ At this time, the bergen goes to broadway series has become a highlight for students, parents, alumni, and staff. This year tickets were offered for ‘Cinderella’ at Immaculate Heart Academy. And, when the curtain goes up at Mary Help of Christians (‘Cinderella’) and Immaculate Conception (‘2nd Street’) members of the Vocal Ensemble will be taking center stage!

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The Bergen Catholic Chapter of TRI M, the National Music Honor Society, inducted eight new members at the 2018 Academic Awards Ceremony in October. Membership in this Honor Society provides our students with service and leadership opportunities and requires membership in a Bergen Catholic performing organization.

This is our third season participating in the Dual Enrollment program with Bergen Community College. This affords Juniors and Seniors in our Vocal and Jazz Ensembles to earn college credits that are transferable as electives when they attend college.

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The Bergen Catholic Honors Jazz Band entertained all attendees at the spectacular New York, New York Gala by providing entertainment throughout the cocktail hour. Their last appearance was at their Holiday Concert on December 11th. Our Chamber Ensemble was also featured at this event.

We hope you will join us for our 2019 events!
Soccer Captures Fourth Straight League Title

Coach Peter Berkaniash's soccer program enjoyed an excellent season, finishing at 13-3. Weather did not cooperate through much of the season and the Crusaders lost a number of independent games, but finished 8-0 when it mattered in league play and played one of the most inspired and determined games in their last home-game vs. traditional state-power Pingry School in the NPA Tournament.

Senior Henry Mouawad led the Crusaders in scoring with nine-goals and five assists. He finished exceptionally strong with a 2-goal, 2 assist game vs. Pingry in the states. Jake Sweeney was the team's second leading scorer with a seven-goal season. Junior Nicholas Shannon played the role of consummate set-up man as he led the team with assists. Allen Villafranca's game-tying goal vs. Pingry was one of the most memorable goals in recent BC soccer history.

Andrew Graf was constantly in the mix, contributing hard play and scoring which earned him the moniker, Unsung-hero of the year for the Big North United. Ian Sykes was one of the Lynch-pins in the stingy Crusader defense. He led a unit which was one of the strongest defenses in the County along with some of the tallest players this side of Freemantle and Zona including Chaz Ferris, Henry Hughes and Connor Donovan. A pair of Daniels (Geraghty and O'Donoghue) showed their versatility as well pitching in on both sides of the pitch while senior Michael Tramontozzi lived up to his Bosco-killer nick-name with another critical goal vs. our greatest rival from the north.

Of course, no season would have a chance without exceptional play by its goal keeper. While the season saw a good dose of Andrew Remias, who was very strong in the goal, freshman, Ryan Langberg earned the starting position as the season progressed and saved 45 shots in twelve of the last sixteen games of the season.

Crusader Football Welcomes Campanile II with a Championship Season

Just when it didn’t seem it could get any better, the Crusader Football team pursues its second State Championship in as many years. While the last name at the head of the team remains the same, Coach Vito has arrived and it did not take long for the Crusader Faithful to warm up to him.

BC opened the season with a colossal victory over the nation’s #5 ranked team, Grayson, Georgia during their opening road-trip to the Peach State. It was BC's first-ever August regular-season game as years seem to accelerate or at-least extend earlier and earlier.

Bergen’s New Jersey homecoming was at the State University's HighPoint Solution Stadium against Archbishop Wood from Pa. BC was 2-0 and traveling to one of its most difficult destinations to find a win, Caven Point in Jersey City. Now playing the role of the #5 team in NJ, BC played St. Peter's Prep on their turf and fell into one of the great trap games.

The sign of any great team is how you rebound from adversity and this Crusader team is showing how they master that. After losing Yale-bound Henry Mouawad showing his skills
Greetings to the Bergen Catholic Community,

We begin by extending our sincere gratitude to each of you for the help and support you’ve given us in the admissions effort over the last few years. The importance of your role in shaping our school community with the best and brightest future Crusaders cannot be overstated.

This fall has been a busy time in admissions, with two successful open houses for over 300 families, and about 300 young men (with more to come) as participants in our Crusader for a Day program, and 200 students in our COOP Prep events. There is a passion for our school that transforms mild interest and curiosity into excitement and a drive to be part of this academic and cultural success.

Crusader for a Day is designed to showcase the components of life at Bergen Catholic, beginning with an orientation to the faculty and staff who will be guiding students in their exploration of the many programs available. Our rigorous academic curriculum is clearly the underpinning of the high school experience and enhances the extracurricular programs in which students will participate, whether they are athletic, artistic, community-oriented, or spiritual. We have high expectations from the beginning of this educational journey to the end and student opportunities mirror this growth. The breadth of the curriculum is intended to provide the foundation for a life of intellectual pursuit; the visual and performing arts support many forms of expression; athletics are highly valued and offer public and private success in individual and team play; and every student is expected to participate in the life of the school as Christian gentlemen. In one day, a young man is able to see the generosity of spirit offered in support as he begins high school and can imagine the gift of a BC education enabling him to attend college and enter the world beyond, prepared to make a positive impact in his chosen life. Those young men who arrived, perhaps a bit nervous in the morning, come back with their hosts at the end of the day, ready to go home with their families and ready to become the next group of Crusaders.

The strength of our BC community is also shown through the in-home receptions hosted by welcoming, generous alumni and current families. The intimate setting allows us to develop more personal relationships with prospective students and families, and the opportunity to share powerful testimonies about the transformative Bergen Catholic education. It is not just a four-year experience, but rather an experience that lasts a lifetime. It is the passion and dedication of our BC family that demonstrates the excellence that Bergen Catholic inspires.

As Bergen Catholic alumni, we strive to exemplify the many ways our education has benefited us and that we cherish our role in welcoming others to this community. We look forward to welcoming the next great class of Crusader gentlemen, in the class of 2023.

The Bergen Catholic Admissions Team
Matthew Rosa ’08, Director of Admissions
Bill Leonard ’10, Director of Outreach

Admissions UPDATE

The greatest gift of all: Bergen Catholic High School affordable for all families

Perhaps the greatest gift of all is the gift of education. A strong education can provide students with opportunities to excel and reach their potential. At Bergen Catholic, providing that gift to mission-appropriate young men can be the gift that truly lasts a lifetime. We are confident that Bergen Catholic provides young boys the good fortune to be surrounded by great teaching, the opportunity to learn and excel, and the ability to become a distinguished Christian gentleman.

Our founder, Blessed Edmund Rice strived to provide educational opportunities for children from disadvantaged backgrounds, a way out. Greeting them every day as they walked through the door, Blessed Edmund Rice knew that education was the hope these children needed to improve their lives that was significantly better than their past. Today, our school seeks to meet that challenge and provide the gift of a Bergen Catholic education for all who are deserving.

The time is now for Bergen Catholic heroes to stand up, do what is difficult and to achieve what is great. The most significant way to be a Bergen Catholic hero is to become a Tuition Angel underwriting tuition for mission-appropriate students whose families find a Bergen Catholic education unobtainable. Please learn more about how you can become a Bergen Catholic Tuition Angel by emailing Marge Quinn, Director of Alumni Relations. Marge can be reached at mquinn@bergencatholic.org.

Year-after-year, through our student assistance programs, we aim to overcome family’s financial challenges and help every child who has applied to BC. As we look to the future, we are reminded that these roadblocks to receiving an education at BC should be limited. While the gift of education and children seeking to come to BC might as well be limitless.

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Thank you for your consideration. Live Jesus in our hearts...forever!

For more information about how you can support us in our mission to prepare the next generation of leaders visit www.bergencatholic.org/page/giving

Matthew Rosa ’08, Bill Leonard ’10
Alumni Association

UPDATE

Fellow Crusaders,

I write with good news! The new year ahead will bring many new opportunities for our 12,000 strong Brotherhood to support the mission of Bergen Catholic High School. Why not make a resolution that 2019 will be the year you get back involved with the school that had a hand in making you the man you are today?

Our President, Dr. Brian Mahoney, has made very clear to us Alumni that we need to play an integral role in the future of our school. Volunteers are very much needed in so many areas, such as Admissions Support, mentoring, Careers4Crusaders, and the many events your Alumni Association puts on every month.

Two initiatives coming in 2019 are generating some buzz. The first is our newly formed Lawyers Networking Group, headed by Kevin Rigby ’72 and John McDermott ’99. In addition to offering a unique opportunity for Crusaders in the legal industry, this initiative hopes to reach out to our younger alums thinking about law school and careers in the field.

The second is the new Bergen Catholic College Counseling Experience, a new initiative launched by Dr. Mahoney and his staff earlier in 2018. The Alumni Association has been asked to play a role in supporting college-bound Crusaders by helping to facilitate school visits and provide advice. Would you be willing to mentor our students interested in attending your college Alma Mater? Stay tuned for more information on our first event for Notre Dame, and also a road trip to see Boston area schools in April. Contact me anytime for more information.

Deus Vult!

Brian C. Hughes ’86
President, Bergen Catholic High School Alumni Association
bchughes@hughesenveng.com

SAVE THE DATES

Careers4Crusaders
Thursday, January 3, 2019
Contact mjordan@maywoodschools.org

Class Chair Letter Signing Event
Tuesday, January 8, 2019
Contact mquinn@bergencatholic.org

Lawyers Networking Event
Tuesday, February 12, 2019
Contact johnwmcdermott@gmail.com

Alumni Events

Crusader Society

June 9, 2018

On June 9th we had our Crusader Society Thank You Reception at the Hiram Blauvelt Art Museum in Oradell. As promised in our request for support in September 2017, all who contributed $1,000 or more before December 31st were invited to attend a reception with our President and Principal. Thank you to all our Members of the Crusader Society, we hope you enjoyed getting to know one another while admiring the wildlife art and big game collections.

Alumni Hockey Game

November 23, 2018 — The Ice House
Alumni Events

BC vs. Don Bosco
September 22, 2018

Wine Tasting
October 22, 2018

Mike Kearney ’19, current BC kicker poses at BC/Bosco game on 9/22/18 with Bob Fischer ’60. Bob was the kicker in 1959 at the BC/Bosco game!

Kevin & Mary Rigby ’72, Dr. Brian Mahoney and Greg & Christine Schwake ’72

Kevin & Patricia Hart ’66

John Amoratis ’77, Mike Haviland ’78 and Michael Borelli ’83

Tim & Colleen McCarthy, Eamonn Twomey, Sandy & Mary Cerami and Alysson Twomey

Class of 1968 50th Reunion Weekend
Friday/Saturday, October 19/20, 2018

Friday
- Ice Breaker at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton
- Tours of the campus guided by Current Crusaders
- Pre-game Reception – 983 Woodland
- Football Game vs. Paramus Catholic (with a W for BC 42-0)
- Dinner Reception – Bacari Grill (with over 30 alumni in attendance)

We are happy to report that the Class of 1968 celebrated their 50th Reunion with great memories and many promises to remain in touch. We had alumni that traveled from Illinois, North Carolina, Maine, Virginia, Ohio, Texas, Florida, Utah and Pennsylvania. They picked up right where they left off and were so glad they decided to attend their 50th Reunion!

Rich Hill, George Midley and Rod Hennessey

Bergen Catholic vs. Paramus Catholic football game

Jim Flynn and Timothy J. McElhinney

Rich Hill, Joe Presti and Jerry O’Brien

The Class of 1968

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Bergen Catholic vs. Paramus Catholic football game

Bill Lutz, Joe Presti and Jerry O’Brien

Tim Bahr, Nest Janson, Dennis Cullen, Kevin Marshall and Ed May
Alumni Events

Class of 1978 40th Reunion Weekend
Saturday, September 29, 2018

The class of 1978 gathered from near and far, at Bacari Grill for a wonderful evening for food, drink and brotherhood. The night capped the weekend of activities which included golf on Friday, and a Crusader victory on the gridiron Saturday afternoon. Michael Haviland spearheaded the night. He put together a great slideshow of old photos from back in the day. Our new President Dr. Brian Mahoney addressed the gathering which gave all in attendance a flavor of the school’s progress and how we, the alumni, can get involved in ensuring that Bergen Catholic remain the prominent high school in North Jersey. He invited all to reconnect and asked all to be part of a dynamic time in the school’s history. All came away with a resolve to not wait another 40 years to connect.

Deus Vult!

Class of 1988 30th Reunion
Saturday, November 10, 2018

Thank you to our Reunion Committee: Kevin Butler, Jay Coyle, Mike Haemmerle, Drew Pizzurro, James Sullivan and Greg Tramontozzi.

Thank you to all who attended with special recognition to the Reunion Committee: Anthony Callea, Chris Barry, Dave Deramo, Colin Tobias and Seth Damergy.

Class of 1993 25th Reunion
Saturday, September 29, 2018

The Class of 1993

John Rooney, Mike Guerra, Joe Conway and Mike Tessalone

Joe Bianchi, Tom Abelfly and Bob Cappadona

Bill Leonard, Marge Quinn and John Malone

Greg James, Jim Ward, Bill Westdyk and Dan Mulroy

The Class of 1993
BC Goes on the Road
TO GEORGIA

Il Giallo Osteria & Bar — Sandy Springs, GA
August 30, 2018

Thank you to our Georgia alumni who joined us for dinner at Il Giallo Osteria in Sandy Springs, GA.

Thank you to Jim and Joan Skesavage '77 for having us to your home. We enjoyed visiting with you.

Class of 1998 20th Reunion
Saturday, October 27, 2018

Thank you to Rich Ardito, Vince Amen and Dr. Fusco for making the Class of 1998’s 20th Reunion happen. We were happy to see our special guests, Anthony Mattera, Fr. Jim White, John and Francesca Puzio and Mrs. D!

Maria Fusco, Rich & Stephanie Ardito and Dr. Fusco

Lynne Meisch, Amy & Dr. Mahoney and Leanne & Warren Jahn '69

Dr. Mahoney addressing the crowd before the big game at Embassy Suites in Duluth, GA.

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Pat Barnes ’62, Paul Amoroso ’70 and Chris Offen ’66

BC 34 Grayson High School 22 — Go Bergen!

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The Class of 1998
The Borg Residence
July 31, 2018

What a wonderful night, thank you to Monica and Steve Borg!
The crowd was excited to strike a pose with Amy & Dr. Mahoney for his Twitter feed!

The Made Hotel
July 26, 2018

Home of Stacy & Brian Hughes

The Maron Residence
August 1, 2018

The Hughes Residence
July 25, 2018

Brian Maron ’22, Christine & Gerard Maron ’87, Dr. & Amy Mahoney

Standing L-R Ryan Benson, Rich Sutton, Guy Talarico, Zach Larson, John Walker, Joe Haemmerle, Alex Orlando, Sean McGuire, Brendan Hanen and Kerri Buchman

Sitting L-R Billy Harkins, Dan Marconi, PJ Caulfield, Dr. Mahoney, Alex Talarico, Tom Certo and Casey Heffernan

Angelo Pira, John Kelly, Dan Kelly, Chris Hubbard, Brian Hughes, Dr. Mahoney, John McNamara and Joe Haemmerle (Mini 1986 Reunion!)

Bill Leonard ’10, Brian Pash ’10, Randy Pearce ’10 and Casey Heffernan ’14

Edward Sisca ’13, Ethan Nouhan ’13, Dr. Brian Mahoney, Kirk Nouhan ’73 and Casey Gaarn ’73

BC Goes on the Road
MEET THE PRESIDENT

Bob Molsky, Terry Downes, Dr. Mahoney and Peter Downes (Mini 1976 Reunion!)
Class Notes
NEWS AND NOTES FROM YOUR CLASSMATES

Class of 1964 celebrating their 72nd birthdays.

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65 Tom Mesereau could easily have been the most famous lawyer on the planet. In 2005, he was Michael Jackson’s lawyer. If the trial were televised, Tom would be seen in every living room all over the world. But the Jackson trial was not televised. Mesereau objected to televisions in the courtroom. Tom’s road to the criminal defense bar was a circuitous one. He received a bachelor’s degree from Harvard and master’s from the London School of Economics. The 1979 graduate of the University of California, Hastings College of the Law bounced around. Tom did a year at Hunton & Williams LLP in DC, followed by another as a prosecutor in California. From there he served as assistant to the president of a Getty Oil subsidiary. It wasn’t until Tom got to a small civil firm, where he was bringing in criminal cases, that the peg finally fit. His resume showed a lawyer trying to find his way. Tom was willing to make a radical change because he wanted to be passionate about his job for the rest of his career. During his time in the Orange County, California District Attorney’s Office, he quickly realized that he didn’t have the stomach for criminal law. His first case was to prosecute a young woman for petty theft from a department store. He learned that the defendant had a history of physical, sexual, emotional and drug abuse. Tom said that his first instinct was to hug her and get her the proper help but he was being asked to convict her, which he did. It was after this conviction that he realized his compassion for people, his empathy for people who are poor or disenfranchised or had a tough go in life, was going to prevent him from being a particularly effective prosecutor. Tom takes cases based on his current caseload and trial schedule. He takes pride in taking one difficult case after another. Tom’s website describes him as an “unconventional, unpredictable trial lawyer.” Early in his career he studied what great lawyers did that others didn’t. Tom said, “If you are a real person, using real words, real phrases in a courtroom, you’re better off. And all of that seems to be anathema to civil litigators during their pretrial work.” Tom began doing pro bono work in the 1980’s, donating his time to various legal clinics and public service organizations. Several years ago, he started the Mesereau Free Legal Clinic, which meets two Saturdays a month at a church on the edge of South Los Angeles. Law students, college students and activists come together to help people with both civil and criminal problems. Tom said, “The more I did this kind of work, the more fulfilled and happier a lawyer I seemed to be.” Once a year for the past two decades, Tom’s commitment to pro bono work takes him from South Los Angeles to the U.S. South. He works with a long-time friend and Alabama lawyer Charlie Salvagio to represent a defendant charged with murder, oftentimes with the death penalty on the table. In Tom’s opinion, “A lawyer never fully masters trial practice, you should always be a student.”

66 Terry Bottinelli was installed as President of the NJ Chapter of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. He continues to be assigned to the Superior Court of NJ, Family part, Bergen County.

67 Steve Cirino has retired from Hackensack/ Suez Water Company of NJ after 42 dedicated years. He has relocated to Dagboro, DE with his wife, Donna, two daughters and two grandchildren.

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Class Notes
NEWS AND NOTES FROM YOUR CLASSMATES

Joe Charles' new daughter, Olivia

02 Joe Charles and his wife, Tina, welcomed their second child. Olivia Marie checked in at 8 pounds 2 ounces and 20 1/4 inches long on October 19, 2018. Big brother, JC, can’t wait to show her the ropes.

03 Andrew Baker is a member of the Corporate Department of Latham & Watkins LLP in New York. He focuses his practice on capital markets transactions, with particular experience in bridge facilities, high yield debt offerings, and acquisition financings, in which he advises clients across a broad array of industry sectors. Andrew received his JD from the New York University School of Law in 2009.

03 Paul Bottinelli and his wife, Caroline, moved to Atlanta, where Paul is CFO, COO of the Privet Fund. Caroline works for Black Rock Investment Management.

09 Michael Bottinelli works as a Strategy and Innovation Consulting Analyst for the Medici Group in New York City. He was chosen to participate in the World Cup Lacrosse games for the Peruvian National team. He continues to manage a Soft Lacrosse program teaching inner city children about the game.

05 John Rapport married Kristine Santucci on June 30, 2018 in Harding, NJ.

05 Tyler Haviland ‘09 and Jennifer Waldsdorf


14 Michael McPherson has been named Brigade MWR Officer at the United States Military Academy at West Point. This leadership position is part of the chain of command for the 4,400 member Corps of Cadets.

WE’D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!
If you have an event or milestone you would like to share with your fellow alumni, please submit a short email, with photo if available, to Regina Radoslovich at rradoslovich@bergencatholic.org.

Memorial Mass and Brunch

Saturday, November 3, 2018

Thank you to Fr. Stephen Fichter ’85, for the Memorial Mass in the BC Library. Many thanks to John Amoratis and Bacari Grill for the brunch that followed, and their endless support and dedication to this very special occasion. Our loved ones are cherished and remembered, today and every day!

I’d like to thank the Alumni Association and your new President Dr. Brian Mahoney, and you personally Marge for the endless hours and efforts you put in to organize the Memorial Mass in loving memory of our beloved family, husbands, sons, and fathers who attended Bergen Catholic or were members of the Bergen Catholic Community.

Attending memorial events can be very sad for us and it seems like time stops moving. It is never easy. However, attending the Bergen Catholic Mass offered in the memory of our loved ones at the school appeared so brief in time yet so full of positive energy. Thank you to Rev. Stephen J. Fichter ’85. He managed to make the Mass a celebration for the souls of our departed loved ones instead of a grieving experience. The Mass helped change the perception of loss to shining light in the presence of the Lord, which worked miracles for me. My tears were tears of joy, a celebration for my husband’s service in this world and a celebration of his life with the Good Lord now.

Thank you once again for all your hard work to make this event such a memorable experience for us all! Thank you to all that came each year, it brings such comfort to see you year after year, and it helps me to remember that I am not alone. I loved seeing the photos of all the alumni, as I waited for the photo of my beloved William to come on the screen. It was an experience of love, pride, humility and joy!

Thank you, once again,
Sincerely,
Aretoula Fullam
In memory of my beloved husband, William Class of 1965

Thank you to Fr. Stephen Fichter ’85, Mass Celebrant with Dr. Mahoney, Mike Panos ’72 and Kevin Rigby ’72 (Alter boys from way back when!)
In Memoriam

NEVER FORGOTTEN

Deceased Alumni
Robert Littell ’60
Matthew J. Bradley ’62
William Mitchell ’67
Brother of Glenn ’71
Donald Sella ’73
Brother of Perry ’75, Randy ’78 & Gary ’84
William Garcia ’75
Brother of Vince ’81 & uncle of Joseph ’21
Kevin Healy ’76
Kenneth Karole ’73
Brother of Thomas ’77
Michael Kaufhold ’82
Brother of Stephen ’82 & Gary ’84
Tim Lynch ’85
Brother of Donald ’77, brother-in-law of Brian Gallagher ’74, uncle of Dan ’85 & John ’11
Keith Taylor ’89
Brother of Joe ’84
Jeffrey Sticco ’82
Brother of Jonpaul ’87

Deceased Family and Friends
Steven Belluzzi
Brother of Bill ’69
Mary H. Breslin
Mother of Michael ’87 (RIP)
Elias Cappadona
Wife of Robert ’78 & mother of Robert ’17
John Cassens
Father of John ’82
Mildred Chinchar
Grandmother of Sam ’11 & Jack ’13
L. Robert Connolly
Father of Larry ’67
Giovanni Di Maggio
Grandfather of Giovanni ’84 & Antonio ’85
Andrew J. Durkin III
Grandson of Andy ’70
Mary Dwyer
Mother of Tom ’90 & aunt of Ken Sullivan ’91
Camille Galorenzo
Grandmother of Mark ’88 & Mike ’92
Anna Marie Griffin
Mother-in-law of Jack McGovern ’76, grandmother of Brendan McGovern ’10, Colin McGovern ’14 & Griffin McGovern ’19
Dolores Halligan
Mother of Robert ’77
Mary Frances Malley
Father of Edward ’72, Joe ’78 & Robert ’80
Jorge Mascaro
Father of Jorge ’84, Alberto ’87, grandfather of Jorge ’17 & Antonio ’20
Patiicia Miller
Mother of James ’95 & Jeffrey ’98
David Mullane
Father of Dave ’76
Jerilee O’Neill
Mother of David ’86
Lucille Orr
Great Grandmother of Kevin Green ’81
Maryann Padilla
Mother of Carlos ’92
Patricia Pecoraro
Grandmother of Pierre LaMonica ’67 & Christian LaMonica ’19
Barnard Radfar
Father of Navid ’11
Margaret Rodgers
Mother of Zeke ’92
Joseph Sella
Father of Donald ’73 (RIP), Perry ’75, Randy ’78 & Gary ’84
John Silletti, Jr.
Brother of Jason ’87
Vincent Sweatlock
Father of Vincent ’73, Matthew ’74, Mark ’79 & David ’83 (RIP)
Richard Taylor
Father of Rich ’70 & grandfather of Brian ’93
William Tobias
Father of Bill ’87 & Colin ’93
Diane Vereby
Mother of Jared ’14
Victor Villafranca
Father of Allen ’20
Joseph Wells
Father of Stu ’88

Bergen Catholic wishes to extend its prayers and condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed away.

CRUSADER LEGACY SOCIETY

Have you named Bergen Catholic in your will? Or, have you designated Bergen Catholic as beneficiary of your life insurance policy, IRA, 401K, or 403B retirement plans?

Bergen Catholic’s Crusader Legacy Society formally recognizes investors who have chosen to leave a legacy to the school through a variety of planned giving techniques, such as: will bequests, life insurance policies, retirement plan assets, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, etc.

If you have been so thoughtful, we thank you for your forward planning and for your generous spirit. Just let us know of your intentions and we will add you as a member of our growing list of those who have chosen to leave some of their legacy to Bergen Catholic High School. Simple email to zrodgers@bergencatholic.org, describing your intentions, will bequests, life insurance policies, retirement plan assets, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, etc.

To learn more about estate planning/planned giving opportunities, visit our webpage at www.bergencatholic.org.

CRUSADER LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP ROLL*

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Roger W. Breslin, Jr., Parent
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Mr. & Mrs. Owen J. Clarke ’67
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Robert E. Fortsch ’73
Mr. & Mrs. Robert D. Fortsch ’73
Dennis G. Fortsch, Parent
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Michael J. Haviland ’78
Jack C. Howley ’79
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The Office of Advancement, guided by the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice, seeks to build growing, sustainable relationships with people and organizations who care about the mission of Bergen Catholic High School and to spread the “good news” of Bergen Catholic to all who care to hear it, embrace it and support it with their time, talent, treasure and prayer.