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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

JAM-PACKED SCHEDULE TO CELEBRATE

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated in January. The students were allowed to break uniform and wear Catholic-themed t-shirts all week and were treated to rolls and juice one morning. Midweek the elementary parents were invited to join their students for lunch while the high school students enjoyed pizza. To wrap up the week students recorded a Flyer-themed lip-dub organized by Mrs. Micek.

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

FATHER STAN SCHMIT

Dear Alumni,

It is hard to believe that the school year is almost over. It has been a learning experience I will never forget with everything going on. Though this year will be the last high school graduation from St. Francis, it is not the last graduation. With the closing of one chapter, a new chapter will begin and, with it, some new ideas, along with new initiatives that will work alongside the New Evangelization being spoken of so heavily in the Catholic Church today. Really what it boils down to is making us better disciples for Jesus and being more open to speak of Him in our daily lives.

The education at St. Francis is very good religiously speaking, and I am sure just as fine when it comes to all the other disciplines. I have, however, noticed a few holes in what I call "Catholicity". It is not just about environment or one's surroundings, but how one greets and treats each other in and out of the community.

As we focus on increasing Catholicity, it's not only necessary for our students to learn what it means to be Catholic, but that they are provided experiences to help them grow in their Faith. My goal is that, in the coming years, our schools will provide more opportunities for students to visit holy places like the Cathedral and Cloisters, for example; as

well as ways to encounter Jesus through retreats, religious communities and service opportunities. For, in the classroom, we can teach nuts and bolts, theology – the study of God – but we cannot teach Faith.

We are graced to have all of our St. Francis elementary teachers returning next school year, and all but two of our high school teachers committing to continuing in secondary Catholic Education at Archangels Catholic High School. These individuals already exemplify some of the values we will need to build upon.

In closing, I humbly ask for your continued prayers for myself and our school family.



Christ's Peace & Blessings,

Fr. Stan Schmit

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WANT TO DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF NEW EVANGELIZATION?

The United States Congress of Catholic Bishops' website provides multiple resources that can help deepen the understanding of what *New Evangelization* is and what our role is as Catholics.

<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/toolkit>

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

JENNIFER DUNN

Springtime in education is always a time of change. As an administrator, my mind changes from focusing on the current year to focusing on the next year. I am securing teachers for the upcoming school year; I am finalizing the upcoming academic calendar. We are hosting a kindergarten roundup for the new students entering school in the fall. It is, indeed, a time of new birth.

This coincides well with the liturgical calendar and the season of Lent changing from penance, sacrifices and dryness, to the season of Easter which is filled with joy, celebration, and renewal. The changing of winter into spring is so characteristic of all that is happening around us.

A quick Google search on “why it’s good to change” brought a variety of responses. The response at the top of the list stated: “Embracing change gives you the guts to do more. Each time change makes you face a situation or an environment in which you are uncertain or uncomfortable and you overcome your anxiety, you gain confidence that the next time the situation will be easier to handle. And the next time, even easier. And easier.”

According to our faith, the key to our own personal change, or transformation, is Jesus Christ. That is why the Father says to us: “This is my beloved Son... listen to Him.” If we truly listen to Him

and to His Church, which proclaims His truth, we can become transformed as we move forward – change – from resistance to acceptance, from “my will” to “Your will, O Lord.”

That said, with all the changes happening around our school, there are multiple opportunities for me to embrace the changes in front of me and be transformed from wanting my will to desiring God’s will.

As always, please keep our students, teachers, staff and families in your prayers, and know we cannot keep Catholic education in this area without your desire and support for it.

Thank you and many blessings.



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WORDS IN ACTION

BY MR. PEJAY PADRIGON

This year, marked by dedication and unity, St. Francis School and Holy Family continued to join forces for the speech season. With a shared commitment, the two institutions worked together for the various speech categories (poetry, informative, entertainment, serious and duet) and different meets (Wayne, Holy Family St. Francis, Battle Creek, Conference, Riverside and districts).

Under the guidance of the dedicated coaches, Mrs. Chelsea Preister and Assistant Coach Andrea Steffen from Holy Family, the speech team members this year were represented most by talented students from St. Francis: Jocelyn Dunn (Entertainment/Duet), Bella Foster (Poetry/Serious), Grace Foster (Duet-JV), Grace McPhilips (Duet-JV), Lexi Morfeld (Informative), and Owen Weidner (Duet). Every member contributed their distinct abilities and skills, enhancing the collective achievement of the team.

The success of the collaboration was evident in the numerous awards and honors earned by team members.

Bella Foster participated in two categories: serious prose and poetry, achieving high rankings in both throughout the season. Her poetry, themed around World War I, and her serious prose, centered on the encounter between Veronica and Jesus, showcased her inherent skill. Bella's performances were emotionally impactful, captivating the audience. She

concluded the season with a fourth place in poetry and fifth in serious prose at the district level.



Jocelyn Dunn crafted and performed an entertaining piece on caffeine addiction, which consistently amused the audience with its humor. Her engaging script led to a commendable fourth place at the district competition.



She also competed with Owen Weidner in a duet performance, presenting a humorous script centered on a married couple's argument. Their consistent high placements in competitions culminated in a fourth place at the district level.



Lexi Morfeld participated in the informative category, focusing on her favorite sport, football. Her enthusiasm for the subject was evident, adding a lively touch to her presentation. She



dedicated significant effort to enhancing her speech with visual aids and strengthening its content, reflecting her deep passion for the topic.

Grace Foster and Grace McPhillips embarked on their speech journey by teaming up for a duet performance. They chose a delightful rendition of Abbott and Costello's famous skit, "Who's on First?" Their innate talent was evident, and their enjoyment in performing was clear to the audience, marking a promising start to their speech careers.



"It has been a beautiful blessing to work with these six individuals throughout the season. They are all so incredibly talented, and I have appreciated their dedication to our team," said Coach Preister.

As the season ends, the example and collaboration of St. Francis School and the Holy Family Speech Team will continue to endure. "Medals were always nice, but once they're in a shoebox and I've forgotten about them, only the skills and memories will remain," said Owen Weidner.

MORE THAN A CAREER

A SACRIFICE TO FULFILL VOCATION TO TEACH

On December 31, 2023, Mr. Pejay Padrigon kissed his wife and three-year-old son goodbye and boarded a plane. On January 1, 2024, Mr. Padrigon landed in Omaha, Nebraska in a new year and on a new adventure.

Mr. Padrigon joined the St. Francis faculty as the new theology teacher when classes resumed after Christmas break.

Besides adjusting to a new school and new students, Mr. Padrigon got quickly initiated by the Nebraska climate when a massive blizzard plummeted the area, closing school for nearly a week.

The weather didn't diminish the excitement of Mr. Pejay, as the students have come to know him. He had spent a lot of time considering his decision focusing on three main things: his relationship with his family, getting out of his comfort zone and giving up his career as a professor at the Partido State University, College of Education, in the Philippines.

The reason he decided to come to Nebraska, he said, "is the fact that I am not just after the promising job. Thus, it is a vocation - a calling from God. Perhaps God wants me to be here for some reason."

St. Francis is blessed to have Mr. Padrigon join the faculty. His resume is extensive. He received his bachelor's

degree in Philosophy and Religious Education from Holy Rosary Minor Seminary and an MA in Education with a Major in Guidance and Counseling from University of Nueva Caceres.

Some of his works were published in various literary folios and anthologies by The National Commission for Culture and Arts, Cultural Center of the Philippines, and Let's Read Asia (funded by the USAID). He won the 3rd prize at the Gawad Bienvenido Lumbera National Writing Contest, short story Bikol category, sponsored by NCCA. His Filipino translation of Niles Breis' novel, "Madrugada" (Six Hours before Daybreak) has received a publication grant from Philippine Translation Series of UP Likhaan, University of the Philippines.

Mr. Padrigon's wife, Julyven, and son, Pely, will be joining him soon. While the exact date hasn't been set, he hopes it will be by early to mid-summer.



A WORD FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

ERIC KESSLER

The school year is certainly flying by as it always seems to do this time of year. A quick recap of our winter sports season. Both our boys and girls basketball teams had very successful seasons. Our boys team finished with a 17-8 record and qualified for the state tournament for the 22nd time. The boys won the Goldenrod Conference tournament by defeating Riverside in the final. The Flyers played their best basketball at the end of the season defeating #3 Osceola in the sub district final and #5 Hyannis in the district final to punch their ticket to state. The Flyers drew #1 Shelton in the first round and lost a hard-fought, back-and-forth game 65-59.

Coach Reichmuth and the Lady Flyers had another tremendous season. They won the Goldenrod conference tournament for the 7th consecutive season by defeating Nebraska Christian. The Lady Flyers defeated Shelton in the district final to win their 7th district title in a row and qualified for the state tournament. The Lady Flyers faced #2 Falls City Sacred Heart in the first round and lost a hard-fought game. Congratulations to all the coaches and players on a very successful winter sports season.

Our spring sports season are in full swing with our track and golf teams

working hard while navigating the unknowns of spring weather. Both teams have high expectations on the season and what lies ahead. Coach Korus and the track team will travel to Osceola for their district meet on May 8 with hopes of a large group of qualifiers for the state meet again held at Omaha Burke High School. The Flyer golf team will have their district meet at Hartington this year with the hopes for qualifying their team for the state meet in North Platte for the third straight year.

As the school year and sports seasons wind down, I would like to thank all our coaches and players for all their time, work and efforts this year. The success we continue to have year after year in a variety of activities is a result of all the hard work, time and dedication our coaches and athletes put in. Also, a big THANK YOU to all the supporters of St. Francis School and athletics; parents, alumni, boosters, volunteers, etc. who give their time, financial support, prayers, etc. to help support our teams and school. Go Flyers.



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A WORD FROM DEVELOPMENT

ASHLEY M. KRINGS

I can't believe the end of another school year is almost here. It's extra bittersweet for me this year since my oldest will be graduating. Never did I think that 22 years (since I was awarded my St. Francis diploma) could fly by so fast and be filled with so many challenging yet wonderful moments.

Besides looking forward to our own graduate's celebration, I am also eager to welcome another great class to our alumni family at this year's Alumni banquet.

This year's banquet will be held at the St. Francis auditorium on Saturday, May 25. A mass will be held at 5 pm at St. Francis Church followed by a social hour and banquet. For classes looking for a place to gather beforehand, classrooms are being made available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested, please contact me at the parish office. I look forward to seeing many of you at the banquet this year.

As the school year closes, our administration, faculty and coaches are not only concerned about finishing this year strong, but also looking ahead to next year. While planning for their incoming classes, they think about the number of students they will have, new curriculum they may have to prepare for and any special needs the incoming students may have. These plans usually

spark a list of wants and needs for their classrooms. This year is no different. I encourage you to take a look at our teachers wish lists and consider helping them equip their classrooms with the tools they hope to have to enhance their students' experiences. A link to each teachers' wish list can be found by mousing over their photo on the "Faculty and Staff" page of our school website:

<https://humphreystfrancis.com/school-faculty-and-staff/>

Another way you can help us continue to provide access to Catholic education in Humphrey is through a monetary donation. A contribution envelope has been included in this issue for your convenience. Any funds contributed through the "Alumni & Friends of St. Francis Contribution Envelope" will be put towards the St. Francis Catholic School budget unless other instructions are provided by the donor.

Finally, I humbly ask you to include the families of St. Francis and our extended Family of Parishes in your prayers as we continue navigating the changes to our school system. I truly believe that God puts us where He needs us, and, despite the challenges we have faced, I am thankful to be part of the next chapter of Catholic education in our community.

In Christ's Peace,



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LIVING THE CALL

ALUMNAE, SR. MONICA BACKES
AND SR. LAURA ANN HASCKE

BY TINA SCHUMACHER

I had the privilege of conversing with two St. Francis graduates on the Solemnity of St. Joseph at Immaculata Monastery in Norfolk.

Sr. Monica Backes (1958) and Sr. Laura Ann Haschke (2013) sat on either side of the table with me and were dressed in the traditional black habit for the Feast Day with smiles on both of their faces. Sr. Monica teased me that they had not come dressed up for me, but for St. Joseph. Missionary Benedictine Sisters might also be found wearing white or gray on other days, particularly when doing mission work in countries with hot climates like Africa or Argentina.

During our brief time together, they shared with me a bit about their different paths to religious life.

In the halls of St. Francis

During the time Sr. Monica (known then as Carolee Backes) attended school at St. Francis, nearly all of the teachers were Franciscan Sisters. During her senior year there were four lay teachers on staff in the elementary and one in the high school. The graduating class of 1958 had 21 students, and all of the students attended daily Mass.

The convent in Humphrey, which once stood where Little Saints Daycare is now, was home to the Sisters who lived in community with one another and taught at the school. "I just have such good memories of those Sisters,"

Sr. Monica said wistfully. Her family lived across the street from the school grounds, and she walked to and from school each day in elementary and high school.



Carolee Backes, class of 1958, and Laura Ann Haschke, class of 2013, pictured above in their senior photos, are now living consecrated lives as Sr. Monica and Sr. Laura Ann.

While both Sisters agreed that attending St. Francis gave them a faith foundation, Sr. Laura Ann's experience as a student was different from Sr. Monica's. She transferred from Madison upon entering the eighth grade; so, for starters, she did not walk to school. The class of 2013 consisted of 15 students. All of the faculty were lay people, except Fr. Wayne Pavela, who taught theology at both St. Francis and Holy Family in Lindsay each day until his retirement a few years ago. Masses for the high school were held once each month and on Holy Days of Obligation.

Junior high can be a tough time for many kids, and transferring to a different school is not easy. Sr. Laura said, "I did not realize it at the time, but it was a unique situation. I had left a school in a town where I had no extended family and came to one where I did. I felt community and safety there (at HSF). I could be myself and

others accepted me for who I was. St. Francis felt like family.”

Hearing and answering the Call— Sr. Monica

As a high school student, the young Carolee Backes had not considered religious life. She was planning to study nursing. One day she asked Sr. Doris for help with a math assignment; Sr. Doris took the opportunity to ask if Carolee had ever thought of entering religious life. It was this one conversation with Sr. Doris that seemed to serve as a first call. After giving it some thought, Carolee filled out an application to attend the Franciscan Mother House in Colorado Springs, and she was planning to leave in August. However, Dr. Klaas, who had a practice in Humphrey and worked closely with the Benedictine Sisters in Norfolk at the hospital, suggested she work in a hospital for a little while before going to Colorado. She did, and during her time at Our Lady of Lourdes in Norfolk, she fell in love with the Missionary Benedictine Sisters.

It is interesting to note that the 1958 Seraph (yearbook), is dedicated (by Sr. Monica’s senior class) to Our Lady of Lourdes, saying, in part, “We feel we are a very special and privileged class to be able to graduate during the centennial of this feast, and, in future years, we will turn to you many times to receive your special blessings and necessary graces.” It cannot be a coincidence that, while working at the hospital that bore the name Our Lady of Lourdes, Carolee heard the call to join the Missionary Benedictine Sisters.

Her parents, Lee and Stella Backes, were not opposed to her joining a religious order. However, at that time Sisters were not allowed to leave the convent for trips home. This troubled her mother, although her parents and others could visit her. They communicated through letters, but Stella missed her daughter and made this very clear in every letter she wrote. Eventually (after about nine years) the rules changed and Sr. Monica was allowed visits to her family home, which made her parents and other family and friends very happy.

For two years she went through Postulant and Novice training. After taking her initial vows in 1960, she was able to attend the College of St. Mary in Omaha. She was the only sister in a class of nearly 60. However, when she took her psych training in Iowa, there were three other sisters in class with her from different communities. “It was so nice to have some fellow nuns in class,” she said with a smile.

After finishing her nursing degree, she returned to the convent to complete her final six months and take her final vows. She served as a nurse for 44 years at four different hospitals. She loved the community that the Missionary Benedictine Sisters provided, but, as a nurse, community life could be difficult to maintain because she worked each of the different hospital shifts at times. “When I was working the night shifts, rather than praying with the community, I would pray alone. I did miss the community during the times when I worked evening or overnight hours.”

Sr. Monica celebrated her 60th jubilee in 2020 when the Covid pandemic was in full swing, but, even in the midst of that, she said, “My 60th was such a blessing.”

These days, she spends her time in meditation and prayer, doing some small jobs in the community and helping to prepare for and facilitate weekend activities. In 2025, she will celebrate 65 years as a Benedictine!

When it was Sr. Laura’s turn to share her story, Sr. Monica said, “Sr. Laura Ann’s experience is not at all the same as mine. When I entered the convent, things were much different than they are now. Religious life has changed for the better, I think.”

Hearing and answering the Call— Sr. Laura Ann

Sr. Laura grinned and said, “When I graduated high school, I had a plan,” she laughed, “and religious life was not part of it; not even an option.” She attended college at Northeast in Norfolk with the eventual goal of transferring to UNL to study wildlife biology.

She had spent the previous five years at a school where it was a part of the culture to attend Mass together once a month and on Holy Days and where reconciliation services were provided for the students. Students were also given opportunities to pray together, whether it was a Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, or a prayer service. It did not take long for her to see that, at NECC, there was nothing that kept her connected to the Catholic Faith. “I began to feel an emptiness that I tried to fill with lots of things but I knew something was

missing.”

Remembering she had met Sr. Inviolata, a Missionary Benedictine Sister in Norfolk, while attending a Steubenville Conference during high school, Laura decided to seek her out. “I just walked in the door and asked if there was anything I could be a part of—a prayer group—anything. I was searching for something and there was nothing in Norfolk at that time for young adults.

Since then, so much has happened for young adult groups at the college.” Sr. Inviolata started something, including a college group that Sr. Laura Ann led for a time several years after it began.

As part of her search for meaning, Laura joined a Lectio Divina prayer group at the Monastery. “This is where I learned how to pray. We would share our lectio with one another, and, when Sr. Inviolata shared, I realized that this was someone with a deep prayer life. It was beyond learning. It was a relationship.”

After the prayer meetings, Laura would remain behind to ask questions about the faith, and “Sr. Inviolata actually had answers. I also read a lot, especially about the saints.”

Her eyes and her heart were opening and she was constantly wanting more, attending daily and weekend Masses at the convent. “It was no longer about what my parents had told me or what my school had taught me. My faith had become my own.”

Eventually the time came to transfer to UNL to continue her education in wildlife biology. “I still felt like I was missing something...like I was just following the plan because that was the

plan.” She soon learned that God had something different in mind for her.

She looked to Sr. Monica at this point and said, “You all were probably wondering who this girl was that kept showing up on your doorstep and at Masses.” To which, Sr. Monica admitted with a chuckle, “We were all praying for you.”

In all fairness to our Heavenly Father, Sr. Laura did ask Him what He wanted from her. After having read so much about the saints and their lives, she asked, “How do you want me to be a saint?” And, in the choir loft with her parents, before Mass began one November day, she got her answer. “You should be a Sister.”

She responded with adamance, “Nope! That is not part of the plan!” and kept pushing that idea out of her mind. When Mass started, she realized it was All Saints Day. She had asked Him how He wanted her to be a saint, and He called her to religious life at Mass on All Saints Day. “If someone would have said, I am trying to talk to you on a deep and personal level. . . please listen. I mean . . . I knew He was talking directly to me in that moment. I nearly threw up.”

She kept thinking this feeling would go away, but it did not. “Honestly, I was not at a place of accepting the call, but I knew He had answered my prayer. I knew I had to at least try it.”

Laura was tentative about telling her parents she was planning to join the Benedictine Sisters. This was a different path from her siblings who are all married with children. There was no

need to worry, though, as her mom, Mary, simply said, “I KNEW it!” and held her close. Her dad, Neal’s, reaction was more practical as, after thinking a moment, he asked if the Missionary Benedictines would be handling her insurance. Knowing she was happy with her decision, they have been very supportive as are her siblings and in-laws.

Though there were many unknowns, Sr. Laura said, “I knew I had time to figure it out before taking my final vows.”

The road to Sisterhood

Sr. Laura’s 8-year journey began as an Affiliate, which is when a candidate applies and prepares to move into the monastery.

Once a candidate has moved in, she becomes a Postulant for one year.

After the Postulant year comes the Novitiate, which lasts two years. The first of these two years is the canonical year of prayer and contemplation, during which contact with family, friends and outside ministries is limited. This is so the candidate can learn to embrace the silence. “It was difficult, but that is the time when I grew the most,” Sr. Laura said. The second Novitiate year involves missionary work in the wider community. Sr. Laura spent time living in Sioux City and working in a parish there.

To review: the initial formation is a total of three years and then the first profession of vows is made.

Sr. Laura is currently nearing the end of the Junorate, which generally lasts five years. “Right now, I am taking some

time and space” to contemplate and pray before beginning the six months of preparation for taking final vows.”

How did you get that name?

When Sr. Laura made her first profession of vows, she received both the habit and her name as a Sister. Novices provide the Prioress with names that they would like to be called as a Sister. Sr. Laura Ann provided two names, one of which was her Baptismal name, and that is the name the Prioress chose for her. For Carolee Backes, the name Monica was chosen.

In 2023, Sr. Laura Ann thought she would be going to Argentina for missionary work, but her Visa failed twice. She soon learned that God, once again, had other plans. She was instead sent to Rome for eleven months of study. “I am extremely grateful for that opportunity.”

While living in Rome, she had the opportunity to come to a greater understanding of the internationality of the Missionary Benedictine Sisters. In my class were nine Sisters all from different cultures. We had to learn how to live and work together, do everything together, and, in the end, to live as genuine Sisters. It was rough in the beginning, but we figured it out.

Amazingly, within eleven months we had learned to respect one another and to be glad we share in the Sisterhood. This relates directly to The Vow of Stability—I got to see the beauty of some of the vows we take in a different way. That is why I love this congregation.”

The Benedictines are missionary sisters,

and Sr. Laura could be missioned at some point in life, but, after final vows, she could also return to college.

With a smile, Sr. Monica encouraged Sr. Laura Ann to work to develop her artistic ability. “She has made beautiful icons.” Her first is of St. Francis of Assisi, which is pictured here.



Living in Community at Immaculata Monastery

Anyone who has been inside the walls of Immaculata Monastery in Norfolk knows it is a special place peaceful and holy.

I asked both Sisters what they appreciated most about living among the Missionary Benedictine Sisters in that holy place.

Sr. Monica explained that, over the last 64 years, she has lived, at times, with 35 – 40 sisters at the monastery and also in smaller houses with four or five sisters. For her, “The balance of prayer, community and missionary work has been a real blessing.”

Sr. Laura agreed wholeheartedly, “The balance in life at Immaculata is a blessing, having accountability for work, prayer, and leisure. Community living is the biggest blessing and sometimes the hardest thing.” At this, both Sisters laughed. Sr. Laura went on to say, “We are a big rock tumbler, smoothing the edges of one another to eventually become saints. I feel like most of us are sanctifiers and a few of us will be saints.” She added with a grin, “I’m pretty sure that I am a sanctifier.”

You can take something with you!

As both Sisters are St. Francis Alumni, they shared a bit about why the faith development they received at St. Francis is important. Sr. Laura stated, “St. Francis gave me a great foundation to go on to make my faith my own. Something was missing when I moved on, and I had to

search and figure it out. But I had some of the building blocks firmly in place.”

Sr. Monica added, “Between having a good, solid, Catholic family and receiving a Catholic education, I don’t think there has been anything that has helped me more than that.”



St. Francis has been the springboard for so many amazing stories. Stories of large and growing families, individuals embarking on vocational journeys or tackling seemingly insurmountable goals with the help of God's grace. We'd love to share more of those stories. Story ideas can be sent to Ashley at akrings@hsfschool.org.

WAYS TO GIVE BACK

There are many ways that you can help us further our mission at St. Francis. Here are a few suggestions:

- Remember St. Francis in your estate planning.
- Donations of grain.
- Blue and White Night sponsorships and auction items,

- Bazaar game prizes, auction items, and cash for expenses.
- Underwrite an issue of Spirit of St. Francis newsletter.
- Purchase items from the parish or a teacher's wish list.

To learn more about these opportunities and more ways to give back, please call the parish office at 402-923-0913 or contact Ashley Krings via email at akrings@hsfschool.org.

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25



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Drewski & Wheels,
a podcast, at
hsfdispatch.org
Password: GoBigBlue



UPCOMING EVENTS

Preschool Graduation

Friday, May 3

High School Music Concert

Monday, May 6

District Track @ Osceola

Wednesday, May 8

Grade School Track & Field Day

Thursday, May 9

7-12 Awards Night

Thursday, May 9, at 6:30 pm

Graduation

Sat, May 11, at 1 pm

District Golf @ Hartington

Monday, May 13

6th Grade Graduation

Wednesday, May 15

Last Day of School

Thursday, May 16

State Track

Friday, May 17-Sat, May 18

State Golf

Tuesday, May 21-Wed, May 22

Alumni Banquet

Saturday, May 25, 6 pm

Alumni Golf Tournament

Sunday, May 26

ST. FRANCIS ALUMNI



Banquet

MAY 25, 2024

MASS 5 PM - SOCIAL HOUR 6 PM - BANQUET 7 PM

RSVP BY MAY 10TH

If you misplaced your invite you can RSVP online at hsfalumni.eventbee.com.

Tickets cannot be purchased at the door.



A big thanks to everyone who contributed images and information to this issue!
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Catholic Schools Week wrapped up with a Flyer-themed lip-dub production. Teachers and students played roles in the production that was organized by senior, Emma Classen and directed by digital media teacher, Mrs. Micek.