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ST. BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL

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STB Readies for Its Next 100 Years

BY DAVID SULLIVAN '90, PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I am pleased to have the opportunity to introduce the new, independent St. Bernard's High School on behalf of its Board of Trustees. As most of you are aware, St. Bernard's is one of the many Catholic schools impacted by declining enrollment due to economic challenges and other factors. This past summer, the Diocese of Worcester announced the 2019-2020 school year would be the last year it would financially support St. Bernard's. The Diocese has firmly and publicly agreed to support the launch of St. Bernard's as an Independent Catholic High School beginning on July 1, 2020.

A group of dedicated alumni, parents and staff came together to begin transitioning STB to this independent governance model. Tremendous work has been done over the past months to move this project forward. In November, a strong new Board of Trustees was established. My fellow board members include: Kathy Krysiak '90; William McSheehy '66; Gregory Moran P'98 '01 '03; Karen Pelletier '80; Nicholas Pelletier '05; Vincent Pusateri II; Dr. Bernard Westerling P'89, '91, '93 and '96; John Zarrella '78; Rev. Joseph Dolan and Sr. Mary Nacarrato, PBVM.

There is a strong need for a successful St. Bernard's in the region. There is no other Catholic high school alternative in our area. Local public schools may not offer a suitable fit for students who want a personal, holistic education based in faith with a strong track record in college preparation and placement. Our classes are admittedly too small, but our students are still performing at a high level. We have a new leadership team - Linda Anderson, Principal; Deb Maloney, Admissions Director, and Heather (Weibel) Tullio '88, College Counselor, who all have high energy and expertise. With the right resources and support from the Board, they are capable of rapidly growing STB's programs and enrollment.

Affordability is a clear challenge for many in the area. The board reduced tuition and committed to support scholarships and aid for all deserving students who want to attend STB. STB's greatest potential asset is you: a very deep and successful alumni base which we recognize needs to be re-engaged and re-energized. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions or believe that you can assist the effort.

We researched a number of independent Catholic school case studies on the East Coast and interviewed headmasters who have successfully grown their schools through similar circumstances. We have confidence with your help that we can build a great school with a strong foundation for generations to come. Based on our fundraising efforts, enrollment progress, community support, and the recent blessing of Bishop McManus, we have great confidence STB will succeed. By securing a strong capital base to invest in programs, we are able to make a renewed commitment to providing a first-rate college preparatory education for our students. With broad alumni support, the school can overcome the challenges it has faced recently and we can secure the future of STB for generations to come.



From the Principal's Desk

BY LINDA ANDERSON, PRINCIPAL

2019 was an exciting year at St. Bernard's and we are eager to share our updates with the alumni community!

Despite our small size, we are able to offer a wide variety of courses and extracurricular activities.

In academics, we have introduced several new electives to prompt student interest and enrich their traditional college-prep load. Music Appreciation, Law, Philosophy, Marketing and Communications, and independent studies in Web Design and Photography round out our standard offerings, including our much beloved Latin program and many AP offerings.

Critical thinking and communication have become the singular focus of our Humanities Department, while project-based learning and subject fluency dominate our Math-Sciences. Additionally, plans are underway for continued advancements to next year's curriculum, including the introduction of college and career-prep concentration tracks in Health Sciences, Engineering, and Business, and the initiation of junior year internship capstones.

In athletics, our golf team made the districts and our football team won its second Super Bowl championship! The boys competed at Gillette Stadium and were featured across local media outlets including a front page nod in the Boston Herald and on Channel 5 WCVB News as Mike Lynch's "High School High Five". They will soon be awarded their championship rings to commemorate this fantastic run.

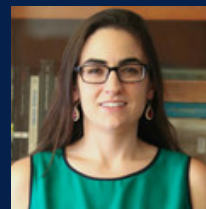
In faith and service, STB continues its one-hundred year tradition of helping the poor in Fitchburg and surrounding towns. Our student-led "Saints Against Hunger" event served up the one-millionth meal for the United Way of Northern Worcester County and were featured on WBZ News with Michelle Fisher. Students are continually engaged in monthly service projects, hosted by Campus Ministry and the Theology Department, to help understand the true message of Nano Nagle and The Sisters of the Presentation: "Not words, but deeds."

In the arts, STB begins a new tradition of celebrating the many diverse cultures represented in our community through art residencies. Starting in February with Black History Month, we will welcome the African Arts in Education Program for a school-wide workshop on African drumming, followed by a concert in traditional African music that's open to the public. March and St. Patrick's Day bring us an Irish cultural exposé, featuring performances by Irish step dancers and a foot-stomping, show-stopping Celtic concert. Additionally, the arts department saw the creation of new clubs (Acapella, Art Club) to help further introduce our students to the benefits of creative expression, while the Drama Program plans its first musical production in years.

Life is good at STB, and the student body, faculty, and staff bring a renewed energy to the community. We are eager to see that energy continue to build and flourish as we make way for a new beginning as an independent Catholic school!

"A great educator makes everyone learn, not just those who are at the top of the class."

STB Leadership Team



Linda Anderson, Principal



Paul Constantino, Dean of Students



**Deborah Maloney,
Director of Admissions**



**Elizabeth (Sampson) Raymond, '86
Admissions Coordinator**



**Heather (Weibel) Tullio, '88
College Counselor & Guidance**



All In: Bernardians of Yesterday and Today Supporting Bernardians of Tomorrow

Through hard work, St. Bernard's continues to hit milestones on its path to becoming a thriving, independent Catholic High School. In its initial four months, the "All In" Capital Campaign raised more than \$1 million dollars towards the minimum campaign goal of \$2 million. The school started the Leadership phase of fundraising in October, and then formally launched the "All In" Campaign publicly in December. Work continues as the appeal expands to all members of the STB community including alumni, families, friends, neighbors, and supporters near and far.

What Is The "All In" Campaign?

The campaign will solidify the future of St. Bernard's through curriculum enrichment, facility improvement, and tuition affordability. During the transition, one focus of the school is increasing scholarships and financial aid programs to ensure that a St. Bernard's education is within reach for as many deserving students as possible. Indeed, this priority of access to education is in line with the mission of Nano Nagle, the founder of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Bernardians, We Need You!

We will be reaching out this spring and summer more broadly to the St. Bernard's community especially its alumni. As our campaign chair, Karen Baker Pelletier '80, writes: "The future of St. Bernard's starts with you, so please join us and go "All In" by making the most generous investment you can. Your gift will ensure that it continues to be a strong, local, and affordable option for the young men and women in our community."

Where Can I Find Out More or Donate?

Bernardians, we are counting on your support during the coming months to help make sure St. Bernard's remains a critical part of the community for the next 100 years. Please take some time and visit the campaign website: bernardian.org. There you will find out more about the many extraordinary reasons to give, including pathways to giving online, by check, or over the phone. You can also give gifts in memory or tribute to loved ones and friends.

STB NEEDS YOU! HOW TO DONATE

Give Online

Visit Bernardian.org and go to the pledge page

Give by Mail

Mail a check payable to "Bernardian Foundation" to:
Bernardian Foundation
24 Monument Square
Leominster, MA 01453

Give by Phone

Please call our campaign manager,
Adam Wilbur, CFRE at
(508) 505-5310

**Memorial & Tribute
Giving are also
available.**



STB Back to Back Superbowl Champions



With a roster of twenty eight players this season, St. Bernard's returned to the "House that Brady Built" at Gillette Stadium for back to back state championships. In the Division 8 Superbowl, STB beat the undefeated West Bridgewater Wildcats 30-8. West Bridgewater, who shut out seven teams only allowing 60 points in their regular season, was no match for our Bernardians who took to the ground with 287 yards rushing and never looked back.

In the 2018 victory, STB beat Pope John High School winning 46-35. Pope John High, like West Bridgewater, was also undefeated coming into the game. The 2018 win marked the school's first championship since 1997 and was the second highest scoring game in MIAA bowl history.

Congratulations to Coach Tom Bingham celebrating his twenty fourth year at the helm, his staff, and our STB players! A three-peat is in the works for 2020! GO STB!

Doing good in the neighborhood: Saints Against Hunger



For the second time in three years, our students joined the United Way of North Central Massachusetts to combat hunger in the local area. In November, our students packed 35,556 meals which helped the United Way to reach a goal of 1,000,000 meals!

The United Way of North Central MA improves lives by mobilizing the caring power of our community, to advance the common good. We are fortunate our students are able to make a difference locally through this experience. The Activity Center was transformed into multiple work stations giving our students an experience they won't forget!

The United Way chapter serves the surrounding communities: Asburnham, Ashby, Athol, Ayer, Devens, Fitchburg, Gardner, Groton, Harvard, Hubbardston, Leominster, Littleton, Lunenburg, Petersham, Pepperell, Phillipston, Royalston, Shirley, Templeton, Townsend, Westminster and Winchendon.

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TOUCH &
INFORMED**



Spirit Wear: Another Way to Support STB

The Monogram Shoppe has a great selection of STB Spirit Wear! From stocking caps to pajama bottoms, there is something for you and your favorite Bernardian! Visit monogram-shoppe.com or email info@monogram-shoppe.com for more information! Sales of all STB Spirit Wear help support the school financially as well as show your support.



ST. BERNARD'S
HIGH SCHOOL

STB IS COMING TO FL!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN ALUMNI
RECEPTION ON MARCH 8, 2020

4:00 - 6:00 PM

APPETIZERS WILL BE SERVED

BOKAMPERS SPORTS BAR & GRILL
8890 FONTANA DELSOL WAY
NAPLES, FL 34109

PLEASE RSVP BY CALLING:
ELLA (PANDISCIO) DENAULT '59 (978) 479-8686
KAREN (BAKER) PELLETIER '80 (978) 815-6643
OR
REGISTER AT BERNARDIAN.ORG/EVENTS



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MONDAY JUNE 29, 2020

SAVE THE DATE. MORE INFORMATION TO COME.
VISIT: BERNARDIAN.ORG

Home is calling **STB RISES!**

A multimedia event celebrating St. Bernards High School
Sunday, March 8th 3:00 - 5:00pm

STB Auditorium

RSVP: admissions@stbernardscchs.org



HALL OF FAME DINNER

OCTOBER 10, 2020

*Deadline for nominations
is April 1, 2020*

Visit Bernardian.org

4th Annual 5K Road Race

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Save the Date!



Classes of 1940 to 1965 Alumni Mass and Reception April 26, 2020

Sisters of the Presentation Convent
120 Main St. Leominster MA
*Look for your invitation with details in
March. Handicapped accessible venue.*

Class of 1970 50th Reunion

September 19, 2020
Westminster Country Club
51 Ellis Road, Westminster MA
Chair: Di Beaudoin

Class of 1981 40th Reunion

November 27, 2021
Apple Hill Farm & Country Club
143 Joslin St., Leominster, MA
Chair: Denise Driscoll Donnelly





IN MEMORIAM

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26

REMEMBERING ALUMNI WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY

Kelsey Clifford 2011
Jessica (Meunier) Goodale 2005
Letizia (Salamone) Reynolds 1986
Philip Aubochon 1982
John D. Shea 1980
Robert F. Regan 1976
Beverly Murray 1975
Stephen R. Leger 1974
Denis J. Arsenault 1970
Paulette Houle 1969
Janice Rose (Albert) Hanson 1968
Cecile (Berube) Lawrence 1965
Donald E. Cormier 1964
Louise Moran 1962
Carol (Holman) Loan 1960
Joseph Smith 1959
Patrice (Gearan) Rival 1959
Mary Lou (Hazel) Masterson 1959
Rev. John Benson Wironen CSC 1958
Anton "Tony" Patrick Morin 1956
Thomas Flynn 1957
Maurice Morin 1955
Donald Kukta 1954
Lane P. Gallant 1954
Constance Pauline (Boucher) Boudreau 1954
Antoinette (Zungolo) Reid 1953
Louis M. DiRusso 1953
Joan (LeBlanc) Johns 1952
Michael Horgan 1952

Mary Ursula (Shea) Murchie 1951
Jeanne F. (Trainque) St. Pierre 1951
Claire J. (Sabourin) Scott 1951
Janet O'Donnell 1950
Josephine R. "Josie" (Marabello) Bilotta 1949
C. Ann (McHugh) Malouin 1949
Ralph J. Lambert 1948
Francis Poisson 1948
Joseph Albert 1947
Constance C. "Connie" Bourque 1947
Monica (Stanley) Morse 1947
Lorraine V. (Houle) Despres 1946
Diane M. (Leger) Boudreau 1946
Dorothy A. (Dolan) Driscoll 1946
Rose Y. (Fredette) Jordan 1946
James Sousa 1946
Ruth (Tocci) Piermarini 1945
Barbara (Blagdon) Stanton 1945
Frances H. (Ryan) Goss 1942
Evelyn (Hodakowski) Caron 1941
Anthony Chabot 1940
Claire (Girouard) Lavoie 1940

You are welcome to submit names and obituaries of deceased alumni to St. Bernard's Alumni Relations at alumni@stbernardscchs.org.

All names submitted will be brought forward at our school masses during the offertory beginning on November 2, 2020 All Souls' Day. The names will continue to be read throughout the month of November.

Who's All In? These Donors!

\$50,000 +

Anonymous Donors (2)
 Jeff '80 & Karen '80 Pelletier
 Robert Alario
 The Flatley Foundation
 The Paul H. and Mary T. Morin Family
 Louis & Paula Pelletier

\$25,000 - \$49,999

Anonymous Donor (1)
 Martin Fantozzi '81
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 Brianna Kelley '98
 Nicholas Pelletier '05
 Rollstone Charitable Foundation
 Greg & Deirdre Moran

\$10,000 - \$24,999

Anonymous Donor (1)
 Laura Reynolds '79
 John '83 & Beth Fantozzi
 Eric Lynskey '96

Up to \$9,999

Anonymous Donors (5)
 Mary Bentley '42
 Josephine Belli '47
 Charles Lord '49
 Lucille '53 and Richard Roberge
 John Walsh '54
 Helen Boucher '55
 Harry '55 & Dorothy '55 Downes
 Edward Krysiak '55
 Ronald '55 & Jeannine '55 Maxfield
 Beverly Michelson '55
 Mary McNiff '56
 Rita Brodeur '58
 James Burlton '59
 Linda '59 and Charles Kirousis
 Concetta Ayles '60
 Maryellen Letarte '63
 Susan Sheeler '63
 Tonia Moran '64
 John '65 & Elaine '65 Day
 Paul Keating '66
 William McSheehy '66
 John '68 and Christine Carroll
 James Walsh '69
 Stephen DiNatale '70
 MaryEllen '72 & James McKenna
 Geoffrey '74 and Tina Grammel
 Timothy Babineau '78
 Cynthia '78 and Stephan Hay

Sharon Uhlman '78
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 Joseph '80 & Anita Carbone
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 Olivia Rampello '19
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 Kevin Stack
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 IC Federal Credit Union
 Monument Retirement Services
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 The Newman Foundation, Inc.



Thank you for your support! We raised over \$1,000,000 as of January 28, 2020, but there is still work to do. Visit Bernardian.org to make your donation or pledge today!

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Alumni Relations
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Fitchburg, MA 01420



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

*Please be sure to send us your updated contact information, including your email address if you have one. **If you are getting this newsletter through the US mail, it means that STB does not have your email address.** Providing us with an email address helps us save on postage and get STB news to you faster! Thank you!*

Know a fellow alum who didn't get this issue via mail or email? Let them know we need his or her correct address too! We want need your help to improve our database and reach alumni near and far.

First: _____ Last: _____ Maiden: _____

Affiliation to STB: ☐ Alumni, Class of _____
 ☐ Parent of a Graduate
 ☐ Parent of a Current Student
 ☐ Staff or Faculty
 ☐ Friend and Supporter
 ☐ Other - please specify _____

Address: _____

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Return by Mail to: St. Bernard's Alumni Relations, 45 Harvard Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420

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