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# St. Rose/AHS Alumni Newsletter

## Our Alumni and Supporters Make a Difference



Thanks to the generosity of parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends of St. Rose School, this year's Auction Paddle Raise netted nearly \$40,000 to be used for tuition assistance for our families next year. Two alumni, one from the Class of 1958 and one from the Class of 1978, helped boost donations by providing matching challenges. We are grateful for their support. If you were unable to attend the Auction and would still like to donate to this worthwhile opportunity, please click the button below and follow the prompts.



## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the two St. Rose OBOB teams (Oregon Battle of the Books) that went on to represent our school in the Regional Competitions earlier this month! The Fifth Grade Word Nerds represented us for the third year in a row and made it to the "Awesome Eight" at the grade 3-5 regionals. They were eliminated by the team that took the number two spot! The 6th grade "Yo No Se"

team also did really well in the grade 6-8 regionals and missed making the top eight cut-off by only 7 points. Both teams earned this tremendous success with a lot of hard work! **Congratulations** to all nine St. Rose OBOB teams who worked very hard this year!



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As a mission of St. Rose Parish, St. Rose School educates each student as a unique child of God to know and live the Catholic faith and to achieve excellence.

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## ST. ROSE SCHOOL SERVES



### Northwest Children's Outreach!

Third graders at St. Rose School are currently leading a drive for Northwest Children's Outreach! Northwest Children's Outreach is an all-volunteer program that provides basic necessities to children who need them. The organization collects clothing, books, toys and hygiene items and distributes those items to local care providers who give

them to the children. During Lent, students at St. Rose will be gathering new and gently used toys and books. Third grade students will go to the center before Lent ends to deliver the donated items and organize items in the warehouse. This experience will be a powerful opportunity for the students to grow in becoming globally aware citizens!

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*"Not all of us can do great things but we can do small things with great love."*

*Mother Teresa*

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### St. Rose Staff Volunteer at Blanchet House



The St. Rose School staff chooses a special staff service project to complete during the seasons of Advent and Lent. This year, the staff reached out to alumni Emily Hatten Harrington, class of 1995, who helped coordinate a service project at Blanchet House for them. Emily is Interim President of the Blanchet House Board of Directors.

The Blanchet House serves three meals a day to those in need. The food is donated from local places such as the convention center after local events. Food waste is very important to the staff at Blanchet House. That is why they try to use food from events that would otherwise be thrown away. All the scraps that are left over from the meals they serve are delivered to their local farm and fed to the animals.

The teachers and staff volunteered by preparing food, serving the meal and bussing tables. The project was a lot of fun in a very pleasant environment. The staff is hoping to serve at the Blanchet House more often. Several members of the staff are considering signing up their families to participate in this worthy cause.



## St. Francis Lunch Project Ongoing School Tradition for 25 Years

St. Rose/AHS has been delivering lunches to St. Francis Dining Hall since 1994 when the project was started by former parent Denise Tuttle. St. Francis Dining Hall operates in conjunction with St. Francis Parish located at 330 SE 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It serves meals to the homeless. <https://stfrancispdx.org/dining-hall/>.

Empty lunch sacks are distributed to all grades prior to delivery day. The bags are then decorated by the children either in the classroom or at home. The students are also encouraged to include a friendly note with the lunch. The students return the bags on delivery day filled with a lunch and any special items such as personal care items, bus tickets, pads of paper. Volunteer parents collect the lunches from each class and with the help of students from the sixth-grade class, deliver the lunches to St. Francis Dining Hall.

Volunteer Coordinator Eric Storm reports that since September, St. Rose students have donated 944 sack lunches.

“St. Francis is always thrilled to receive our sack lunches and see the smiling faces of our students once a month. Because of everyone's generosity, approximately 150 people get to have a nice lunch they may not otherwise receive that day. I am happy to be a part of this great project,” states Eric.

We estimate that St. Rose School has provided close to 35,000 lunches since the project began. Thank you students, parents, teachers and volunteers!

## VFW RECOGNIZES TEACHER

Congratulations to **Mrs. Barb Fisher** who was awarded Teacher of the Year by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Peninsula Pep Post 1325 District 3 on January 25, 2019 at an awards banquet in Eugene. Mrs. Fisher was recognized for patriotic support of her students' participation in the VFW Essay contest for 18 years! Over the years, several St. Rose students have been recognized for their essays. Veteran Mr. Bruce Hall attended an assembly on February 8th and made a presentation in front of the St. Rose School students and staff. Great job, Mrs. Fisher! Thanks for your involvement and your support for this essay program which teaches our kids about the spirit of patriotism and what it means to serve our country.



## CLASS NEWS

### National Geographic Geography Bee Winner!

Eighth grader John Pham (Class of 2019) won the St. Rose School Geography Bee where he competed against 7 other fifth through eighth grade students. The Bee requires students to answer questions regarding all aspects of world geography. John completed the qualifying test for the state competition and scored in the top 100 Oregon participants. John will compete on the 29th of March at Western Oregon University. If he finishes in first place, John could win \$1000 and a trip to Washington D.C. to compete at nationals. The St. Rose community and especially the eighth-grade wish John the best of luck!



### FIFTH GRADE CLASS OF 1987

**Eric Storm-**I believe I left St. Rose in 1987. I was in 5th grade and it was the year that St. Rose School and St. Charles merged to form AHS and moved grades 6,7 & 8 grades to St. Charles School. From there I went to Beaumont School. I graduated from Wilson High School in 1993. I studied music privately all through middle school and high school and continued with those studies for several years after graduating high school. I was very lucky to have the opportunity to tour and record with several bands just out of high school and continue to work as a professional musician to this day. I spent several years as a touring musician before settling down with my beautiful wife Jessica. We have 2 boys



at St. Rose School. Sante is in 7th grade and Elliott is in Kindergarten. Currently I manage and play drums in my own local band Bridgetown Get Down and am Treasurer of a small family business with my brother, Robert Dario, and sister Kathleen Storm Bouldin who also attended St. Rose School. Even my mother Mary Lou (Caniparoli) Storm is an alum, Class of 1960! I love our great school and am blessed to be able to volunteer and run the St. Francis lunch program.

### CLASS OF 1997

**Stephanie Bertram-** I graduated from AHS in 1997 and



completed high school at Grant. Having taken a break mid-way through pursuing my bachelor's, I completed my degree at Marylhurst University in 2014. I spent several years of that time working at Lions VisionGift, Oregon's eye donation agency, where I learned about the healing power of donation – for families of both the recipients and the donors. I then spent a couple years completing prerequisites and gaining experience to eventually be accepted into OHSU's Physician Assistant (PA) program starting in 2016. I graduated from OHSU with a Masters in PA Studies in September of 2018, just accepted a job this week with ROC as an Orthopedic PA and will start in the new position on May 1<sup>st</sup>. After having spent so many hours studying over the past couple years, I have been pursuing other interests recently including hiking, attending REI courses to prepare for longer backpacking trips (I'm a fair-weather backpacker), and volunteering within the political realm, most recently helping at the Women's March Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. I have also been spending extra time with family and friends, including my niece and nephew who are currently in 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade respectively at St. Rose School. I even had the opportunity to attend St. Rose's talent show last month – so fun! I am excited for this new chapter and will keep in touch. I can't wait to hear updates from other alumni!

# CLASS NEWS

## CLASS OF 2002

**Ian Fischer**- I graduated from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor's in political science degree. Later I switched to psychology and got a master's degree in counseling psychology from Santa Clara University before pursuing my PHD in clinical psychology at IU-PUI which is in Indianapolis. My wife Melanie and I are both third year students in the program- we met at the interview!- and live here with our cute little dog, Ziggy. We got married last July in Chapel Hill, NC.



**Jerad Wehrle**- After graduating from Archbishop Howard in 2002, I decided to stray away from my peers and go to Benson Tech. After graduating from Benson with an architecture major, I decided to go to the University of Oregon where I majored in Psychology. During my time at Oregon, I was fortunate to get the opportunity to be an



equipment manager for the Ducks football team for 4 years which was an incredible experience. After college, I moved to San Francisco for 3 years where I managed multiple 24-Hour Fitness facilities. Now, I am back in Northeast Portland where I have taken over my childhood home and get to watch the neighborhood change drastically. I hope that one day I can send my kids to St. Rose where they can get the same great education that I once received and helped shape me into the person I am today.

**Rebecca "Becca" Lusk**- graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in Comparative Literature and a minor in Women's and Gender Studies in 2011. After graduation Rebecca moved back to Portland and reconnected with fellow AHS alum, John Lehman. John's mother, Susan Lehman is a victim's advocate for Portland Police Bureau's sex crimes unit and helped Rebecca find different ways to volunteer with that population in the Portland area. For the past five years Rebecca has worked for the Oregon Department of Human Services in child welfare. She is currently a child protective services case worker at the Alberta branch in NE Portland. She recently finished her first term at Portland State University where she is pursuing a master's degree

in social work through the child welfare educational partnership. Rebecca has worked with Portland Police Bureau's Rose Project as a child welfare representative since 2015 and continues to advocate for and with survivors of trafficking and sexual assault. In 2017 she attended an intensive child forensic interview training to learn more trauma-informed practices when interviewing children that have experienced sexual abuse.

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Jamie Baker Franklin and Debbie Gold, Class of 1978



*In the cookie of life, friends are the chocolate chips.*



Hilary Wartell and Andshanna Russell, Class of 2001

Rebecca Lusk and  
Charles Krcma,  
Class of 2003



*Great friends are  
hard to find,  
difficult to leave  
and impossible to forget.*



Ali Wrede  
Kaylie Berrett  
Liz Randazzo  
Class of 2006

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Prior to her time in child welfare Rebecca volunteered for the sexual assault resource center providing support through both the 24-hour support line and in-person to survivors seeking medical care in local area hospitals or reporting assaults to law enforcement. This January she was awarded the inaugural "Above and Beyond" award through the State of Oregon Department of Justice. This award is given to one child welfare worker across the entire state of Oregon and honored Rebecca for her work for and with survivors of human

trafficking, particularly her diligence and determination that culminated in getting a young trafficked teen to a safe and stable placement. Rebecca is a firm believer in continuing her education and refining her skills to better meet the needs of the population her agency serves. Between studying for her MSW and working full time, Rebecca always finds the time to catch up with her sister, Sarah Lusk (AHS Class of '05!) who is pursuing a PhD in Salt Lake City, Utah and grab family dinner with Kim and Laurie Lusk who live just a few miles away from her home in NE Portland.

#### CLASS OF 2004

**Brittany Leaverton (Roberti)**- graduated from Jesuit High School. She went on to play soccer and study International Studies at the University of Washington. After graduation, she moved to New York City to join Teach for America as a teacher at Success Academy Charter Schools. Her husband Ryan and she tied the knot in August of 2017 after moving home to Portland. Currently, Brittany works remotely for Success Academy as an Instructional Training Specialist and Ryan is an Associate Wealth Manager at First Republic in downtown Portland. Brittany and Ryan purchased their first home together last year and are residing in SE Portland.

(Pictured- Hannah Bair, Brittany Roberti, and Colleen Daly)



**Matthew Commeree-** Congratulations to Hew (Matthew) and Bea Commeree! They are the proud parents of Elizabeth Jane Commeree born January 8, 2019. Elizabeth was 19 ¾ inches long and 7 lbs. 14 oz at birth. Welcome baby Elizabeth!

## CLASS NEWS CONTINUES



**Jeffrey Anderson-** I graduated from AHS in 2004 and in the fall started high school at Central Catholic High School. While attending Central I had an idea that I wanted to become a firefighter so I joined the Gresham

Fire Explorer program where I was able to get my feet wet in the profession and learn what it took to make my dream a reality. Two weeks after high school graduation I started the fire program at Chemeketa Community College and became a resident volunteer with West Valley Fire District. Without taking summers off I was able to complete both the fire suppression program as well as the paramedic program in 3 years earning an associates degree in each. After college I worked full-time at West Valley Fire District for about 5 years before accepting my dream job in 2014 at Clackamas Fire District where I currently work as a firefighter/paramedic and am on the Haz-Mat team. I live in Oregon City with my beautiful wife, Kerry. We have two dogs, a cat, and a three legged turtle. Last year we went on a month long road trip to Alaska where we exchanged vows in Seward, AK. Our favorite part of that trip was the Canadian Rockies, absolutely stunning. Currently my life outside of work consists of planning our next adventures and taking pictures of mother nature.

### CLASS OF 2005

**Shelby Goodrich-Gianarelli** - After I graduated from AHS in 2005, I attended St. Mary's Academy, graduating in 2009. I went on to Carroll College in Helena, MT where I met my husband Cheney. At Carroll I obtained my Bachelor of Science in Community Health in 2013. After graduating from Carroll, I returned to the Portland area and started my career in health insurance. In 2014, I married Cheney and we have two beautiful

children, Ivan (3) and Mia (6 months). I currently work at Providence Health Plan in the sales department as a Sales Service Specialist. We still attend St. Rose Parish. You can find us at the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturdays.

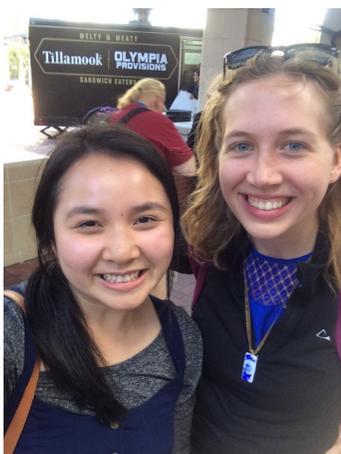


Liza Rowley and  
Hilary Wartell  
Class of 2001



Elliot Young, Sam Malany,  
Parker Brown, Tommy  
Pouch, Eddie Czuba

CLASS OF 2011



Phuong Nguyen  
Ashley Malin  
Class of 2008

*True  
Friends  
are never  
apart.  
Maybe in  
distance  
but never  
in heart.*

## CLASS OF 2007

**Julia Courtney-** Since my AHS days I went on to Central Catholic and graduated in 2011. After that I went on to Butler University in Indianapolis, IN. I spent 6 years total there and completed my Doctor of Pharmacy degree, graduating in 2017. I then did a year of residency at PeaceHealth Southwest Hospital in Vancouver, WA which I completed June of 2018. Since residency I have been working with Legacy Salmon Creek in Vancouver as a pharmacist in the hospital as well as their oncology infusion center.

## CLASS OF 2008

**Maddie Mott-** I have done quite a bit since graduating from AHS in 2008! I went to high school at La Salle Catholic College Preparatory and graduated from there in 2012. After La Salle, I attended Portland State University. After switching my major numerous times, I finally fell in love with the field of public history and museums and went on to earn my bachelor's degree in History in 2017. While in school, I worked at several museums, including the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry and the Clackamas County Historical Society. Currently I am living in Providence, Rhode Island, and am a part-time graduate student studying Public Humanities at Brown University. I also work full-time in fundraising at the Boston Athenaeum, a 200-year-old private library. In my free time, I am a budding film photographer.



## CLASS OF 2010



Tommy Dugan (2010)  
Molly Dugan (2009)  
Madison Vecchi(2010)  
Jack Vecchi (2013)

**Madison Vecchi-** Since graduating from AHS, I went to Central Catholic where I used the scholarship I got from AHS. After graduation from Central I went to Southern Oregon University for three years then transferred into the nursing program at OHSU's satellite campus at SOU. I am currently in my second year of nursing school and will graduate in June of 2020. I am not quite sure where I will move to next, but I hope to work as an IMCU or ED nurse in the future!

Laura Glynn Pouch  
Chris Geraci  
Jean Fleischmann Czuba

## CLASS OF 1980



CLASS OF 2011



**Adrian Duncan**- Looking back on my time at Archbishop Howard, I think of the community as if it were a family. The education (there) more than prepared me for Central Catholic High School and has afforded me the opportunity to seek higher education at Linfield College.

At Linfield, I became a Managerial Business major with a minor in Philosophy. In my junior year, I became the President of Delta and have steadily worked to improve the organization's reputation. In this coming semester I will be taking on a new role as the Sergeant at Arms, who is responsible for recruitment and making sure our values of Scholastic Attainment, Fraternal Fellowship, Social Excellence, and Christian Manhood carry on. Deriving strength from my Fraternity, excelling in my studies both inside and outside the classroom has become the standard. I have become a member of Phi Sigma Tau, a national honors society of Philosophy, and the Order of Omega, a society focused on recognizing leadership and scholastic excellence.

(For) the chance that I would be so lucky to attend a middle school that cares, in the company of teachers who were student-focused and led by a principal willing to tutor me in her off time, I am truly thankful.



Chris Altenhofen, Class of 1977,  
and his wife Laura

Laura Czuba  
Maddie Do  
Molly Fisher  
Class of 2012



*Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them but you know they are always there.*



Maggie Wilson Bourg,  
Joseph Krcma  
Katie Beede Knox  
Gabe Cheek  
Class of 2000

## Where They are Now and What They Are Doing? Former Staff

### Remembering Loved Ones

If you know of alumni, family of alumni or friends of St. Rose School who are in need of prayers, please contact us at [kasbury@strosepdx.org](mailto:kasbury@strosepdx.org)



**Phyllis Comins- (AHS 1989-2005)** I am enjoying retirement in many ways. Joanne Dillon (classmate) and I take several trips each quarter with the senior van trips through Portland parks and Recreation. Two trips to Hawaii courtesy of my son. Enjoy grandkids- two live in Oregon city and one in Huntington Beach CA. It is fun to watch the news on St. Rose AHS/ alumni page.

**Carol Liebertz- (AHS 1993-1998)** Thank you for asking me to write a little something about myself. It is hard to believe that it has been 20 years since I taught at Archbishop Howard. Since that time, I have been teaching in the Hillsboro School District. 11 years as a sixth grade teacher and 9 years teaching PE to eighth graders. It has been quite a challenge. I average 145 students an hour with two other teachers in one gym, It is quite a balancing act, but I love it! I am two years away from retirement! My son, Joseph (JoJo) is turning 30 this summer. He owns his own moving company called JR Moving (503-749-6161). It is a perfect job for him. He is his own boss and juggles many different tasks at the same time. I am so proud of him. In my spare time I tutor 8 students a week after school, I am in charge of the Women's Retreat in my parish, and I work on the Grief to Grace Retreat Team that gives a 5 day retreat in September for women and men that have been sexually abused. I love all my volunteer work.

For fun I do paper quilling, crocheting, and knitting and of course read lots of books. I love my life. It is filled with purpose and fun!

**Sandy Dibler-** I was blessed to work at St. Rose (Archbishop Howard School at the time) from **1997-2010**. During that time, I taught Kindergarten and second grade. I have so many memories that I cherish from my years with the St. Rose community. In 2010, my husband Jeff and I decided to take the leap and move overseas to teach in international schools. We spent two years Cairo, where I taught the Kindergarten. (and yes, we were there during the revolution!) Then we moved to Shanghai where I taught first grade and then Kindergarten. A highlight of my time there was hanging out with former AHS student Joseph while he was also living in Shanghai. We are currently living in Nairobi, Kenya where I continue to teach Kindergarten. We've been here for four years and will stay for a bit longer. We love returning to the states for visits and occasionally pop in to St. Rose to catch up with friends. It is wonderful to stay connected with former colleagues, students and parents from the St. Rose community.



Donna Vandiver  
Aaron Vandiver  
Class of 2005  
Monica Rischiotto DeGarmo  
Class of 2004



**Kathy Brechtbill (AHS 1989-2006)**- Well since I left AHS, I have another grandson. John is 7 and loves school. Jakob is 13 and Carol Libertz is his PE teacher. I have done some traveling mainly with my sister-in-law Karen. We have been to Hawaii, Mexico and Lake Tahoe. Last February, my niece and my nephew took me to Baltimore and Washington DC. I went on my first ever cruise to Alaska to celebrate my 70th birthday. This past October, I went to Montana to celebrate my Great aunt's 100th Birthday. She is amazing. I have 2 Grandsons. Jakob is 13 and John is 7. In November, my husband and I celebrated our 50th Anniversary. For a hobby, I have been making my own greeting cards for a couple of years.



**Donna Vandiver**- We left Portland to move to Tulsa Oklahoma. I began teaching at Undercroft Montessori in August 2012. My new school has classes from pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and we have about 220 students just like St. Rose. During my first summer in 2013, I started my Montessori training at Xavier University in Cincinnati Ohio. I went to school for two summers and worked on coursework to earn my Montessori Certificate in Secondary I-II in December 2014. I enjoyed my training and I love teaching at my new school. I share a middle school classroom with two other teachers and I am responsible for pre-algebra and algebra for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Both of our extended families still live in St. Louis so we are able to visit them often. Aaron lives and works in Detroit Michigan and we visit with him in



Michigan, meet up with him for vacations and in St. Louis and he also comes to visit us in Tulsa. Our family travel schedule is wildly busy. The reason we moved to Tulsa is that my husband Dr. Ray Vandiver was hired to open a new Children's Museum. The Tulsa Discovery Lab temporary museum opened in May 2013 and the brand new 50,000 sq. ft. museum will break ground in April 2019 and open late summer 2020. This new museum is a state of the art facility and will be located on the south end of the Gathering Place park. I am including a link

for you to check out the design for the new museum. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YFLktW0oolo&feature=youtu.be>. The Gathering Place and Tulsa Discovery Lab are both great reasons for you to visit Tulsa. Let us know if you are in the Midwest. I miss all of you and I am so glad for FB and the St. Rose alumni page so I can keep up with past students and friends from my St. Rose family.

Sandy and Jeff Dibler travel together with Ray, Donna and son Aaron in New Zealand 2018



**Harley Talkington (AHS 2001-2015)**- Since I said goodbye to full-time teaching at St. Rose, I have had a series of great experiences and opportunities. The week after my “clap-out,” my wife and I flew to India to be with our daughter, son-in-law and grandson for a month. Within a week of arriving there, I was teaching a group of Indian kids English using Mother Goose Rhymes. I stayed connected with these kids, through letters and Skype. My next big thing was taking some classes and learning how to “paint” with soft and oil pastels. I am having a great time now admiring the clouds, hillsides, waterways, birds and this great world we have been given, creating and actually even selling some of my pieces. Recently, in fact, one of my pieces was chosen as the winner for the city of Hillsboro’s “Picture Hillsboro”



competition. I still love the energy, freshness and hope of kids, though, too, so I am substitute teaching in several of the Catholic Schools near me. Every day of this is an adventure in flexibility, as I have now subbed in PE, Art, Music, Spanish, and all the grades from Kindergarten to 8th. I am staying connected with St. Rose also through serving on the School Advisory Council, which has truly been a pleasure to get to know so many of the fine parents who strive to carry out St. Rose’s mission. I am so grateful for my time at St. Rose and its family to whom I will always belong. - Harley Talkington

**Marlene Hollingsworth**- Hello to former students and their families. After 20 years of teaching at Archbishop Howard/St. Rose, I retired in 2017. It has been an adjustment. I have not missed the 46+ miles each day to and from home and work but have missed the interactions with students and co-workers. I have joyfully been able to attend soccer, cross-country, and track events my granddaughter participates in. More family time and events have been a blessing as well. I am volunteering at my parish with the St. Gerard Guild, the Religion Education Program, and with the Family Promise of Beaverton, an organization helping homeless families in the community. Archbishop Howard/St. Rose will always hold great memories and fond connections for me. I so enjoyed reading the alumni newsletter. I was so impressed with your endeavors and accomplishments. I wish you continued success and happiness.

Blessings, Mrs. Hollingsworth

Care has been taken to ensure the accuracy, completeness and reliability of the information provided in this newsletter. If there are any errors or incorrect information, please let us know. Corrections will be published in the next issue.

## Picture Hillsboro Winner Announced for 2019

The Picture Hillsboro selection committee has chosen Harley Talkington's "Autumn Hints" as this year's winner of the Picture Hillsboro Purchase Award. "Autumn Hints" will be purchased by the City and added to the Public Art Collection, to be displayed in City buildings for years to come. Selected out of over 70 submissions and twelve finalists, the piece is currently on display at the Hillsboro Civic Center through March 3, 2019, as part of the Picture Hillsboro Finalists exhibition.

Talkington's "Autumn Hints" was painted late in 2018. The impressionistic work depicts, in soft pastel, the dappled surface of Dawson Creek, the Hillsboro School District building barely visible through the orange-flecked trees of the greenway. Talkington describes the view, tucked behind Brookwood Library, as "a beautiful place to muse." In viewing the work, one member of the selection committee remarked that they felt they "could step right into the landscape."

Residing in Aloha, Oregon, Talkington has long been a self-professed "dabbler" in art, taking any excuse to pursue a creative project or hobby. In recent years, following his retirement from teaching at St. Rose School in Northeast Portland, Talkington has developed his painting practice, with oil and soft pastels as his preferred media. Talkington works largely from his own archive of landscape photographs and sometimes works en plein air, taking his work into the field to paint the landscape from direct observation. This is his first year submitting work for Picture Hillsboro. "Art has really opened my eyes to the glory that is all around us," says Talkington. "The paintings I did of Hillsboro only reinforce my conviction that this place—this quiet, special area—is a treasure trove for beauty!"

Inaugurated in 2012, the Picture Hillsboro Purchase Award has added eight original works of art by local artists to the City's Public Art collection. Archival reproductions of the winning artwork are presented as official gifts to visiting dignitaries and in official City travel throughout the world. In designating artwork as an official gift, the City emphasizes the pride it places in its creative community.

Hillsboro Public Art is a program of the Hillsboro Parks and Recreation Department. More information about Hillsboro's Public Art Program can be found at [www.hillsboro-oregon.gov/publicart](http://www.hillsboro-oregon.gov/publicart).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### St. Rose School

If you would like to update your contact information or provide us with a story for the next newsletter, contact us at 503-281-1912, ext. 205, email [kasbury@strosepx.org](mailto:kasbury@strosepx.org) or [visit](#) our web page.

- March 22** Archdiocesan Mass for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at the Cathedral
- March 25-29** Spring Break
- April 15-20** Holy Week
- April 21** Easter Sunday
- April 19** Eighth grade Re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross
- May 3** Third/Fourth grade play performance
- May 3** Senior Luncheon following play performance
- April 11-12** Middle School Spring Play Production-Jumanji 6:30 p.m.
- May 17** Grandparents and Special Friends Tea
- May 19** First Communion St. Rose Parish 10:30 Mass
- June 5** Jr. Rose Parade
- June 11** Graduation Mass
- June 11** Graduation Ceremony
- June 14** Field Day
- June 14** Last day of school for students



### Who Am I?

Be the first to identify the staff pictured.

Hint - these aren't Holy Child Sisters.

Send guesses to [kasbury@strosepx.org](mailto:kasbury@strosepx.org).

