

REMSEN ST. MARY'S ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

RISE UP WITH RSM

FALL 2024 VOLUME 6



GREETINGS!

IT IS MY HOPE THAT THIS NEWSLETTER FINDS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DOING WELL. I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE TRADITION OF ST. MARY'S SCHOOLS' ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE REMAINS STRONG! WITH THE CONTINUING EVOLVEMENT OF OUR SOCIETY TODAY, IT DOES MAKE IT MORE CHALLENGING TO EDUCATE YOUTH IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL SETTING. NONETHELESS, I FEEL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL FAMILY IS "RISING UP" TO THE DEMAND AND PROVIDING A QUALITY EDUCATION.

THE SCHOOL'S DETERMINATION TO BE A LEARNING INSTITUTION THAT REFLECTS ITS CATHOLIC IDENTITY EVERY DAY REMAINS A MAINSTAY, AND BECAUSE OF THESE EFFORTS, THE SCHOOL REMAINS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE REMSEN COMMUNITY JUST AS IT WAS WHEN EACH OF YOU WALKED THE HALLS OF THE SCHOOLS. HOWEVER, OUR SCHOOL BUILDINGS ARE STARTING TO SHOW THEIR AGE. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION HAS HAD MANY DISCUSSIONS IDENTIFYING PRUDENT NEEDS FOR OUR SCHOOL TO CONTINUE TO BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE REMSEN COMMUNITY. HAVING SAID THAT, I'D LIKE TO SHARE SOME EXCITING NEWS WITH YOU!

WE ARE ON THE CUSP OF BEGINNING A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO RENOVATE THE EXISTING MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING THAT WILL INCLUDE AN ADDITION THAT WILL HOUSE OUR ELEMENTARY YOUTH. THIS WILL ENABLE US TO REACH A LONG-FOUGHT GOAL FOR ALL STUDENTS TO BE ON ONE CAMPUS. BE ASSURED THAT WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. IN THE END, I AM HAPPY TO INFORM YOU THAT ST. MARY'S SCHOOLS CONTINUES ITS MISSION TO PROVIDE A QUALITY, CATHOLIC EDUCATION TO OUR STUDENTS.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAST SUPPORT AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. OUR MISSION STATEMENT CONTINUES TO BE THE FOUNDATION OF ALL WE DO, "TO ACT JUSTLY, TO LOVE TENDERLY, AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH OUR GOD." MICAH 6:8.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATIONS AND BE ASSURED OF OUR PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

BLESSINGS,
REV. TIMOTHY PICK, PRESIDENT



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Planning Study

REMSEN ST. MARY'S SCHOOLS RECENTLY CONDUCTED A COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING STUDY. WE RETAINED THE SERVICES OF THE STEIER GROUP, A CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING FIRM, TO CONDUCT THIS PLANNING STUDY. THE SCHOOL FACILITIES THAT HAVE SERVED US WELL FOR SO MANY YEARS ARE NOW IN NEED OF SIGNIFICANT UPGRADES TO CONTINUE PROVIDING A CHRIST-CENTERED EDUCATION FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

OUR SCHOOL'S LEADERSHIP, TOGETHER WITH VISION BUILDERS, HAS DEVELOPED A CREATIVE AND PRACTICAL PLAN THAT ADDRESSES OUR MOST PRESSING NEEDS. THIS PLAN INCLUDES A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION TO OUR CURRENT MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS, BRINGING ALL ST. MARY'S STUDENTS UNDER ONE ROOF. THE RESULT WILL BE A MORE COHESIVE, SAFE, AND ACCESSIBLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT REFLECTS THE HIGH STANDARDS WE ALL HOLD FOR ST. MARY'S SCHOOLS.

BASED ON THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF THE STUDY AND THE STEIER GROUP'S RECOMMENDATION, WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN. THE STEIER GROUP PROJECTS THAT WE CAN RAISE \$4.5 MILLION TO \$5.5 MILLION, WHICH WILL ALLOW US TO PROCEED WITH THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT. ADDITIONALLY, WE RECENTLY RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM THE DIOCESE OF SIOUX CITY TO MOVE AHEAD WITH CAMPAIGN PLANS.

WE ARE NOW IN THE PREPARATION PHASE OF THE CAMPAIGN. WE INVITE YOU TO READ ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE PLANNING STUDY AT [RSMSSCHOOLS.ORG/CAPITAL-CAMPAIGN](https://rsmsschools.org/capital-campaign). TOGETHER, WE WILL ENSURE THAT OUR SCHOOL REMAINS A VIBRANT AND THRIVING PART OF OUR COMMUNITY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

WE INVITE YOU TO REACH OUT WITH QUESTIONS OR TO SEE HOW YOU CAN ASSIST WITH THIS CAMPAIGN.

WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE STRONG SUPPORT SHOWN BY THE REMSEN ST. MARY'S COMMUNITY.

FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL, KIM PHILLIPS



HAPPY 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR!

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE WE HAVE FINISHED OUR FIRST QUARTER, AND THE SECOND QUARTER IS IN FULL SWING! SO FAR THE YEAR IS GOING VERY WELL, AND WE ARE BACK IN THE ROUTINE OF OUR BUSY SCHOOL DAYS, PRACTICES, GAMES, ETC. I'M SO THANKFUL FOR OUR TEACHERS AND WELCOME OUR NEW ADDITIONS: MRS. VICKY HEIDESCH, MRS. ANNIE LAURSEN, MRS. AMY RODER, MRS. JAYME SKADELAND, MRS. EMILY HEIDESCH, ALONG WITH MRS. KRISTIN CONNERS AND MS. OLIVIA MCQUILLEN, WHO JOINED US MID YEAR LAST YEAR.

WE ARE INFUSING GOSPEL VALUES INTO OUR DAILY ROUTINES THIS YEAR, AND ALL CENTER AROUND OUR MISSION STATEMENT, "TO ACT JUSTLY, TO LOVE TENDERLY, AND TO WALK HUMBLLY WITH OUR GOD." MICAH 6:8

JUST A THOUGHT I'VE SHARED WITH A FEW PEOPLE...EVERY SINGLE TIME I LEAVE A CLASSROOM OR SEE STUDENTS IN THE HALLWAYS AND SAY, "HAVE A GREAT DAY," ALL, AND I MEAN ALL OF OUR KIDS, RESPOND, "YOU TOO, MRS. PHILLIPS." I CAN'T EXPRESS ENOUGH HOW WONDERFUL OUR CHILDREN ARE.

**I'M VERY PROUD TO BE A PART OF OUR WONDERFUL RSM FAMILY AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A CONTINUATION OF SUCCESSES AND FAITH-FILLED DAYS!
GOD BLESS!**



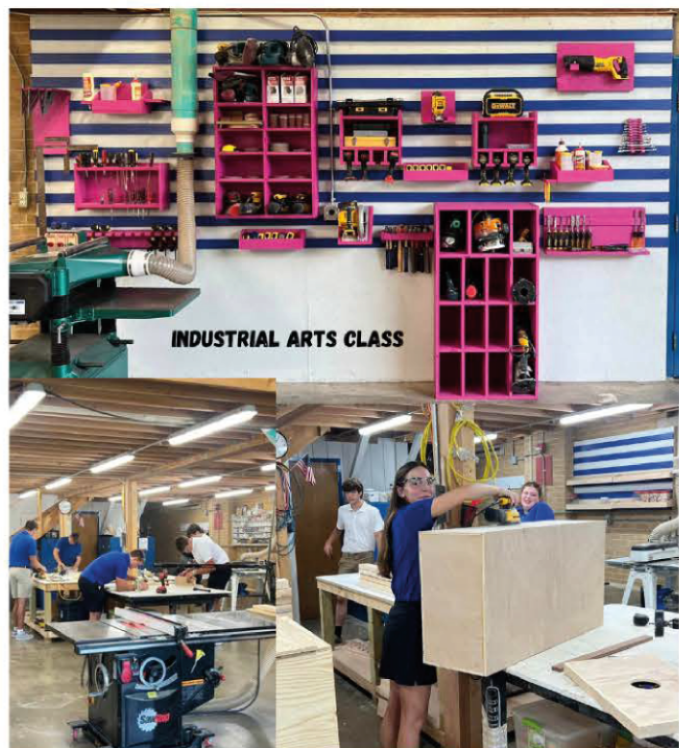
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INDUSTRIAL ARTS CLASS

NAMING OF THE GYM



THE BANNER HAS ARRIVED! THE PAUL AND MARLENE PICK FAMILY GYMNASIUM WAS CELEBRATED ON JULY 22ND, WITH MARLENE AND SOME OF HER CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. THIS HAD BEEN ON MARLENE'S BUCKET LIST FOR MANY YEARS. IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO HER BECAUSE BOTH HER AND HER HUSBAND, PAUL, GRADUATED FROM ST. MARY'S IN 1953. SHE SAID, "IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR ME TO CELEBRATE OUR FAMILY AND ST. MARY'S IN THIS WAY." RSM WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE PICK FAMILY FOR INVESTING IN ST. MARY'S. IT IS WITH YOUR GENEROSITY THAT WE ARE ABLE TO DO WHAT WE DO FOR THE STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF.

FRONT ROW: MOLLY AND JON MURPHY BACK ROW: PAT PICK, NANCY MURPHY, MARLENE PICK, ANDREA PAXTON, LORA CLARK, & TIM PICK

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34TH ANNUAL FRIENDS OF

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4/5/2025

4TH ANNUAL ST. MARY'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

05/25/2025



33RD ANNUAL FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S BALL



3RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



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1964 60TH CLASS REUNION



Front Row: Mary (Scharff) McInnes, Mary (Treinen) Bruening, Chester Wurth
2nd Row: Don Lanners, Carol (Tentinger) Carey, Mary Kay (Bortscheller) Roling, Marilyn Schnepf, Linda Schroeder, Connie (George) Willey, Allen Sanow, Dan Jaminet
3rd Row: Fred Roling, Janet (Arens) Fiedler
Back Row: Dean Mai, Paul Ritz, Carl Staab, Jerry Waldschmitt, Marilyn (Rolling) Maly, Rose Ann (Freking) Harvat, Mary Ellen (Ruba) Wurth, Frank Haverkamp, Ted Nothem, Lyle Schuetz

1974 50TH CLASS REUNION



Front Row from left: Marlene (Homan) Leiser, Cathy (Schneiders) Fleisher, Lisa (Matgen) Tracey, Lynda (Groepner) Harpenau, Debbie (Jonas) Boccumini, Diann (Pick) Conrad, Dianne (Douvia) Parr, Suzanne (Schroeder) Steichen, Rosanne (Loutsch) Plathe
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Back Row from left: Gary Pick, Dave Homan, Steve Bohnenkamp, Jim Groepner, Mike Schiltz, Tom Haverkamp, Phil Arens, Kay (Zimmerman) Moore

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