



# St. Dorothy

## ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Spiritual, Academic, Moral Preparation for the 21st Century

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### INTRODUCING

## Rev. Robert Hagan, O.S.A., '79 – 2016 Annual Fund Chair –



He holds a regular spot at the end of the team bench and on the sidelines but his influence runs much deeper — he's the Wildcats' rock, guiding student-athletes through their highs and during times of struggle. He is Rev. Robert Hagan, O.S.A., a 1979 graduate of St. Dorothy and this year's Annual Fund Honorary Chair.

More affectionately known as Fr. Rob to most, this year's honorary chair is in his 13th year at Villanova University. There he serves as an Associate Athletics Director, overseeing the areas of Sports Medicine and Strength and Conditioning, and is also the administrator for the Villanova golf and tennis programs. Fr. Rob also serves as team chaplain for both the men's basketball and football teams. The world of sports suits him well as he played football at St. Dot's and ran track during his years at Cardinal O'Hara High School.

He also continues his ministry to the community, saying Mass in South Philadelphia on Sundays at St. Paul's (St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi Church) before returning to campus to prepare for evening Mass at the Villanova chapel.

Fr. Rob received his undergraduate

degree from Villanova and went on to earn a J.D. from Widener University School of Law. After receiving his law degree, he spent seven years as an attorney in Media before entering the Order of St. Augustine.

A staple of game day rituals for the Villanova men's basketball and football teams is a pre-game prayer service or Mass celebrated by Fr. Rob — be it in a hotel during away games or in an on-campus chapel or locker room for home contests. Head football coach Andy Talley regularly questions how Fr. Rob can top the homilies from one time to the next, but he does. In fact, the topic of one homily has become a celebrated adage for the football team, encouraging them to "Tap the Rock." Fr. Rob brought to life the parable of the stonecutter, relating to the student-athletes that you can go out there day in and day out and keep at it with a steady determination and that, eventually, each tap of the rock will help them to break through.

Head men's basketball coach Jay Wright recounts his team and staff attending a prayer service before every game, "It starts with Fr. Rob doing a reading from the Bible and then he does a homily. He's never talking about the game. He's talking about life and what kind of people we are and what kind of Christians we are. He's so real and so committed to this life of serving Christ. It's inspirational."

Fr. Rob has played a key role mentoring the men's basketball team, guiding them to maintain a sense of togetherness and humility. He was right there with them as they won the 2016 National Championship, a sixth man representing the spirit and strength he first learned while a student at St. Dorothy School. "The education, faith formation and supportive community that I received from St. Dorothy has served as the foundation for everything else that is good in my life," he said. "The friends that I made while at St. Dot's are like brothers and sisters, and they have been, and continue to be, friends for life."

Those who knew him during his St. Dot's

days are not surprised by the impact he has gone on to have. Pat Funchion, a classmate of Fr. Rob's at both St. Dorothy and Cardinal O'Hara, had this to say about his childhood friend, "Having known Rob since our days at St. Dot's it's nice to read all of the accolades attributed to him over the last few months. But for us who knew him growing up, we are not surprised, as he has always been the genuine, caring, and likeable person that so many others have come to know. To the world he's Fr. Rob, but to us he's just 'Hags,' and there really isn't much difference between them."

St. Dorothy Parish takes pride in Fr. Rob's accomplishments and is happy to have "tapped" him to be our foundation this year. Much like the teamwork and dedication the Wildcats used to propel them to new heights this season, Fr. Rob knows the same traits will help guide the St. Dorothy community to meet its goals during the drive for this year's Annual Fund.



Fr. Hagan in 8th Grade (middle of the bottom row)



Fr. Hagan is #21 (front row)

# Congratulations Fr. Murphy

On Thursday, April 7, 2016, at the second annual Delaware County Catholic School Hall of Fame Gala at Springfield Country Club, the Foundation for Catholic Education honored our pastor, Fr. Murphy, for being a pillar of faith and for his dedication to and support of Catholic education.



*Fr. Murphy celebrates at the Gala with members of the school faculty.*



Special thanks to the following people for their help with this issue:

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## We Want to Hear From You!!!

We hope that you find these newsletters both interesting and informative, as those are our goals for each issue... to keep you in-the-know about the great things happening at our beloved St. Dot's! As you can imagine, it is hard to include everything, so we do our best to highlight a variety of topics. Please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions for future newsletters by sending them to [development@stdots.org](mailto:development@stdots.org). Thanks for your help!

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## Newsletter purpose

The Newsletter for St. Dorothy Roman Catholic School is compiled by the Development Committee for distribution to alumni, alumni parents, current school families, and friends of St. Dorothy School. Its purpose is to communicate, on a semi-annual basis, the state of our enrollment, happenings of interest, an accounting of funds raised and spent, and to acknowledge contributors to our Annual Fund.

# BECAUSE OF YOU THE PAST FIVE YEARS HAVE BROUGHT US...



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**1** ARTS Concert

**1,625**

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**5** Catholic Schools Week Open Houses

**1** Gym Storage Room (a.k.a. Bunker) 



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**57**

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**4** Years of a Kindergarten Teachers

**5** Kindergarten Open Houses



## Thank you for investing in our school!



# School



## Archdiocesan Chorus Festival & Honor Band



*Nicolette DiDonato ('19), Danielle Furey ('18), and Katia Hemphill ('19) at the Choral Festival at Archbishop Ryan High School*

Each year, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia holds an arts festival featuring talented singers and musicians. The festival is held at various Archdiocesan high schools and culminates with a concert at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia. This year seven St. Dorothy students performed in the chorus at a concert at Archbishop Ryan High School and one performed in the band at a concert at Archbishop Carroll High School. The festival culminated with all eight of our students performing at the Kimmel Center concert on March 22.

Congratulations to our fifth through eighth grade students who performed at both the Choral Festival at Archbishop Ryan High School and the Honors Chorus at the Kimmel Center: Borgiatu Bangura, Genevieve Bruce, Tess Coary, Nicolette DiDonato, Danielle Furey, Katia Hemphill, and Patrice Romano. The Honors Chorus at the Kimmel Center performed under the conduction of our very own musical maestro, Mr. William Mayo.

And, congratulations to eighth grader Aidan McGahey who performed with the Honors Band at the Kimmel Center.



*St. Dorothy music teacher Mr. Mayo taking a bow along with the other conductors at the Kimmel Center*



*St. Dorothy School's Service Corps continues to be extremely active. Some of our students made dinner for transplant patients and their families at The Gift of Life House in Philadelphia. Pictured (from left): Patrice Romano ('16), Michelle Andruszko ('16), Danny Rogers ('16), Frankie McGann ('16), Treasa Schumacher ('16), and Julia Flatley ('17).*

## Science Fair

Each year, students in Grades 5 through 8 participate in a school Science Fair. The teachers guide the students through the entire process, from choosing a topic in September and beginning research in October through the final analysis of the results. Projects are displayed during Catholic Schools Week. Students who receive awards for their projects are then eligible to enter their projects in the Delaware County Science Fair.

Out of 253 entrants in the Delaware County Science Fair, eight of our students placed or earned honorable mention! Our winners competed against middle school and high school students from 20 other

public, private, and parochial schools from Delaware County. Despite challenging competition, our student scientists distinguished themselves.



*Congratulations to (from left) Bridget McGuinn, Sal Magro, Samantha Barr, Michael Gross, Maeve Bieter, Marikate Kilker, Samantha Coneys, and Kelsey Mehhallo.*

*Marikate Kilker advanced to the Delaware Valley Science Fair where she was awarded a Certificate of Excellence.*





# Happenings



## Showcase of Excellence

On April 18th, Archbishop Carroll High School hosted the third annual Archdiocesan Arts Festival highlighting the many talents of students from eleven Delaware County Catholic elementary schools. Artwork created by students of St. Dorothy School was arranged and exhibited by art teacher Mrs. Quigley.



A sample of the beautiful artwork created by our students



Some of our artists (from third through seventh grade) proudly displayed their work.

## Success at Penn Relays



Our St. Dorothy Junior Girls 4x100 Relay Team placed third overall in the Philadelphia Archdiocese Penn Relays competition at Franklin Field with a time of 59.16. Congratulations to sixth graders Bridget McGuinn, Sarah Schumacher, Sarah Cratin, and Abby Quinn on their incredible accomplishment!



Works of Mercy— Mrs. Neill's Kindergarten students performed a work of mercy by assembling Easter baskets that were distributed to members of the Surrey at Havertown Senior Center. The children filled the baskets with beautiful pictures, Easter cards, and special sweet treats!

## Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to our eighth grade students who earned scholarships to high school:

**Michelle Andruszko** – Merit Scholarship for Excellence in Theater from Cardinal O'Hara High School and St. James Alumni Association Scholarship

**Erin Boyle** – The Agnes Irwin School and The Episcopal Academy

**Katie Bradley** – Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast Catholic High School

**Tess Coary** – Maguire Scholarship to Cardinal O'Hara High School

**Alexis Devlin** – Merit Scholarship for Excellence in Art from Cardinal O'Hara High School

**Stephen D'Antonio** – Archmere Academy

**Connor Eagan** – Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast Catholic High School

**Gwendolyn Fry** – Country Day School of The Sacred Heart

**Kasey Habicht** – Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast Catholic High School

**Caroline Heffernan** – Academy of Notre Dame

**Sam Maselli** – Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast Catholic High School

**Aidan McGahey** – Ignatian Scholarship from St. Joseph Preparatory School and Archbishop John Carroll High School

**Patrice Romano** – Mercy Scholarship from Merion Mercy Academy, Cardinal O'Hara High School, and Archmere Academy

**Hunter Whitlock** – Cardinal O'Hara High School



# SPOTLIGHT ON... DOT'S MUSICALS

## Danielle Bruce, Class of 2006



Dot's alumni from the Bruce family behind the musicals—Nick ('08), Danielle ('06), and Natalie ('13).



Danielle Bruce graduated from St. Dorothy School in 2006, but she's never really left. Every year since she's graduated, Danielle has come back to help her mom, Suzanne Bruce, with the spring musical. "I can't believe I've been helping out for 10 years," she says.

As a freshman in high school, Danielle served as assistant choreographer, a job she has now passed to her sister Natalie ('13). Danielle now serves as co-director, leaving work early and spending long nights in St. Dot's gym working on dance routines and sets. One memorable night, Danielle was leaving as teachers arrived for a new school day. She relishes seeing how far the theater program has come. Shows have become increasingly challenging and staging is more complex. Extending the front of the stage, using an apron and ramps, increases the area for performers which is important when the shows may have as many as 80 students participating.

Danielle loves seeing the impact theatre can have on students. She likes seeing how the students grow and develop from sixth grade to eighth grade. It is a fun, but bittersweet, job to help put together the video tribute to the graduating eighth graders that Danielle and her family prepare each year. This year, Danielle's sister Genevieve, who is in eighth grade, played Gabriella in *High School Musical 2 Jr.*, so the video had to be extra special for Genevieve and for all her friends.

Danielle especially loves working with family—her Dot's theatre family, her mom and sister, and her brother Nick ('08) who manages the light board during the shows. Danielle's dad, Jeff, helps with sets, and her brother Matt ('04) helps with the sound board during performances. This year, in addition to Genevieve who was on stage, Kenny, a sixth grader, was on stage crew.

Danielle says she never wanted to leave St. Dot's because it is such a supportive and positive environment. We hope she never does.

## Molly Kilker, Class of 2011

The musicals at St. Dorothy School introduce students to theater at a young age and provide a valuable experience they might not be able to find somewhere else. Mrs. Bruce and her family provide such a nourishing environment for students to learn and grow, while still being able to have fun and bond with their friends in the process of putting the show together. This experience has proved to be extremely beneficial throughout my life thus far, as being in these musicals has taught me two important skills.

The first is how to feel comfortable speaking in front of an audience. This is essential not only on stage, but in other everyday situations such as class presentations or job interviews. The second skill is the ability to work with a group of people to reach a common goal. In this case, the cast and crew all collaborate to create a show out of nothing. The audience always appreciates these musicals so much that they walk out of the theater with a song in their hearts, which proves teamwork and dedication definitely pay off!

My favorite memory of my theater experience at St. Dorothy definitely was working on the show *High School Musical Jr.* when I was in eighth grade. It was my last year before graduating and going to Cardinal O'Hara High School, where I also performed in theater.

*High School Musical* is one of my favorites because I absolutely love the songs and I think the story of pursuing what you love no matter what others say rings true to everyone. I had so much fun playing Sharpay and getting to wear the glittery costumes that I didn't even mind getting a pie full of whipped cream thrown in my face during one scene. Everyone in the cast and crew worked so hard to make the show the best it could be while making new friends and memories in the process. I was especially glad I was able to work on my last St. Dorothy show with my brother, Pat. I will never forget singing and dancing to the last song, "We're All In This Together." I was so thrilled to be sharing the stage with some of my best friends while we were performing in a show we worked so hard to make happen. We really were all in it together!

I am so grateful for Mrs. Bruce, her family, and St. Dorothy School for the positive experience I had in their musicals. This experience has inspired me to pursue working in theater and encouraged me to use the skills I learned in my everyday life. I had the opportunity this year as a freshman at Wagner College to be stage manager for *The Great America Trailer Park* and co-director of *Godspell*.



Molly (front row, third from right) with the cast and crew of *Godspell*, a student-run show she co-directed at Wagner College this past year.



The finale, "We're All In This Together," from Saint Dorothy's production of *High School Musical Jr.* in 2011 (Molly is second from left).

## Dot's Legacy



On January 31, during the Catholic Schools Week Open House, alumni took time for a photo with their children / grandchildren currently attending the school.

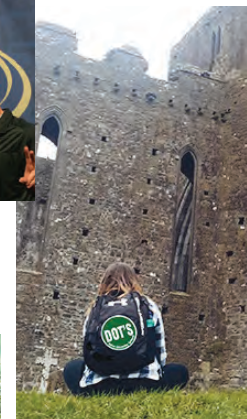


Three of our graduating eighth graders with their alumni Moms: Maria (nee Ardizzi) Toner ('85), with her daughter Emma, and Kasey and Kerrie Habicht with their Mom, Eleanor, aka Bunny (nee Currie) Habicht ('81).

## • SPOT THE DOT •



Our 2016 Annual Fund Chair, Fr. Rob Hagan, at the NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four with the Villanova Wildcats



The O'Toole family have certainly been to some wonderful places this year... here is Alexis ('12), during a school trip, at the Rock of Cashel in County Tipperary, Ireland!



The O'Toole girls sporting the Dot Spot during a recent vacation in Jamaica! Pictured are Bella ('18), Olivia ('26), and Eileen ('15).

### 2015 Annual Fund Contributors Supplemental List

In the Fall/Winter 2015 newsletter, we listed the 2015 Annual Fund contributors whose donations were received prior to the print date of the newsletter. We would like to also thank these supporters whose contributions to the 2015 Annual Fund were received after the newsletter print date:

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The Spring Musical at St. Dot's has been putting on amazing performances for years, and 2016 was no exception. This year's show, *High School Musical 2 Jr.*, continued the tradition of excellence that has grown under the direction and choreography of Suzanne and Danielle Bruce and musical direction of Rick Sayers.



Kevin Farren ('17) and Genevieve Bruce ('16) (playing Troy Bolton and Gabriella Montez) held onto each other even though they had to go their own ways.

# HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2 JR



David Fosbenner ('16) and cast hit this song right out of the park!



Pamela Cobaugh ('16) and Charlie Sayers ('16) as the FAB-U-LOUS twins Sharpay and Ryan Evans.



These friends learned that kitchen duty is never fun, even at a country club (from left): Stephen D'Antonio ('16), Aidan McGahey ('16), David Fosbenner ('16), Danny Rogers ('16), Kevin Farren ('17), Marikate Kilker ('17), Kerrie Habicht ('16), Tess Coary ('16), and Genevieve Bruce ('16).



Congratulations to the cast of High School Musical 2 Jr. – great job!



# “Close But No Cigar!”

*Former teacher Mrs. Jane Hughes recently visited St. Dorothy School and met with a former student and current teacher, Miss Elizabeth Johnson. Miss Johnson had the pleasure of interviewing Mrs. Hughes, and below is Miss Johnson's recap.*

A teacher enters the classroom on her first day of substitute teaching at St. Dorothy School. She is stationed in eighth grade and has already pinpointed a few students who intend to cause her a bit of grief, namely the self-proclaimed “Fat Freddy and Bubba.” Making her way to the teacher’s desk, she slides in front of the chair and daintily sits. The sound of a whoopee cushion shatters the silence in the room. Unexpectedly, the teacher bursts out laughing and slaps her knee. Then stops, looks the class in the eye and says, “That was a good one. But don’t do it again, or I’ll eat you alive.”

Ah, that’s the Mrs. Hughes I remember – an intense presence demanding respect, sprinkled with a touch of cheeky humor when you were lucky. Needless to say, that class did not do it again.

I have had many teachers throughout my educational career, but few are as memorable as Mrs. Jane Hughes... and memorable for all the right reasons. So, when Mrs. Sheehan asked if I would be interested in interviewing my former seventh and eighth grade Math teacher, my first thought was, “I better bring a pencil AND a red pen to this interview, just in case she makes me balance an equation...” If you had Mrs. Hughes, you understand.

“After teaching in West Philadelphia, I had the realization that I could survive anything,” Mrs. Hughes stated matter-of-factly. She made her way to St. Dorothy School, where she remained a fixture of the upper floor for almost two and a half decades (1982 – 2006). Over the course of those 24-and-a-half years, Mrs. Hughes educated young people with conviction and guided them with palpable wisdom. My motto was this, she explained, “Every day is a new adventure with my students, and I was ready to handle whatever the adventure brought me.”

At the time, many might not have understood the purpose of her strict rules. “Maybe she just wants us to be afraid of her,” I remember wondering (because, let’s be honest, I was practically shaking at the beginning of Pre-Algebra). That wasn’t the reason at all. When I inquired about this, Mrs. Hughes explained that she expected a lot from her students, and she had so much to teach them before they took off to high school. You knew not to distract Mrs. Hughes from the lesson she was teaching, and you knew you had to pull your weight to keep up in the room. With that being said, she appreciated hard work and people who asked for help instead of making excuses or whining. A prime example was her “Graduate School” – tutoring for anyone who needed help even after they graduated from St. Dot’s.

She truly enjoyed teaching and told me, “You can’t do this job if you don’t love it. I loved every minute of it.” Mrs. Hughes admitted, “I didn’t want the classroom to be a place with tension for my students or myself, and I couldn’t let anything take away from students’ learning; it was a delicate balance.”

Mrs. Hughes didn’t want to waste precious time and did not allow her students to waste their own time, either. But when you were lucky and had put in your hard work, Mrs. Hughes would reveal her humorous side. And maybe, just maybe, she would break out the “Walahiki Snow Dance.”

1993



1986



1992



# SPOTLIGHT ON...

## ...pairs of father / son coaches at St. Dot's

Anyone who has ever been a part of St. Dorothy's knows that it is much more than just a school, even more than just a parish... it is a true community. It is a familial environment that binds to everyone who lets it in, whether you went to school here, or sent your children here, or both. So, it is not surprising then how generation after generation gives back to St. Dot's, including as coaches of our sports teams. There are several examples of parents who coached at Dot's and then, years later, saw their children continue the tradition... below are just a few.

### Vince & Mike Risi

Vince and Nancy Risi raised their family of five children in St. Dorothy Parish and spent the rest of their 57 years of marriage together here until they both recently passed away, Nancy in November 2015 and then Vince in February 2016. Vince was an active coach for many years, both at Hilltop Baseball League and here at St. Dot's. Vince coached Dot's football from 1982 to 1997, spending 13 years with JV and two years with varsity. Vince's son, Mike ('88), returned just a few short years after graduating to coach varsity baseball for 20 years, including 18 years as Head Coach.

When asked how his Dad influenced him as a coach, Mike said that the biggest influence was how much time his Dad took to coach his teams in all aspects of the sport—not just the rules of the game and how to play it, but also how to respect the game and your teammates, and to show good sportsmanship towards your opponents. Mike's biggest memory of his Dad's time as coach was the 1985 team that one of his brothers, Matt, played on. That was one of Dot's championship teams, and Mike remembers how well coached and disciplined they were and how they all hustled. This was a testament to the guidance that Vince and the other coaches provided that team. The thing that made Mike so proud of all the years his Dad spent as a coach at St. Dot's was how so many former players, no matter how many years had passed, would still go up to his Dad to shake his hand and say thanks. All the Dot's athletes his Dad coached would always ask Mike how his Dad was doing, which he always appreciated as a sincere sign of respect.

Vince had a significant influence on Mike wanting to become a coach. Mike became a coach to follow in his Dad's footsteps, and Mike only ever wanted to coach Dot's baseball. His goal was to teach the complete game correctly to his teams because he understood what a pivotal time that was for them in the sport, especially since that is the time when most players transition from smaller fields to a full-size diamond. Mike respected what his Dad did for so many kids, and he wanted to do the same. One can only imagine the sense of accomplishment that came from Mike's fondest memory of his time as a coach at St. Dot's, which was in 2000 when the baseball team became the first and only Dot's baseball team to win the Archdiocesan Championship.

A motto that Mike remembers from his days as both a player and coach at St. Dot's sums it up best: To be the best, you have to beat the best... and Dot's is the best—it's Dot's vs. The World!



The plaque from the 2000 championship season (Mike is second from left).



Vince and Mike Risi, JV Football



Brendan and Bob Smith celebrate the 2012 varsity soccer championship victory. From left: Brendan Smith, Mark McCarty, Ed Miller, and Bob Smith.

### Bob & Brendan Smith

Interest in a sport is often passed from parent to child; at St. Dorothy School, a passion for coaching and for volunteering is often passed on as well. Bob Smith started as an assistant coach of the JV soccer team in 1994. When his son Brendan moved to the varsity team two years later, his dad moved up with him. By the following year, Bob was the head coach, a post he held until 2004, allowing him to coach Brendan ('98) and his daughter Bridget ('00) too.

Brendan came back to St. Dorothy soccer in 2010, and his dad joined as an assistant coach in 2012. Bob says he enjoys working with Brendan and the rest of the staff. If there is a need next year, Bob says he'll be back; "being part of the 2012 team, which came together to win a championship sparked the love I have working with these great kids."



Jim and Brian Smith with the 2000 – 2001 varsity team. Brian ('01), Jason ('20), and Jim Smith showing their Dot's pride.

### Jim & Brian Smith

When it came time for Brian and Christine Smith to pick a school for their son Jason, there was never a doubt that he would follow in his father's footsteps and attend St. Dorothy. Brian graduated from Dot's in 2001. Just as there was no doubt that Jason would follow in Brian's footsteps, there was also no doubt that Brian would follow in his parents' footsteps: Jim, Brian's father, coached boys' varsity basketball from 1995-2001 and has refereed CYO basketball games for 19 years. Brian's mother Patty is a past St. Dorothy Athletic Association President. Brian jumped right in as parent volunteer with the Athletic Association as a board member and flag football coach at Dot's. Brian also referees CYO games and has moved up to referee Catholic League varsity basketball games.

As is often the case in the multi-generational St. Dorothy family, our stories come together: one of Brian's mentors was Mike Risi, Mike coached Brian as a player on the 2000 St. Dot's team that won the region and Archdiocesan championships.

## Dot's Alumni Receive Award from Congressman Meehan



Greg Manning, Rep. Meehan, and Patrick Kilker (Mary Sheehan was unable to attend the ceremony).

U.S. Representative Patrick Meehan (PA-07) honored student athletes across the 7th District as part of the Congressional Scholar-Athlete Program. Three St. Dorothy alumni received the award this year: Mary Sheehan ('13) and Greg Manning ('13), who both attend Cardinal O'Hara High School, and Patrick Kilker ('13), who attends Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast High School.

## Class of 1977



The Class of 1977 celebrated a 39.5 year reunion at J.D. McGillicuddy's in Upper Darby after the annual Athletic Association golf outing on April 8th.

Thank you to these businesses who through their current participation in the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program have helped to provided tens of thousands of dollars of need-based scholarships to families who otherwise may not have been able to provide their children a Catholic education at St. Dorothy School:

Dennis Cirucci, Alliance Bank  
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If you think a business you own or work for may be able to participate in this program, please contact the school development committee at [development@stdots.org](mailto:development@stdots.org) or call the school office at 610-789-4100.

## Alumni Updates

St. Dorothy School wants to know what our alumni have been up to. Has something interesting happened in your life? Have you moved, started a new job or married? Let us know at [Development@StDots.org](mailto:Development@StDots.org). Be sure to keep your contact information up to date to stay informed of reunions and other events. Include your graduation year and maiden name if applicable. Also let us know if there are alumni not receiving the newsletter. We're happy to add them to the mailing list.

## Alumni News

## Remember when we were at St. Dorothy and...

- ...our class took a trip to Amish Country and they shaved a sheep?
- ...we listened to multiplication records?
- ...we wore maroon uniforms?
- ...our "eggperiments"?
- ...the annual Walkathon?
- ...Sr. Bernadette's preposition song?
- ...the year we had no student council?
- ...Otto, the crossing guard?
- ...our Malvern Retreats?
- ...our Hersey Park field trips?
- ...the traveling Mathletes?
- ...Mrs. Hughes's pumpkin patch?
- ... we used a compass to find our way back to St. Dorothy after Mrs. Poole's gym class?
- ... school closed for a whole week because of the Blizzard of '96!?
- ...we walked to the mailbox to mail our parents a valentine?
- ...Sister's time machine?
- ...the letter people?
- ...we had an optimist club?
- ...our class prophecy was that a big circus was coming to St. Dot's?
- ...Sr. Joe Anita used to say in sixth grade "God gives you 168 hours (7 x 24) each week so the least you could do is give him one hour back"? Contributed by John Sherlock, aka "Shoobie" ('79).
- ...Sr. Marie Edwards had us sing "John B. Sails," "Yelloooow Bird," and "I love the mountains... I love the rolling hills..."? Contributed by Eleanor, aka Bunny (nee Currie) Habicht ('81).

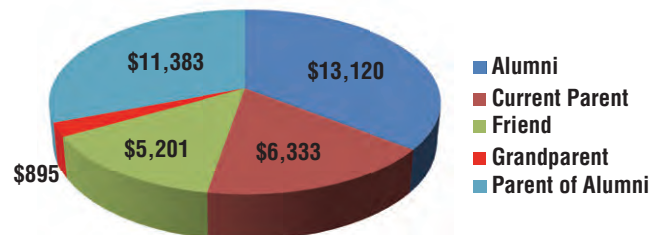
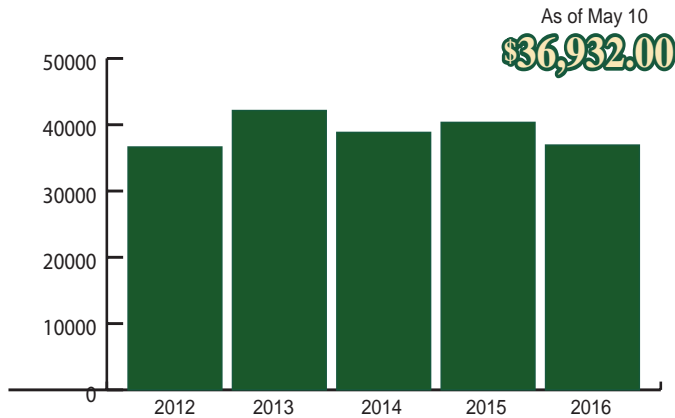
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# 2016 Annual Fund Update

The 2016 Annual Fund campaign began during Catholic Schools Week, and since then nearly \$37,000 has been collected. Thank you to all of our donors.

Annual Fund proceeds keep St. Dorothy School tuition affordable to families seeking a Catholic education and help provide an exceptional experience for our children. We need more help to meet our goal for 2016. If you have not yet donated, please use the enclosed envelope to make your contribution or donate online at [weblink.donorperfect.com/donatedots](http://weblink.donorperfect.com/donatedots).

All donations to the Annual Fund are tax deductible, and many employers will match donations to the school.



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