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FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR ST. DOMINIC COMMUNITY,



St. Dominic High School has been celebrating our students, families, and our entire community since 1929.

Established first as Assumption High School, our roots and our history of building disciples of Jesus Christ in the Dominican tradition of Prayer, Study, Community, and Service has been at the center of all we have done through our years in existence.

Building Disciples of Jesus Christ is both a beautiful and challenging mission that we live at St. Dominic High School. How does one help build a disciple of Jesus Christ? At St. Dominic we feel that it takes a community of believers to build a disciple. As a community we pray for, care for, and love for one another. Most importantly, we meet students where they are at in their faith life, and we are intentional in journeying with them in their faith experience. The outside world intrinsically and literally tells children that they do not need God in their lives. It exudes a message of self-gratification and self-promotion. We believe that in order build students into disciples of Jesus Christ we must first show them that

God is ever present in their life, he's there when times are difficult and when times are easy. Students are surrounded by the love of Jesus Christ in our community, and they are shown that God has a plan for them. This mission of building disciples of Jesus Christ is beautiful and so fulfilling. God is good.

Our community continues to grow in size, and deepen in relationship. We celebrate legacy families and we welcome new families into our community. At our core, we strive to be a welcoming community that cares for one another and grows with each other. To experience the support, care, and love of the St. Dominic community is such a blessing in my life and the lives of thousands of families.

I hope this issue of the Dominican provides you an inside look at the many great traditions, celebrations, honors, and most importantly families that make St. Dominic High School a very special community. It is through these many people and experiences that our students come to know Jesus Christ and they continue to develop into disciples. May God bless you and your loved ones this summer.. Please continue to keep St. Dominic in your prayers.

Educating with a Higher Purpose,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Welby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jim Welby, President

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Crusader Business Directory



Scan Me!
View the Crusader Family Directory Online!
Explore Crusader owned businesses from Auto,
Contracting, Finance, Health + Wellness and more!

Have you checked out the **Crusader Business Directory**?

This resource lists businesses owned by St. Dominic Alumni, current St. Dominic Parents, and more within our St. Dominic community! We are proud of our Crusader Families and the businesses that they own and operate. We hope you find this directory helpful, and we encourage you to support these family businesses, as they have supported us!



The Crusader Business Directory can be viewed on our website by visiting: www.stdominichs.org/about/businessdirectory. Or scan the QR Code above! Thank you for supporting our St. Dominic community!

Our Advancement Team has built this directory based on the information within our database. If you own a business that is not listed, please submit the online application linked on the Business Directory page for your inclusion. We will review your submission as soon as possible! All business submissions are reviewed prior to being included in the Business Directory to help ensure that the business aligns with the teachings of St. Dominic High School. We offer this directory as a service to our community without representing or endorsing any company in the business directory.



RCIA Class of 2023-24, who were welcomed into the Catholic Church. Pictured from Left to Right: Back Row: **Mrs. Rebecca McDonald - Science Teacher**, **Ms. Taylor Linville-Art Teacher**, **McKenzie Ashurst '24**, **Hunter Trigg '24**, **Timothy Denison '24**, **Harrison Wurdack '24**, and **Mrs. Nikki Schuler-Asst. Principal of Curriculum and Instruction**. Front Row: **Olivia Huddleston '25**, **Lulu Hawkins '25**, **Gracie Black '25**, **Ava Schwane '25**, and **Mia Kate Musick '24**. All candidates were guided through the RCIA classes & process by **Fr. Patrick Russell, VP of Mission and Identity**.

FORMING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

9 St. Dominic students and 3 faculty members received Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church during Easter All School Mass.

St. Dominic was so blessed to have an extraordinary last Mass of the year. Students, faculty, and family members got to witness Baptisms, first Holy Communion, Confirmations, and receptions into the Church. Some students and faculty made the choice to partake in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) through St. Dominic. It was beautiful to witness a group of people making that choice on their own to receive those sacraments.

This is the first year that St. Dominic has led their own RCIA program. It was really unique that everyone got to see all of these sacraments happen at their very own school. St. Dominic is so lucky to have Father Patrick Russell who received faculties to celebrate the Baptisms, Confirmations, First Communion, and receptions. No other schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis have their own priest on campus that can hold Mass and hear confessions every day.



“ I got Baptized, my First Communion, and Confirmed. It was beautiful being able to get my sacraments at the community that grew my faith. I am so thankful we were able to have this at St. Dominic. Following the plan God wanted

me to take and spending a lot of time in prayer helped me so much,” junior Olivia Huddleston said.

Olivia was one of two people that received the sacrament of Baptism during the Mass. It was moving seeing her receive these sacraments and to see the joy on her face afterwards. Olivia’s family also got to see her enter into the Church. Olivia is a true inspiration for anyone at St. Dominic who wants to be baptized in the Church.



“ RCIA was a very welcoming place to be, and I’m so thankful I got to go through it. It was really easy and made the process a lot less scary with the mentors, and people around me going through the same thing. I enjoyed asking questions and learning more about the Catholic Church and getting to know my Father. It was so rewarding mentally, and I would recommend it to anyone who’s even slightly considering it and to at least take a try at it because it’s worth it and super enjoyable,” junior Lulu Hawkins said.

Lulu had already been baptized previously in a different church, but decided she wanted to be initiated into the Catholic Church. She also received the sacrament of Holy Communion and Confirmation. Lulu had lots of

inspiration to receive these sacraments after attending St. Dominic's junior retreat, Kairos.

It was also amazing to see one of our very own staff members, English teacher Mrs. Marnatti, as her sponsor.

It is clear how all the teachers at St. Dominic, like Mrs. Marnatti, care so much about each and every one of their students and serve as true guides through Christ.



“ I would tell absolutely every single person who wants to go through RCIA to do it without a second thought. It seriously changed my life and was an experience that so many people should be able to have. It was so much more meaningful to go through it with the people I go to school with instead of going to a parish where I don't know anyone. I felt so loved from RCIA, and I would do it all over again hundreds of times if I could,” junior Ava Schwane said.

Ava did not get to receive Confirmation in her eighth grade year, but with the help of the St. Dominic community, she decided to partake in the fullness of this sacrament. You could see the overwhelming look of joy and happiness on Ava's face after she received the sacrament of Confirmation. She is an inspiration for anyone nervous about going through RCIA and is wanting to take the leap of faith to just go for it.



“ During my time at St. Dominic, I've learned a lot about Catholicism, and I've really come to terms with the fact that the Catholic Church was founded by Jesus and is his true intention for our faith. That being said, I felt the desire to become a part of the Church that was in Jesus' original plan and take part in Communion as he instructed us to. This past year I have felt a real yearning for the Eucharist, so it was definitely a special moment to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time and be formally welcomed into the Church,” Assistant Principal Mrs. Nikki Schuler said.

It was remarkable to see one of St. Dominic's very own faculty members being brought into the Church. Mrs. Schuler's faith life really started at St. Dominic, and she got to



Both **McKenzie Ashurst '24** (kneeling far left) and **Olivia Huddleston '25** (kneeling right) were baptized during the RCIA Mass.



RCIA members stand to be anointed with Chrism by **Fr. Patrick Russell** as a rite of Confirmation, alongside their sponsors. The St. Dominic student body and guests were able to witness this special moment for these 12 members of our community.

go through RCIA with people that helped her grow closer with God. Even before Mrs. Schuler was brought into the Church, students could find her at Empower Hour Mass and could see her faith being built up.

Being able to see all of these students and faculty receive the sacraments, really made the last all school Mass of the year at St. Dominic so incredibly impactful. It shows how courageous these people were to go through RCIA and make that decision on their own to receive the fullness of these sacraments. ■

Written by: **Will Dery '25**





Get to know an outstanding member of our SDHS faculty and staff!



As St. Dominic High School transitions into the 2024-2025 school year, one beloved member of its faculty will experience a major transition in her own career. With **Mrs. Suzie Mennemeier** retiring from her position on

the school's administrative staff, **Mrs. Trisha Goins** will be stepping into her role as **Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction**.

Class of 2024 member, Cameron Schwent sat down with Mrs. Goins and inquired about her thoughts and feelings towards her new position and what it will mean for her relationships with St. Dominic's students and teachers.

Q: How many years have you been teaching?

A: I have been teaching for 21 years, and 19 of those years have been at St. Dominic.

Q: Have you always taught English classes, or have you belonged to another department?

A: I have always taught English. When I was a middle school teacher, it was called "Communication Arts", but that was still considered English. Here at St. Dominic, it has always been English or English-adjacent. I teach freshman Honors Literature, and also the Speech and Film Studies electives.

Mrs. Trisha Goins has been a part of the St. Dominic community as a student, an alumni, a teacher, a parent and now steps into a new administrative roll this fall.

Join us in congratulating Mrs. Goins as our newest Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction!

Q: What is the new position you are stepping into, and what will it entail?

A: After serving St. Dominic for 20 years, Mrs. Mennemeier is retiring as Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction, and I will be taking her place. I will be focusing now more with teachers and supporting them throughout their instruction, instead of solely helping students.

Q: What are your feelings about the transition? Is it bittersweet for you?

A: Well, I am excited that I just graded possibly the last research paper I will ever grade! I think bittersweet is a good way to describe it. This is something that is very different for me and working with teenagers is much different than working with professional adults. I will miss the one-on-one relationship with students, but I am ready for the challenges of this new role.

Q: What are you looking most forward to in your new position?

A: As I transition from the role of teacher to Assistant Principal, I am most looking forward to helping our teachers grow in their craft. Our school has amazing teachers, and I am excited to support them as they continuously engage our students with new learning opportunities.

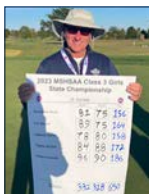
All of St. Dominic wishes the very best for Mrs. Goins as she turns the page to a new chapter of her career! ■

Written by: **Cameron Schwent '24**

DRIVING SUCCESS

OUR 2023 GIRLS GOLF TEAM TEE'D UP A VICTORY AT LAST FALL'S MSHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Saint Dominic Girls Golf team made history this past 2023 season by winning the Class 3 State Championship. This is the first ever Golf State Championship in St. Dominic's history. Their team effort and chemistry led them to everlasting memories and record-breaking performances. **Caitlyn Kennedy '24**, **Annabelle Bush '25**, **Lily Seydel '26**, **Isabella Daniel '26** and **Sophia Bezdek '27** were all part of this momentous event along with **Head Coach Dan Matusiak** and **Assistant Coach Cie Arell** who led them all season long.



This moment was well deserved for Coach Matusiak, who has been a lifelong educator and coach. He has coached golf at St. Dominic for over 15 years, alongside his Crusader teaching career. We are thrilled to have his name hung in the rafters of St. Dominic with this team State Championship win!

Assistant Coach Arell reflected over the team's accomplishment:



“ I was ecstatic when they won. They have been so resilient throughout the season and the state tournament. I could not have been prouder of this group.”

The State Championship was unlike any other. These girls were not only playing to win, but playing to make history. This two day tournament was full of stress, excitement and adrenaline. The first day was a little rocky with a team score of 332 points. This bump was not the end of the road. They came back the next day, fires blazing, and secured a team score of 318, making them the Class 3 2023 State Champions!



“ Winning State with my team was the best feeling. Everyone was very emotional and receiving the big trophy was validation that our hard work throughout the season was worth it,” Annabelle Bush '25 said.



Coach Dan Matusiak, Sophia Bezdek '27, Annabelle Bush '25, Caitlyn Kennedy '24, Isabella Daniel '26, Lily Seydel '26 and Assistant Coach Cie Arell pose with the Class 3 Girls Golf State Championship Trophy.



Left Image: Bella Daniel '26, Coach Dan Matusiak and Annabelle Bush '25 pose after being named to the All State Team. Right Image: The 2023 Varsity Girls Golf Team stands with the State Banner which was blessed at All School Mass. (From left to right: Coach Dan Matusiak, Emma Bland '24, Elaina Nieters '26, Sophia Bezdek '27, Caitlyn Kennedy '24, Annabelle Bush '25, Lily Seydel '26, Isabella Daniel '26, Elise Kehoe '24 and Assistant Coach Cie Arell.)



Throughout the whole season, these athletes showed consistency and talent. Bush was their leading scorer for State. She held her ground and did not get frazzled. Her overall score was 156. She set the tone for the rest of her teammates to follow which Bella Daniel did. She ended State with a score of 158. Both girls showed perseverance and grit and were named to the All State team.

Coach Matusiak and Coach Arell could not have been prouder of what their team accomplished. They worked these young ladies to be great, and they did not disappoint. When it got hard at times they pushed through and did not let any set back define them. ■

Written by: **Brytn Lyon '25**



Photo of the Steiniger Family taken on the Fall of 2022. Pictured left to right are: Matt '09 and Michelle (Turner) '09 Steiniger with their children: Colton, Madelyn, and Allyson, Mark '13 and Tiffany (Weaver) Steiniger, Ashley (Singer) and Andrew '11 Steiniger, Michael Steiniger '29, Dan Steiniger '16, Becky '85 and Mike Steiniger, and Tim Steiniger '18. (Not pictured is the newest grandchild: Andrew '11 and Ashley's son, Levi Steiniger).



CRUSADER FAMILY TREE

THE STEINIGER FAMILY

CRUSADER FAMILY TREE is a regular feature that profiles longtime St. Dominic and Assumption High School families, exploring how their roots intertwine with ours.

Mike and Becky '85 Steiniger have deep ties to the O'Fallon community. Their connection started at the O'Fallon Professional Building, where they first met. Becky worked in the building as a legal secretary, and Mike was an engineer. His secretary set the two up, and the rest is history! Mike and Becky celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary this past April! Together, they have six boys: **Matt '09, Andrew '11, Mark '13, Dan '16, Tim '18 and Michael '29 Steiniger.** The Steiniger family are proud parishioners of St. Paul Catholic Church.

Becky's father, Melvin "Mel" Schneider, is an alumni of the Assumption High School Class of 1945. After high school, Mel started a construction business, MelSchneider Construction, which helped build

the previous mentioned O'Fallon Professional Building. The family's roots in O'Fallon have contributed to the growth of the community. Becky mentioned that her grandfather, Leo, helped haul the quarry stones for the original Assumption Catholic Church.

Becky and Mike took over Kuesel Excavating at the time when there were only 5 tractors and a dump truck, and 5 employees. The main office was moved from St. Louis to O'Fallon, located across from the veterinarian



office on Main Street. Again, with strong ties to the community, Kuesel was a part of noteworthy construction projects in O'Fallon, including: City Hall, the new Assumption Catholic Church, and Dames Park.

Becky has seven siblings, all who are St. Dominic alumni as well, and all still live locally in the O'Fallon surrounding area, keeping the strong family ties growing. Becky's mother and father naturally chose to send their children to St. Dominic, for the quality Catholic education and to follow in Mel's footsteps.

Looking back at her experience as a high schooler at St. Dominic, Becky stated that her senior year was her favorite part of high school. Becky was a well-rounded student, involved in Chorus and Student Council. She

had the honor to serve as the senior class president, and participated in *The Sound of Music* her senior year. Becky's high school journey was marked by cherished memories and enduring friendships.

Mike was raised in North County, St. Louis, and was also fortunate to have received a Catholic education. Mike is an alumni of Rosary High School. Both Mike and Becky wanted the gift and experience of Catholic education to continue for their children.

When it came time to choose a high school for their boys, Mike and Becky knew without question that St. Dominic was the perfect choice. They watched their sons excel in their academics and athletic experiences, each members of sports teams and student organizations while at St. Dominic. Dan even served as senior class president, just like his mom. The Steinigers experienced firsthand the transformative power of a St. Dominic education for their sons who are now Crusader Alumni. All of the Steiniger boys share close friendships with many of their fellow Crusader classmates. They are witness to the strong community bond that St. Dominic gives.

Mike and Becky attest to the quality education and experience St. Dominic offers, from seeing tremendous results beyond their sons graduations. Mike and Becky love this Crusader community feeling, and shared how they felt it was so easy to get involved with the school community. Both have built lasting relationships through their experiences as St. Dominic parents throughout the years.

“Our biggest draw to St. Dominic was, and still is, the community. Our family has always felt welcomed. You can tell that the students there are accepted for who they are. St. Dominic provides inclusion, with a purpose, for their student body.”



Even as alumni-parents, Mike and Becky remained connected to St. Dominic, witnessing its growth and

development over the years. They are thrilled to see this same connection develop for their sons. **“It’s great to see how proud they are to be members of the St. Dominic Alumni community.”**

This past year, Dan spearheaded the inaugural Alumni Euchre Tournament, which resulted in a large turn-out and resounding success. Becky and Mike were very proud to watch Dan lead and manage this event from start to finish, seeing how dedicated he was to connecting the Crusader Alumni, while giving back to the St. Dominic community. From this success, the next Alumni Euchre Tournament should be a hit once again as it returns on January 11, 2025.

Today, Mike and Becky own Kuesel Excavating, which proudly serves all of St. Louis, while doing work in multiple states. The company’s roots are still tied to O’Fallon. Each project is done with pride and care for the surrounding community.

Many expansion projects at St. Dominic have been made possible with the help from Kuesel Excavating. The first being the development of the practice fields at the front of St. Dominic. In early years of the school’s history, this area was originally a hog farm. Today, these grass fields host boys and girls soccer, field hockey and lacrosse practices and games. These fields were dedicated to Mike’s mother, Pauline (McMorland) Steiniger†.

Mike stated that his favorite project was probably the Crusader Stadium build. **“It was great to work with fellow dedicated members of the Crusader Community, Chris Wilmes '77 and Tim Wies '78, who led the project. The stadium project I feel was the first step to the progression of St. Dominic, helping it shape into the campus it is today.”**

The Steiniger Family has helped keep the connections strong in the Crusader community. Through their support, they have helped transform St. Dominic into the school community it is today. Their unwavering dedication to St. Dominic High School has left an incredible mark on its legacy. ■

STEINIGER FAMILY TREE

Mike & Becky '85 Steiniger have had 5 out of their 6 sons attend St. Dominic, following in the footsteps of Becky, her siblings, and her father.

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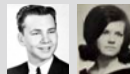
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1940



■ Melvin "Mel" Schneider '45

1960



■ Tom '64 & Laurie (Dierman) '66 Berry



■ Phyllis (Berry) Lachmann '68

1970



■ Steve '72 & Judy '72 (Keeven) Schneider

■ Mike '73 Schneider



■ John '76 & Terri (Ulmer) '77 Schneider

■ Karen (Schneider) Cross '79

1980



■ Becky (Schneider) Steiniger '85



■ Monica (Berry) Pagella '88

■ Amy (Schneider) O'Neill '89

1990



■ Mark Berry '91



■ Brad Schneider '94

■ Stephen Schneider Jr. '95

■ Andrea Schneider '96

■ Joe Schneider '97

2000



■ Jessica Schneider '00



■ Matt '09 & Michelle (Turner) '09 Steiniger

2010



■ Andrew Steiniger '11

■ Mark Steiniger '13

■ Dan Steiniger '16



■ Emma Pagella '17

■ Tim Steiniger '18

■ Jackson Pagella '19

2020

■ Future Crusader: Michael Steiniger '29



Snapshots of Crusaders from the Classes of 2024 and 2025 dancing the night away at **Junior-Senior Prom 2024: "Once Upon a Time"**.

Relive the magic of **PROM**

In every high school movie there seems to be that classic scene of the characters getting ready to go to Prom. Prom is almost a right of passage into the end of your high school years. Although it changes throughout the years, it usually is a magical night where teens wear their best and dance the night away.

One thing that most alumni and St. Dominic students can agree on is how Prom brings everyone together. Put all your differences aside and appreciate the moment where you dance with no hesitation and half the school beside you is doing the same.



“Dancing with people you are friends with and people who you may not know brings a sense of unity that really helps you appreciate your years at

St. Dominic,” **Class of 2019 Alumni and current St. Dominic Religion Teacher, Nick Bone**, said.

It isn't only a special event for the students, but also for the staff. Whether they'll be at the event or hearing the buzz from the students during the weeks prior gets everyone excited. There is always that exciting question of who will be crowned Prom queen and king each year.

One of our current English Teachers is also a 2018 Alum, and shares her memories of the excitement of being on Prom court.



“After I was crowned Prom Queen, Mrs. Schuler gave me a huge hug and told me how proud she was of me and that she can't wait to see where life takes me. This is a moment I will remember forever,” **Caitlin (Fleming) Marnatti '18** said.

One thing about Prom that is ever changing is the fashion. In 2024, the hottest Prom trends are either big poofy dresses that make you look like a supermodel or a floor length floral dress that you could wear to a Sunday brunch the next weekend. We see these trends resurfacing from years prior, such as the princess-ballgown dresses from the **year 2012**, compared to the shorter, flattering dresses from **1990s**.



“I love seeing everyone get all dressed up for the evening with so many different styles of dresses that make them feel like the best looking one in the room,” **senior Lisa Eigel** said.

Nods to the various eras of Prom fashion trends weren't the only trends that resurfaced though this year. Digital cameras in the past few years have made a big comeback. In the 2000's students brought their cameras to catch the best moments of Prom. Although students today have a camera built into their phone, they like the vintage look of the digital cameras so they bring them along too.



“All of my cameras that I have used were my moms, so I love using the cameras that she used for me to remember my childhood. I love bringing my digital camera with me everywhere because it allows me to capture the memories of my friends in such special moments that I know they will want to remember and I want to remember too,” senior Katie Mollett, daughter of Chrissy Mollett class of '88, said.

One thing that never goes out of style at St. Dominic is community. This event no matter the year is a great example of the loving community at St. Dominic. It shows how no matter your grades or extracurricular activities, we are still one home at the end of the day.



“I loved Prom because I got to see and hang out with peers I normally don't see! Dancing all together definitely brings people together,” junior Amelia Reeves said.

No matter what the dresses look like or the music played, the real importance of the night is the unity of the St. Dominic community. Prom is such an exciting tradition that will hopefully go on to bring people together for many years to come. ■

Written by: **Zoe Dake '24**



Prom Court members from Junior-Senior Prom 2024. Pictured from left to right: Mallory Allen '24, Daren Harper '24, Kaleigh McPherson '24, Jack Roppa '24, Ava Diebling '24, Will Maloney '24, Layna Hopper '24 and Carter Bergkoetter '24.

CRUSADER PROM: through the decades



Prom Court from Prom 1962.



Various members of Prom Court from the Prom of 1979.



Scenes from the dancefloor at Prom 1993.



Prom court of Prom 2004.

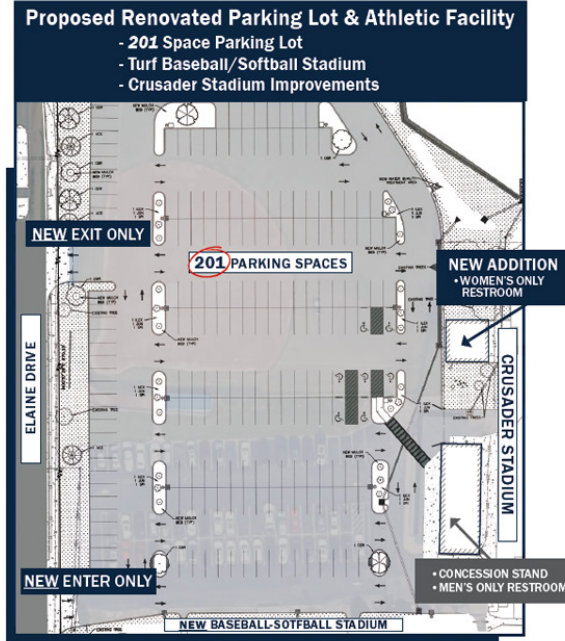
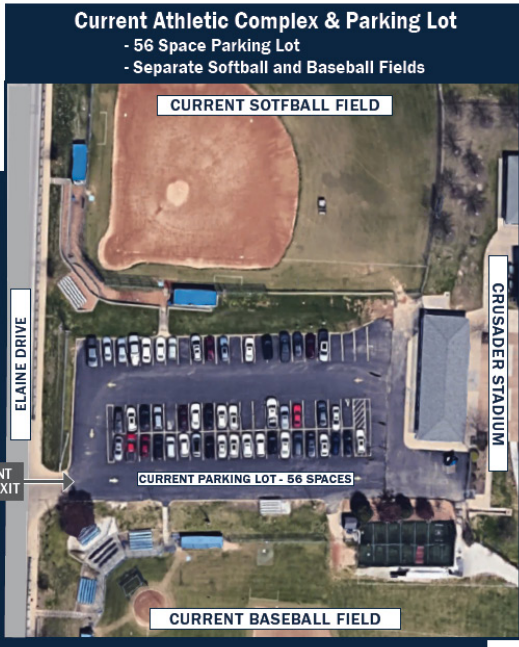


Popular ballgown dresses at the time of Prom 2012.

Coming Soon...

PARKING & ATHLETIC FACILITY INITIATIVE

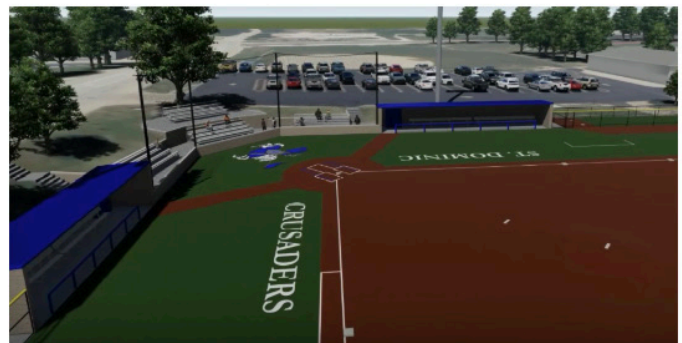
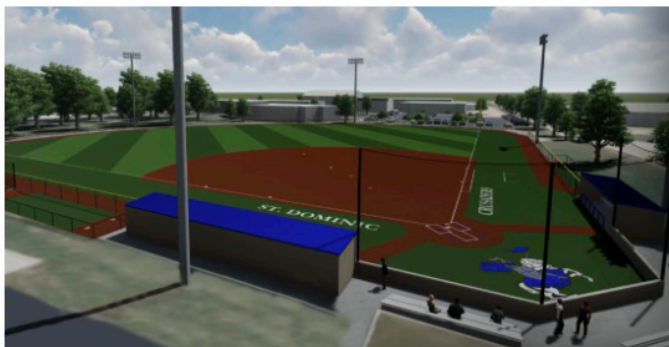
PHASE ONE: Expansion of our on-campus parking will be possible with the new stadium parking lot, holding 201 parking spaces. Improvements to Crusader Stadium include new stand-alone Women and Mens restrooms.



Driver safety will be greatly enhanced by creating a much safer flow of traffic for both student drivers and guests attending athletic events at Crusader Stadium and the new Baseball-Softball Stadium.

Phase One will be completed and ready for use by the start of school in August 2024.

PHASE TWO: Baseball-Softball Stadium Improvements, featuring a fully turfed playing surface and new stadium seating for guests. New dugouts and backstop netting, a new pressbox and sound system, new bullpens and batting cages are also included.

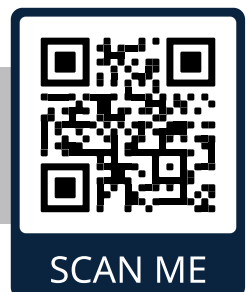


Both our baseball and softball teams have always been able to compete against other schools, but now our facilities can do the same.

Phase Two will be completed and ready for play by the start of baseball season in March 2025.

Your support today will impact St. Dominic High School Crusaders immediately!

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ESTATE PLANNING MASS AND BREAKFAST

October 9,
2024
9-11 am



Event Details include:

- Mass held in the Amy Dickherber Performing Arts Center
- Breakfast to follow, served in the Sr. Mary Bender Lobby
- Insights on Estate Planning - Learn from Financial Advisors within our Crusader Community!
- Learn about our St. Dominic Guzman Society and how you can preserve the future of our school with a planned gift




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"These, my much loved ones, are the bequests which I leave to you; have charity among yourselves and hold fast to humility"
- St. Dominic Guzman

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CLASS NOTES



Over 20 million people play soccer competitively, only 800,000 make their high school varsity team, 45,000 play in college, 3,600 play professionally, and 46 play for their country at the highest level. **Tim Ream '06** has checked all of these boxes.

Tim Ream has had many triumphs throughout his high school, collegiate, and professional soccer career. He was on the roster of the **US Men's National Team for the 2022 FIFA World Cup**, and again recently in this summer's **COPA America Tournament**. In February 2024, Tim Ream became an official member of the Class of 2024 inducted into the **SLU Billiken Hall of Fame**. What makes Tim stand out beyond his achievements, is his passion to give back. Tim helps direct the **Virtual Soccer Schools**, a foundation for mental health in the sport of soccer. VSS gives insight and advice to young teens who battle the stress of school and their sport.

Throughout the school year, our St. Dominic soccer programs have had the pleasure to sit in on a few VSS sessions. Former senior defender, Jacob Kenkel '24, shared his insight from one of these sessions, presented virtually by Ream himself.



“It helped me understand that it’s okay to have rough games, but the important part is how you respond in your next game. Keep your head up and stay confident in your abilities to play well.”

Tim bleeds blue. He shows it on the pitch every time he plays, he shows it in his character, and he shows it in the ways he gives back. We here at St. Dominic are glad that Tim calls this high school home. ■ Written by: **Cooper Smith '24**

Katie Joyce, Class of 2008, was named the **newest Warren County judge** by Missouri Governor Mike Parson. Katie was officially sworn in to her new role on the bench on December 4, 2024. Her installation ceremony was observed by several sitting and former judges, including Missouri Supreme Court Justice, Kelly Broniec. It was noted by Broniec that Katie Joyce always advocated for her clients, showed grace while still having tenacity, and also respected associate attorneys during her time serving as a lawyer. Joyce was praised for bringing these qualities to her new position at the bench.

During her ceremony, senior Judge Sutherland administered the oath of office. It was a special moment because “I have known him my entire life,” Joyce said. “[His family has] always been a wonderful support for my family and for me, and so I was very happy he was able to swear me in.”

Another special moment for Katie was receiving her judge’s robe from her father, retired Warrenton attorney Tim Joyce.

To conclude her installation ceremony, Katie shared these closing remarks: “I cannot say enough about all of the support I have always had from my family in this community, and I absolutely appreciate each and every one of you being here today,” Joyce said.

We congratulate Katie Joyce on this honor. It is exciting to see our St. Dominic Alumni serving within our Crusader community! ■



Top: Katie Joyce '08, Associate Circuit Judge for Warren County. **Bottom: Katie** poses with her parents, **Tim and Cheri Joyce**, after her installation ceremony. Photo credit: Warren County Record

CLASSES NOTES

Once a Crusader, always a Crusader

We are happy to celebrate our graduates' career, family and community news!

*Submissions are edited for space and clarity.

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Kathy (Vehige) Lause '87 was recently hired as the new principal for St. Theodore Catholic School for the 2024-25 school year. Kathy grew up in St. Charles and attended St. Joseph Cottleville for grade school. She has taught for 32 years, and is excited to join the St. Theodore family.

Kathy is a mother of six and enjoys living on her family's small hobby farm.



Darby Duncan '20 and **Cameron Peters '20**, St. Dominic High School sweethearts, were married this past June. Darby graduated Summa Cum Laude in May with degrees in Education and Social Studies from Missouri Baptist University. She will be back in her school halls this fall, teaching Social Studies and coaching cheer for St. Dominic!

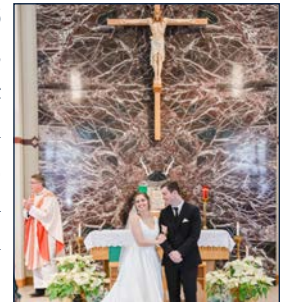


Katie (Schwendemann) LaVoie '07 has been a speech language pathologist since receiving her Master's degree from Rockhurst University in 2013. After 10 years of working as a SLP for the Fort Zumwalt school district, Katie is now the owner of her own private practice, **As We Speak**. Katie

provides pediatric speech & language services to children in St. Charles & Lincoln counties. Katie has won an ACES award from the American-Speech-Language-Hearing Association, which recognizes professionals who have demonstrated their commitment to lifelong learning. Katie thanks her teachers & coaches for instilling a love for learning during her time at St. Dominic!

Krista (Kessler) Dean '16

married her husband, Thomas Dean, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in February of 2023. Soon after, the couple moved to Normal, Illinois. Krista works as a dental hygienist and Thomas works as an actuary.



Caroline Bross '20 has been working at Boeing in the Air Dominance/Bombers & Fighters program for 2 years as a support coordinator.

She currently is a part of the support team for The F15 Eagle (pictured.) Caroline recently became engaged to fellow alum, **Thomas Kirgin '21!**

IN MEMORIAM

We pray for the repose of the souls of St. Dominic and Assumption High School alumni, and those who have remembered St. Dominic at their time of passing.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Please accept our condolences and apologies for any omissions. To report the passing of a graduate, please contact the advancement office at (636) 240-8303 ext. 122 or: jbross@stdominichs.org.

JULY 2023

Todd Barklage '81

AUGUST 2023

Ted Runge

Julia (Obrecht) Sigmund '57
Teresa (Kaltenbach) Zerr '88

SEPTEMBER 2023

Richard Anthony '68
Daniel Dickherber '78
William Godefroid Jr.
MaryAnn Henke
Pat (Huber) Luetkenhaus '63
Ferd Potthast
Bob Vehige '65

OCTOBER 2023

Ruth (Hemmer) Clukey '61
Jerry Dickherber '62
Ruth Heitkamp '71
Sam Slaid '20
Virginia (Reller) Thoele '48

NOVEMBER 2023

Jerry Luetkenhaus '65
Marge (Sachs) Orf '49

DECEMBER 2023

Mark Burkemper '74
Ann Filla '06
Lynne (Hayes) Kane '68

JANUARY 2024

Tom Burkemper '58
Charlie Eisenbath '58
Gerard Feldewerth '68
Jim Giesmann
David Rothermich '80
Jim Rottger '71

FEBRUARY 2024

Jim Eisenbath '56

MARCH 2024

Judith (Strunk) Finley '60
Deb Nangle
Richard Phillips '77

APRIL 2024

Rose Heiligenstein
Alvin Hunsel '65

MAY 2024

Gordon Hanneken '69
Tommy Hobday '89
Mary (Debrecht) Kelly '45
Bert Mueller '58
Rosemary (Moritz) Peery '75
Darlene Winkelmann

JUNE 2024

Patrick Burkemper '71
Elaine Harke '82

JULY 2024

Lambert Ebbesmeyer '56
Libby (Powers) Oswald '83

**Italicized names indicate family of our St. Dominic community who have asked to remember St. Dominic High School at their time of passing.*



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*May God the Father bless us, May God the Son heal us,
May God the Holy Spirit enlighten us. Give us eyes to see with, ears to hear with, and hands to do the work of God.
May He give us feet to walk with, and a mouth to preach His words of love and salvation.
May the angel of peace watch over us, and lead us at last by our Lord's gifts, to His eternal kingdom. Amen.
St. Dominic, Pray for us.*

Our students, faculty and staff begin each school day by saying the St. Dominic Blessing.
Know that we are praying for you daily.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/17 SDAA Cornhole Tournament
- 9/11 SDAA Crusader Classic Golf Tournament
- 9/20 Homecoming Alumni BBQ
- 10/6 Grandparents Day
- 10/12 Crusaderfest
- 10/25-27 Fall Theatre Production
- 11/9 PALS Dueling Pianos Night
- 11/22 Celebrity Waiter Scholarship Dinner
- 12/26-28 SDAA Hoff Heating & AC Christmas Basketball Tournament
- 1/11/25 Alumni Euchre Tournament

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