

# Delphos St. John's Alumni Association Newsletter



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## Updates from the High School Principal

By Don Huysman, Principal '66

It is hard to believe another school year is over. It was my pleasure to award 83 diplomas to a wonderful group of young people. This was the 90th graduating class from St. John's High School. They will be missed.

Eighty of these graduates will be going on to further schooling. Everyone in this class had passed all parts of the state required proficiency test before they started their senior year. This class was offered over two and a half million dollars in scholarships and grants for next year.

I am not sure how many of you are aware that Mr. John Gunder directed his 40th class play this year. He has decided that it will be his last but he has also decided to continue teaching. Next year will be his 40th year teaching at St. John's. It is a pleasure to announce that a scholarship has been established in his name thanks to the generosity of many of his friends and family.

Coach Brett Norris will also be leaving. He has accepted the head basketball coaching position at Hillard Darby near Columbus. Coach Norris was our Head Basketball Coach for 10 years and also served as Athletic Director and Assistant Principal for the last five years. We wish him and his family the best and thank him for his dedicated service to St. John's High School.

Our sophomore class took the new Ohio Graduation Test and although the results are not complete, we feel overall they did very well. The entire staff has worked very hard to prepare our students for the test and we continue to work on our curriculum as we adjust to the new state standards.

We are also wrapping up work on the year long accreditation process with the Ohio Catholic Schools Accrediting Association and we have received word that we have been accredited without warning for the past school

year by the North Central Association.

Our spring sports have had a tremendous season. Baseball ended the year with the best record we have had in many years. The girls track team was District Runner up and finished fourth at Regional and will send seven girls to participate in the State Tournament. The boys track team also finished fourth at Regionals and will send six athletes to the State Tournament.

I would like to take a moment and

wish each one of you and your families a safe and relaxing summer. Each one of you is an important part of St. John's High School. I know many of you continue to support St. John's financially and believe me it is greatly appreciated. We continue to have the lowest high school tuition in the Toledo Diocese and we are very proud of that fact. As I am sure you are aware cost continue to rise and we try to do everything we can to keep costs down and yet continue the great tradition of St. John's High School. God Bless Each One Of You!

## Alumni Dance

The St. John's Alumni Association will be offering fine dining and entertainment at the Knights of Columbus Hall on New Year's Eve this year.

Our Early Bird Special consists of a catered dinner featuring sirloin steak and chicken breast along with a tossed salad, red potatoes and vegetable. Coffee and soft drinks are also included in the \$15 per ticket price. A cash bar will also be available. Doors open at 5:00 with dinner served promptly at 5:30. We request our guests finish their dining by 7:00 so we can prepare for dinner/dance. There are a limited number of tickets for our Early Bird Special available.

Doors open for the New Year's Eve dinner/dance at 7:00 with dinner served at 7:45. Dinner consists of the same menu as the Early Bird Special and also includes draft beer, 7-7 and soft drinks. A cash bar will also be available. Sorry but NO CARRY-INS ARE PERMITTED. The New Year's Eve dance begins at 9:00 (lasting until 1:00am) featuring the local band Slow Five. Snacks, party hats and noisemakers will be provided during the evening and a champagne toast will celebrate the

coming of the New Year at midnight. Tickets for the catered dinner and New Year's Eve dance are \$30 each. Again, a limited number of tickets are available for the dinner/dance.

Tickets for both meals can be ordered with your Alumni Reply form or from Alumni officers and board members. Tickets can be ordered immediately but will not be mailed until November 1. Order your tickets early to assure your spot at our celebration.

## Newsletter Changes

As you've surely noticed, the newsletter format has changed, and for a couple reasons. First, our dues received have not kept up with the cost of publishing two newsletters, and second is our headlong leap into the age of the Internet. This new format, including using white paper, cuts our publication costs by nearly half but still allows us to print the same amount of information. Also, we will return to sending out only one newsletter per year, in the late summer. Information that we can't fit into one newsletter will be placed on the alumni website or, if budget allows, we'll add more pages to the newsletter. Additionally, we're working on a way to e-mail the newsletter to those who wish to receive it that way. This will further re-

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## St. John's Hall of Fame Class of 2005

The 2005 Class of the St. John's Alumni Hall of Fame has been selected. This year's inductees are:

*Professional Achievement:*

Dr. Joseph Scherger, Class of 1968

*Service to Mankind:*

Mike Wilson, Class of 1962

*Service to St. John's:*

Bob Arnzen, Class of 2000

*Athletic Achievement:*

Tom Nomina, Class of 1959

The induction ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 27 in the All Saint Build-

ing at St. John's. The day will begin with Mass in St. John's church at 11:30. Following Mass a free brunch will be held in the All Saints Building from 12:30-1:30. The Parish Foundation will give a short presentation at 1:30 immediately followed by the induction ceremony.

We have received a generous donation to cover the cost of this event so there is NO CHARGE for the brunch and induction ceremony. However we will need your RSVP's to plan the size of the brunch buffet. Simply indicate on your

Alumni Reply Form that you plan to attend the brunch and ceremony and how many will attend. Come and join us!! The Hall of Fame Committee continues to accept nominations for the St. John's Alumni Hall of Fame. If you have a friend or family member who should be included in the Hall of Fame, please let us know. Nominations can be sent to St. John's Alumni Association, PO Box 112, Delphos, OH 45833, e-mailed to [ebhy@wcoil.com](mailto:ebhy@wcoil.com) or a nomination form can be filled out on the St. John's Alumni website at [www.dsjalumni.org](http://www.dsjalumni.org).

# St. John's High School Graduates Remember

\*\*\* Several submissions by our alumni for the winter newsletter were misplaced and thus not included in the winter newsletter. They are being included in the summer newsletter and are indicated by a \*\*\*. The editor apologizes for the error.

I couldn't afford the basketball admission price so I took in tickets for free admission. Ruth Sherger Weisgerber, she taught second grade and then high school English. She could keep her students very interested, especially in high school English.

Velma (Brandehoff) Martin '36  
6074 Mad River Rd., Dayton, OH 45459-1508

\*\*\*1941 Class Play "Night of January 16th".  
Father Herr, who directed, never did understand why the guys laughed so hard at Private Eye Spike Flanagan's testimony about Bjorn Faulkner.

James "Sandy" Sendelbach '41  
10231 Country Acres Dr Ottawa, OH 45875  
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I remember being in Midnight Mass as an altar boy all through high school.

Bernard Landwehr '42  
6207 Egret Dr., Lakeland, FL 33809  
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Many good things but especially all the great Notre Dame sisters and Father Herr.

Mary Jeannette (Nolte) Menke '43  
927 Metbliss Delphos [mjmenke@earthlink.net](mailto:mjmenke@earthlink.net)

\*\*\*Our senior class play was Murder in a Nunnery. My part was to walk across the stage and scream. Catherine Hotz's costume was a nun's habit and Mary Lou Mueller took her picture holding a beer and cigarette. It was very risqué.

Jane (Weger) O'Connor '44  
3101 Castlerock Rd Oklahoma City, OK 73120

I enjoyed all four years of high school. Would love to hear from more of our classmates from the class of 1947.

Betty (Klier) Osting '47  
233 Suthoff St Delphos

\*\*\*My class of 1950 put on the class play "Sing Out Sweet Lord". I sang "I Wish I Was Single Again".

Eileen (Freund) Weber '50  
301 N Second St Coldwater, OH 45828  
[eweber@bright.net](mailto:eweber@bright.net)

The lighter and fun activities at school were band classes, athletics and gymnastics and some Friday night dances in the Little Theater.

Mary (Wrocklage) Kill '51  
454 S Main St Delphos

\*\*\*We could only go to the junior-senior prom with another junior or senior from our school only. What a bummer. How things have changed.  
Rosemary "Rosie" (Hesseling) Fortener '52  
11565 Bockey Rd., Delphos  
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We would sing for weddings on Saturday and get a candy bar.

Carol (Wiley) Hellman '52  
565 N Water St., Fort Jennings, OH 45844

I remember when we went to Celina for a tournament game. Cheerleaders went by car, not on the bus. Chuck Schmelzer's father drove us. It was a cold night so the heater was used. On the way home we hit a skunk. Need I say more? Whew!! Pepe Le Pew!!!  
Ginny (Etter) Buchanan '52  
89 E Business 83 Adams, TX 78516-9201

I remember the sock hops, the class plays and all our conversations, etc...

Carolyn (Gerschutz) Bock '60  
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[chock12542@msn.com](mailto:chock12542@msn.com)

Actually I have a tough time remembering yesterday- except the slumber party at Marie Buettner's when we danced down Rt. 66 at 2:00 in the morning.

Patricia (Kaverman) Eggeman '61  
1679 Tanglewood Ln Lima, OH 45805

We used to cruise around in Dan Harpster's '55 Studebaker. It burned more oil than gas.

Bill Brennan '63  
1027 Ridgeview Dr Inverness, IL 60010-5339

\*\*\*Being in marching band meant marching from school to the football field for every game. Plus we marched back to school after the game with the cheerleaders and students following us back. There would usually be a sock hop in the gym after that. Every time I see the band being bussed to the games now I think of how times have changed. The kids are missing out on a lot of fun though.

Linda (Kill) Hilvers '66  
27430 Rd Q-26 Fort Jennings, OH 45844  
[glpd@bright.net](mailto:glpd@bright.net)

\*\*\*John Gunder directed his first class play in 1966 "Carousel". What fun we had. John was a student at Ohio Northern. We performed on a round stage.

Russ and Kathy (Menke) Suever '66  
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After school everybody would work their way through town starting at Choo-Choo's, Reno's, Remlinger's, Si Powell's and Stallkamps, hitting all the soda fountains, the marshmallow peeps and cherry phosphates.

Charles Brinkman '67  
6847 JimJon Ct Cincinnati, OH 45248  
[cbrinkman3@cinci.rr.com](mailto:cbrinkman3@cinci.rr.com)

We started the first St. John's golf team at the Delphos Country Club in 1967. Is it still going?

Joseph Scherger '68  
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Del Mar, CA 92014 [jscherger@aol.com](mailto:jscherger@aol.com)

While walking home from school with Lana Kurtz and Patty Neumeier on the canal Patty fell through the ice. All she said was Cold!!! and ran home. We had to get her books out of the water.

Julie (Bruskotter) Fuerst '69  
911 N Pierce St., Delphos

\*\*\*How many fellas would hang out at my dad's gas station, Kaskel Super Service at the corner of Fourth and Main Streets? I hear that the stories were colorful and the pop machine five cents!! I remember how the drum cadence for the marching band (Bill Miller '70 and Steve Young '71 were great!) would echo as we went down Main St.  
Maureen (Kaskel) Wenger '71  
4036 Bookshore Dr., Lima, OH 45801  
[maureenw@wcoil.com](mailto:maureenw@wcoil.com)

During our class play "Girl Crazy", a gunshot went off in the tunnel. Next sound we heard was Mr. Gunder's footsteps. I am doing a lot of traveling with my job, taking advantage of the frequent flyer miles personally and for donation.  
Ronald Kimmet '73  
11982 Bockey Rd., Delphos  
[rkimmet@earthlink.net](mailto:rkimmet@earthlink.net)

Bonnie (Youngpeter) Meyer was a fixture both in school (phys. Ed., cheerleading, sporting events) and out (swimming and summer ball).

Elaine (Arnen) Sheehan '73  
7258 St. Thomas Ct., Toledo, OH 43617  
[easheehan@access Toledo.com](mailto:easheehan@access Toledo.com)

I painted my saddle shoes blue and gold for the state finals in 1973.

Steven A. Miller '73  
5785 Millwick Dr., Alpharetta, GA 30005  
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In the fourth grade we got to see Neil Armstrong land on the moon on tv.

Terrie J. (Trentman) Biddack '76  
834 W Skinner St., Delphos

Our whole freshman class got detention in the gym after school for stacking lockers. I still don't know who was responsible. Do you know who?? Maybe Kevin or Buge knows.

Amy (Schwinnen) Wehri '83  
333 W Second St., Delphos

We would get together at the Ebbeskotte clan's house (Roger and Ruth) for cards and pizzas. I remember class play practice for The Wiz, especially the day the rolling munchkins came flying across the stage and I had no idea what to do or say and Karen Kimmet covered for me. I was cracking up on the inside. Thank goodness J.G. was laughing too. I still believe and as the song went, "I've learned that we must look inside our hearts to find a world full of love, like yours, like mine... like home."

Beth "Dorothy" Kaskel '83  
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## Class Reunions

**Class of 1960** will have their 45th Reunion September 17, 2005 at The Bistro on Main Street in downtown Lima. For more information contact Bob Lause at 419-695-0690.

**Class of 1965** - August 27, 2005 - Delphos Country Club Contact Barb at [bbonifas@grgsc.org](mailto:bbonifas@grgsc.org)

**Class of 1990** - November 26, 2005 - Delphos Country Club - Contact Corey at [bjgclw44@wcoil.com](mailto:bjgclw44@wcoil.com)