HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 87th ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST

On November 4, 2007, almost 500 Burrs, family members and friends gathered to celebrate the 87th Annual Communion Breakfast. This annual affair again proved to be an excellent demonstration of our Catholic heritage, providing our members with an opportunity to publicly demonstrate our devotion to the Holy Eucharist. As always, it also enabled alums to socialize with friends while honoring fellow alumni and others who have contributed to West and the community at large.

This year, there were some unforeseen problems arranging for a principal celebrant, which caused some delay in the proceedings. The Association appreciates the patience of all in attendance with his perspective as President of West Catholic. This year’s ten honorees were selected from a very strong field of over thirty, well-qualified nominees, and included: George Light ’58 (William Mcgarvey Award); Ed McGinn ’48 (Golden Burr Award); John J. Gallagher ’58 (50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award); Harry Mirra ’52 (Brother G. John Owens Award); William McMackin ’62 (Brother Edwin Anselm Award); John Kraft ’57 (Brother D. Aloysius Award); David Joelin ’67 (Brother Martin Strickroth Award); Daniel P. Dorrian ’56 (Golden Burr Award); Peter McNamara ’77 (Golden Burr Award); and Martin Crothers ’83 (25th Anniversary Silver Burr Award).

The Communion Breakfast Committee (co-chairs Chris Martin ’60 and Fran Crowley ’77, Charles Lamb ’53, Ed McGarty ’52, Bob Mullin ’84 and Jay Sawyer ’59) would like to extend their thanks to the many well-qualified nominees, a strong field of over thirty, were selected from a very large.

Fund Campaign Begins

2008 Goal Set at $125,000

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., ’60

John J. Beck, ’59
John J. Beck, ’59 a Defensive specialist and major contributor to the 1959 Philadelphia Catholic League Basketball Championship for West Catholic High School, who now resides in the Lancaster PA area where he is the Controller for Lancaster Lincoln-Mercury, has accepted our offer to Co-Chair the ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN for 2008 with James A. (Jim) Donahue, ’63, who also has a connection to Defense, as the Director of Business Development for Defense Solutions, LLC in Washington DC. Jim resides in Churchville PA and like John, has a strong connection to the West Catholic Family, both men and their families think about WEST CATHOLIC, support their functions and respond when called upon. Both also

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Award Recipients proudly display their plaques of honor while guests Sr. Mary Bur, IHM, Tom DeFelice, Master of Ceremonies, and Brother Timothy Ahern, FSC look on.
The Communion Breakfast Committee is soliciting nominations for the awards to be presented at the 88th Annual Communion Breakfast on November 2, 2008.

The awards and criteria are as follows: 

- **Brother Edwin Anselm Award**: Honoree typically is a Christian Brother. 
- **Golden Burr Award**: Honoree typically is a Christian Brother. 
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- **Brother Edwin Anselm Award**: Honoree typically is a Christian Brother. 

Nominations Sought For Second Communion Breakfast Scholarship

Thanks to the generosity of everyone who contributed to the Offertory Collection at this year’s Communion Breakfast, the Alumni Association is pleased to announce the establishment of the Second Communion Breakfast Scholarship Fund. The purpose of the Fund is to provide scholarships for Catholic boys to attend West Catholic. The Communion Breakfast Scholarship funds are directed by the proceeds of the Offertory Collection received at the Communion Breakfast. 

The amount of the scholarship(s) available as a result of each year’s Communion Breakfast Offertory Collection will vary. This year’s Offertory Collection realized $3,620, which will be invested to fund one four-year scholarship ($1,000 per year) to a member of the incoming Freshman class at West Catholic.

All 8th grade boys who are members of Catholic parishes and who will attend West Catholic High School beginning in September 2008 are eligible for consideration for the Communion Breakfast Scholarship. The students need not be attending a Catholic high school as long as they are a member of a parish. Potential recipients may be nominated by their parents, school or parish. Members of Catholic parishes are eligible for consideration for the scholarship. More information concerning the awards can be obtained by calling the Alumni Office (215-387-8560) or visiting the website www.westcatholic.org. The Committee will keep nominations on file for future consideration. 

For more information please call the Alumni Office at 215-387-8650.

**The Alumni Association’s 25th Anniversary Silver Communion Breakfast Scholarship**

The purpose of the Breakfast Scholarship Fund is to provide scholarships for boys who wish to attend West Catholic. The Commission Breakfast Scholarship was awarded to Jordan Henry and Wilfred Frias-Coats.

Formed in 2007, the Alumni Association donated the proceeds of the Offertory Collection to the creation of a new scholarship fund, the Communion Breakfast Scholarship. The scholarship is designed to cover a portion of the tuition for any financially eligible student. Applications may be submitted by any member of the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association’s 25th Anniversary Silver Communion Breakfast Scholarship will be awarded to Jordan Henry and Wilfred Frias-Coats. Jordan attended West this year as a freshman; Wilfred is currently attending Lima School, where he received various honors. He is active as an altar server and involved in sports and other activities at West and at St. Rose. Frias is a sophomore at Lima High School. He is very active with the Hispanic Ministry at Divine Mercy Parish (the former Good Shepherd), where he regularly assists fellow Burr, Rev. Msgr. Vincent Walsh. Jordan and Wilfred were both highly recommended by their teachers and parish clergy. The Association wishes both Jordan and Wilfred well in their academic careers at West.

Information on how to nominate individuals for the next Communion Breakfast Scholarship can be found in the article titled “Nominations for the 25th Anniversary Silver Communion Breakfast Scholarship.”

SAVE THE DATE

FOR THE 88TH ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Join your friends and classmates at the Springfield Country Club on November 2, 2008!

The Alumni Association’s 88th Annual Mass and Communion Breakfast will return to the beautiful Springfield Country Club, on Springfield Road in Springfield, Delaware County. Mass will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the awards ceremony will be immediately following.

As in recent years, in addition to awards to other deserving alumni and members of the West Catholic community, members of our 25 and 50-year classes – the Classes of 1959 and 1984 – will be honored and will be involved in all aspects of the event. 

The Springfield Country Club, in addition to its elegance, is convenient to those living in Delaware County and adjacent counties and is easily accessible from I-76 (the Blue Route) and Route 1. It is located at 600 W. Sprout Road, Springfield, Delaware County. Parking is free.

All members of the Alumni Association are invited to participate in planning and organizing the 88th Communion Breakfast. If you have ideas on how to improve the Breakfast, or if you would like to be involved in organizing it, please contact the Communion Breakfast Committee by telephone (610-246-1020) or e-mail (president@westcatholicalumni.org).
The 12th Annual Alumni Soccer Game

The 12th Annual Alumni Soccer Game was held in October, 2007, featuring almost 40 current and former members of the West Catholic Men’s Soccer team. The game was held at West’s traditional field, Penrose Park (74th St. and Lindbergh Blvd.). Those present represent over 40 years of soccer, with alumni from the 1960’s through current graduates playing a tough fought game with current Varsity and Junior Varsity team members. To make it fair to all concerned, the teams were divided by even and odd graduation years. Many graduates showed off their skills to today’s players, while current team members demonstrated their own talent and abilities. As always, a fun time was had by all. Afterward, the alumni socialized at Hastings Tavern, spending several hours with friends while nursing aching muscles! Pictures from the event appear elsewhere in this edition of The Emissary.

Each year, the soccer alumni gather for fun and competition, getting a chance to show off talents they may not have used for many years! The games give the graduates a chance to catch up with friends while also giving current West Catholic players a sense of the strong and proud athletic tradition in which they are participating. This year’s game raised over $200, which will be used to purchase equipment for the 2008 West Catholic Men’s Soccer team.

We hope to see even more soccer alumni at the 13th annual game this fall (date to be determined). To be added to the mailing list for the Alumni Soccer Game, contact Coach Fran Crowley ’77 at president@westcatholicalumni.org.

West Catholic Alumni Participate in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade

On Sunday, March 9, 2008 West Catholic High School will enter a contingent for our second year in the Philadelphia St. Patrick’s Day Parade, and march from Broad and Washington to City Hall and up the JFK Parkway to 20th Street. Immediately following the parade, a lively Lunch and beverages will be available at a moderate price at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Springfield Pa. Please turn out and support a great Catholic Irish tradition. Marchers should report at 9 a.m. The assembly site in the Broad and Washington Streets area has not been assigned yet. This will be updated one week before the parade, giving the exact location. The parade should last until 2 p.m. Participants may avail themselves of bus transport- portation which will depart from the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19 West Baltimore Pike, Springfield Pa. Bus passengers should arrive between 8am and 9am to purchase tickets and board the bus for Broad and Washington Streets. The departure time is 9:15 am (approximate time). Parking is available at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Return Transportation to the Knights of Columbus Hall will be provided. (approx. 2pm) Limited Trolley Service will be available for Senior and Disabled persons for the parade route.

The cost will be: $10.00 for a hat and badge and $25.00 for Lunch, Beverages and transportation to and from the parade. For Bus Reservations contact Mike Henney, ’70 at 610-226-5791, Eleanor Galagher Armstrong, ’70 at 215-467-0981, or Jim Mulhern, ’60 at 610-353-3492. For further information visit the website (www.wc-stpatsparade.info).

The West Catholic St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee is seeking sponsors to help graduates participate in the activities. For those who can afford to help, $100.00 contribution is suggested. Please make checks payable to WC St. Patrick’s Day Parade, c/o F. McDonnell PO Box 364, Lower Gwynedd, Pa. 19436.

Emissary Advertisements

Starting with this issue, advertising in our annual Newsletter is now being accepted. Space is limited. If interested call the Alumni Office at 215-387-8560 or e-mail communications@westcatholicalumni.org
Scenes from Communion Breakfast Mass and Awards Ceremony

Brother Kevin Stanton, FSC ’56, Guest Speaker

‘58 Grads presenting gifts during Mass

Rev. John J. Dinda, ’51, Principal Celebrant

Faculty guests (left to right) Sister Janice Shaw, IHM, Sister Regina Kovalik, IHM, and Brother Patrick Cassidy, FSC

Tom Dorrian ’61, Alumni Association Past-President, selling chances for the Breakfast drawing.

(Left to right) Dr. Stephen Framil, cello, Patti Georges, piano, and Robert Rossi ’55, violin, provided music for the Mass and Meditation.

Alumni, family and friends attending the Mass
WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
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DINNER & AWARDS CEREMONY
SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2008
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Come and join with the 2008 Inductees, their families and classmates at the Annual WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATION! Cash Bar at 6:00 PM followed by Dinner at 7:00 PM. The Awards Ceremony will begin promptly at 8:00 PM. TICKETS are just $50.00 per person and arrangements can be made to accommodate full table purchases. This is yet another chance to get together with fellow classmates. All are welcome as the WEST CATHOLIC family gathers to recognize many of their best Athletes, Teams and Contributors.

The 2008 Cast includes the following Inductees:
FRANK DOOREY, ’35 Basketball & Track
MARY SCHRENIER RIZZO, ’45 Basketball
JOE MARKINS, ’51 Cross Country & Track
JOE SPRATT, ’55 Basketball
PAT WARD, ’52 Cross Country & Track
JOE GIFFORD, ’58 Baseball & Football
JACK HEE, ’70 Baseball & Football
1944 Boys’ Basketball Team

Also to be recognized will be the Five (5) MULLIVAN Sisters, who will be introduced for their 14 year contribution to the Women’s Basketball Program for the Lady Burrs at West Catholic...We hope you will plan to attend and look forward to seeing a great turn out for this wonderful night!

For additional Information regarding tickets or anything else please contact: GEORGE LIGHT at: 215-386-2244, Ext. 260 or via E-mail at: georgelight58@hotmail.com.

Your Support of this Special Night is appreciated. If you cannot attend please consider placing an AD in the souvenir program or purchasing a ticket or tickets for a student, Christian Brother or Nun wishing to attend on March 29th.

70th Anniversary Class of 1938
By Ed, Kerr, Jr, ’60

The great class of 1938 has contributed to West Catholic High School and the West Catholic Alumni Association in many ways over the years and we congratulate them on their upcoming Celebration of the 70th Anniversary.

Those graduates who are interested in attending a luncheon with fellow classmates are respectfully requested to contact Father Philip R. Barr, ’38 at 1040 Harmony Hill Road, Downingtown, PA at 1933-4008. Upon receipt of your note, Father will contact all who are interested and able to attend this Celebration of number 70! When you write to Father, please supply your Name, Address, Phone number and whether you require transportation to and from the lunch. Father would supply a phone number; however while still active in the community he is rarely home to receive calls.

MBS 8th Grade Reunion
A Reunion of the Eighth Grade, Class of 1946, Most Blessed Sacrament, Philadelphia, will be held on November 2, 2008.

For further information contact Joe O’Toole at (610) 284-7245 or JANDM282@comcast.net.

The Great West Catholic Class of 1960
by Bob McGovern

On November 14th, the class of 1960 held its final lunch of 2007 at the Llanerch CC. We had a great turn out of classmates, 40 to be exact. This was our largest turn out ever and I would not be surprised if more of our class mates show up for our next luncheon. Many more are beginning their second life as retirees.

Of the 40 classmates that attended 6 were new, one came from upstate Pennsylvania and another came from Virginia. It was good to see so many from our great class of 1960. Some of us look exactly like (we/they) did when we left West, but not everyone, so when you put on the name tags is when the hand shakes began with words like “wow” or “you sure have changed” or “I’d know you anywhere”. All in all it was great to see everyone, and as left all the guys said the same thing SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT WEST CATHOLIC CLASS OF 1960 LUNCH.

I want to also thank the manager at Llanerch CC, Sue Egan, as she too is a WEST grad, and our own classmate Allen Rogers who so graciously helped with the arrangements.

Our first lunch for 2008 will be held at Llanerch CC on May 21. If you are from the GREAT WC CLASS OF 1960, and want to part of or wish to find out more information please contact Bob McGovern at 610-583-4469 and leave a message. You may also see information on the West Catholic Alumni website–westcatholicalumni.org (about 1 month before the lunch).

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The Fabulous Fifties

By: Michael “Gerry” McGinn, ’52

Long before Tom Brokaw penned his best selling The Greatest Generation, Jim Savage documented the unprecedented achievements of West Catholic grad student athletes in his The Encyclopedia of the NCAA Basketball Tournament. The information collected in this article is based on the Savage tome and from collective memory of former West Catholic players.

This is an era that gave birth to the “Big Five” and featured such marquee players as Gola, Beck, Chamberlain, Hazzard, Wally Jones, Lear and Rodgers. It was a time when college recruiters crisscrossed each other via the subway or the “El” hounding high school coaches for their input. During the fifties, sixteen Division I & II colleges recruited at least 54 players who graduated from West Catholic. The highlight of the West Catholic tradition is the number of players who played in NCAA games in the 1950’s.

Fifteen Men of West representing eight colleges played in post-season games. The colleges and players are as follows:

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Some interesting “March Madness” tidbits:

Jack Sherry played varsity football in addition to scoring a total of 55 points during “March Madness” over two seasons for the Pittany Lions. Bob Devine scored 62 points in six games over two years for Notre Dame while his brother Jim leads all Burrs with nine wins and 160 points during two Post Season Tournaments. He had 58 points for Villanova in three games in 1955.

Charley Singley leads all Burrs with nine wins and 160 points during two Post Season Tournaments. Singley was selected ALL TOURNAMENT First Team as he and Tom Gola led the West Catholic Basketball Team at West Catholic High School, a team that saw nine of twelve varsity members recruited into Division I & II programs.

While players from West Catholic continued to excel after the 1950’s, this time frame is the one that set the stage for West Catholic Hoops to be remembered as it is today. What was it that made West Catholic so dominate during the 50’s? True, it was before district high schools spread to the suburbs; however, more Important was the fierce competition that defined “pick up” games in the Philadelphia school yards. On any evening or weekend throughout the summer, kids would look for “pick up” games at Sherwood, Good Shepherd, Mitchell, Finnegan Morton, 4th & Shunk and Kenny’s at the shore or play in the Narberth summer league “Pick Up” Games. Church, high school and college players with kids who were cut from varsity programs; even eighth graders. I remember Jimmy Boyle waiting in the Good Shepherd school yard with the hope of getting picked and playing against Ernie Beck or Paul Arizin. On rainy days, many of the creative players found their way into the Palies. Whether you were picked first, last, or you were passed over, all the kids from Philly held the same bragging rights. The Philadelphia Warriors held territorial rights to every school kid in the school yard; a legacy to be shared with your great grandchildren.

REMEMBERING A CHAMPION

BY: Members of the ’51 Class

Joe Merkins

We love West Catholic because something very important happened to us there. We mysteriously went from being grade school kids to being men. We found qualities we never knew we had, or even a person we never knew we were. Like Joe Merkins. He came to West, a scrappy eighth grader from St. Charles in Drexel Hill, hair hanging over his forehead, lost in the corridors, embarrassed at seeing the “giants” of the day. Ernie Beck and John Michels, in the locker room; blown away by the booming voices of the Christian Brothers who didn’t sound like the Sisters who had blessed our ears since we were just five or six years old.

Joe found himself on the track one day, interclass stuff. He won a race. Some time later, he was encouraged to try out for the team...Who me? Sure, you. We’ll tell you what to do, said Brother Luke (Chuck Tuppeny). Let’s try a few laps. You’ve got the makings of a distance runner. Try the half mile; then the mile. Let’s go to Fairmount Park, up the hill, down the hill, then over to Strawberry Mansion and back. Joe Merkins found himself keeping pace with Joe Watmuff and Frank Mannion. We both loved the “El” and we both loved the Philadelphia streets. Joe’s pace, his pushing, he began to win more crosscountry races. The skinny kid, quicker than most; faster than most had found something besides the track—himself—at West Catholic High School. He earned one Catholic League and two City cross-country titles. (He would have earned a second Catholic title but in senior year, during the title meet, he collapsed going around the Reservoir at 33rd Street and ended up in the hospital instead of where he was—in first place in the race). He tried the Track Team. There, with classmate Bill McGinn on his tail, he won both half and mile titles in the Catholic League. Joe set a new City mile record of 4:30.1 in 1951 and won both the mile and half mile races at the State Catholic Championships.

Joe Merkins loved West Catholic. He went on to LaSalle College, graduated, then worked on the West Coast for years until his death. He lived as he ran, a Champ. Joe Merkins, ‘51 will be honored posthumously at the West Catholic High School Sports Hall of Fame Dinner and Awards Presentation on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at the Ramada Inn Essington PA. We encourage all Loyal Burrs to attend and join in the Celebration as Joe and other worthy West Catholic High School athletes and the 1944 Boys Basketball Team are recognized.
Reflections
From the Past
West
Always in Transition

I was recently asked to comment on the changes at West over the years that I have been associated with West. I am not sure that this was asked of me because of my longevity or my insight. I am sure it was not due to my writing skill. I have struggled with this task since West has changed so much over the years. Each generation of graduates feels that their years at West were the best and any change could not be for the better. West has changed dramatically but so have most of the aspects of our lives. Nothing seems the same these days – for better or for worse. I decided that the easiest way to reflect on the past would have been to cite the many obvious changes that have occurred over the past 40 plus years. This would have been elementary, so I decided to see in what ways West has not changed over the years and take pride in my revelations.

West is still a beacon of hope and encouragement to its students. It has always taken pride in the fact that it provides an opportunity for future success for the families of South and West Philadelphia.

West still has the most active and fervent alumni and alumnae of any Philadelphia High School. These former graduates have been generous, supportive, and loyal over the years. They are the reasons that West is still a vital educational force in the lives of so many.

West still gives birth to that unique student – a student that learns to care about others, a student that feels the experience of attending West is a lifelong sense of pride and accomplishment. West graduates still have that camaraderie that is evident whenever they meet each other even if they graduated in different years.

And finally the teachers. West is still blessed with committed, caring, and competent Brothers, Sisters, Priests, Lay Men, and Lay Women. All of us who have passed through West have memories and stories of our experiences and the people that made them memorable. We can all recollect at least one remembrance of how a teacher made a difference. I have been fortunate to have been taught and have worked with some of the most talented, dedicated, and innovative teachers and administrators over my many years at West.

What makes West so special is its people; its students, teachers, and graduates. This is the heart and soul of West and it is the one constant that has resisted change. West will continue to change, as all institutions must, but its heart and soul will remain for all of us to be proud and this is why we can all continue to say “West is Best.”

Submitted by a graduate of the class of 1962 and a current teacher.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Francis X. Crowley, Esq. ’77
President
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Dear Fellow Alumni:

On behalf of the Alumni Association, I hope that everyone had a blessed Christmas 2007 and that, for you and your families, 2008 will be full of happiness, good health, peace and prosperity! As always, my wife Nancy (West Girls ’76) and I were fortunate to spend the holidays with family and friends – most of whom also are Burrs!

The start of each new year brings a sense of excitement, because of the opportunities and challenges that may lay ahead. This applies not only to individuals, but to associations and schools as well! Personally, I look forward to the opportunities (and challenges) of working with my fellow alumni, the administration of West Catholic and the entire West Catholic family to preserve and improve upon the West Catholic tradition.

The Association hopes to make 2008 one in which we make significant strides in serving our fellow alumni and to continue to pass on our tradition by providing even more support to the current school and its students. Among the goals we hope to achieve are:

Better communication with our fellow alumni by improving The Emissary and our website (www.westcatholicalumni.org) and by increased use of e-mail.

Increasing participation in our traditional events, such as the Communion Breakfast and Burrs at the Beach, sponsoring more events and working with other groups of alumni to support their efforts to organize events;

Increasing the monetary support for the school and its students; and

Greater outreach to our younger alumni to keep our organization strong and vibrant well into the future.

Once again, I invite and challenge every alumnus to become involved in the Alumni Association. The Board of Governors always is looking for new ideas to better serve our members through improved communications, more activities and other ideas. If you have any suggestions, comments or criticism, please contact me or any member of the Board of Governors, or I may also be contacted at my law office (215-569-5627), by cell phone (610-246-1020) or by e-mail (president@westcatholicalumni.org).

WEST IS BEST – and it is our responsibility to keep it that way!

St. John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us!
Live Jesus in our hearts, forever!

Francis X. Crowley, Esq. ’77
Alumni Association

CLASS Reunion Schedule

Only your Alumni Association office can provide your Reunion Committee with a current listing of your classmates—Call (215) 387-8560.

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