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88th COMMUNION BREAKFAST – NOV. 2, 2008

Join your friends and classmates once again at the Springfield Country Club

by Francis X. Crowley, '77

The Alumni Association is proud to sponsor its 88th Annual Communion Breakfast, which will be held again this year at the beautiful Springfield Country Club, on Springfield Road in Springfield, Delaware County. Mass will begin at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast and the awards ceremony will be immediately following. Ticket price has remained the same as last year – \$25.00 in advance or at the door.

Once again, deserving alumni of West Catholic will be honored for their many accomplishments and contributions to the school, the Alumni Association and society in general. Members of our 50 year

class – the Class of 1959 – will receive special awards and will be involved in various aspects of the Mass. Members of the Silver Anniversary Class – the Class of 1984 – also will be honored.

The Communion Breakfast Committee chose nine award winners to be honored from a large field of well-qualified nominees. Nominations were received from many members of the Alumni Association as well as from Board Members and from West Catholic.

The 2008 honorees are: Michael Ahearn '84; Joseph Collins '53; Gerard P. Darcy '59 (posthumously); Gerald Davis '59; James Magee '41; Keith Richardson '84; Jay Sawyer '59; Brother

Robert Schieler, FSC '68; and Dr. David C. Thomas '81. Articles on each award winner are featured elsewhere in this edition.

Our Principal Celebrant and Homilist will be the Reverend George Hagenbach; Father Hagenbach is a member of the Class of 1944. All priest-alumni are invited to serve as concelebrants for this special occasion. Special arrangements are being made to provide a beautiful musical program for the liturgy.

Our Master of Ceremonies will be Steve Tulli '84. Steve performed the same duties at several past Communion Breakfasts and is pleased to do so again this year since his class is this year's Silver Anniversary

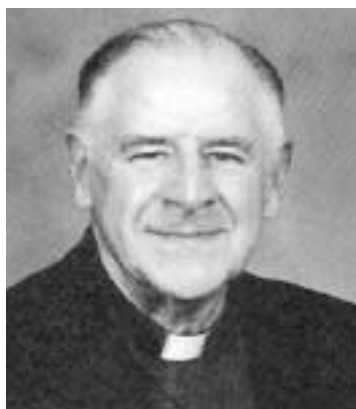
Class and several classmates will be honored at the Breakfast.

All activities on November 2nd will take place at the Springfield Country Club. Because of the large attendance last year, the Mass will be celebrated in a separate, larger room within the Club in recognition of the solemnity of the occasion. All proceeds from the Offertory Collection will be used for the Communion Breakfast Scholarship fund to benefit Catholic students who wish to attend West Catholic.

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-476 (the Blue Route) and Route 1. It is located at 400 W. Sproul Road, Springfield, Delaware County. Parking is free.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the Alumni Office at 215-387-8560. Tickets may also be purchased by mail or at the door. Please use the order form printed on page 5.

Reverend George Hagenbach '44 Will Be This Year's Principal Celebrant and Homilist



Father George Hagenbach, from the West Catholic Class of 1944, will be the principal celebrant and homilist for the 88th Communion Breakfast Mass. All other Priest Alumni are invited to concelebrate the Mass.

Father Hagenbach hails from St. Laurence Parish in Upper Darby and has devoted many years to serving the members of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. After graduating the parish elementary school, Father made the trek each day to 49th & Chestnut Streets. Although he has many fond memories of his West Catholic days, Father particularly recalls Brother Francis leading the students in the

Hail Mary at each assembly, for the intention of vocations to the Brothers and to the Priesthood. Recently, Father commented on how powerful that inspiration was since, for many years, West Catholic led all archdiocesan schools in the number of graduates pursuing religious vocations!

In the Spring of 1944, Father Hagenbach enlisted in the United States Navy, to take effect upon his graduation. The Class of 1944 graduated on June 5 – one day before D-Day! Immediately upon entering the Navy, the young George Hagenbach was assigned to the V-12 program for Officer Training and assigned to attend classes at Swarthmore College on an accelerated basis (three terms per year). As World War II wound down, Father Hagenbach was given the opportunity by the Navy to complete his education at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1947 with a Bachelors Degree in Math. He was commis-

sioned as an Ensign and immediately transferred to the Naval Reserve.

Father then followed his vocation to the Priesthood, entering St. Charles Seminary in 1947, with ordination occurring in 1954. Since then, he has served in Puerto Rico; as a curate at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul; and as an assistant at St. Louis (Yeadon), Our Lady of Good Counsel (Southampton), Assumption (Feasterville) and St. Bernard (Philadelphia). Father served as Pastor of St. Monica's Parish (Berwyn) for almost 20 years! While there, he presided over the rebuilding of the parish church after a devastating fire in the early 1990's. Currently, Father resides at Villa St. Joseph (Darby) and celebrates Mass each weekend at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Milmont, Delaware County.

Father Hagenbach is looking forward to celebrating Mass with his fellow Priest Alumni and for his classmates and many, many loyal Alumni.



John Beck, '59



Jim Donahue, '73

Co-Chairmen John Beck, '59 and Jim Donahue, '63 are delighted to report that the 2008 Annual Fund Campaign **has gone over \$100,000**. Nearly 1300 donations were received from the alums. On behalf of the Alumni Association, John & Jim thank all who participated in any way to make this a successful year. We appreciate each and every donation. Your kindness and generosity were again recognized during the celebration of Holy Mass at the Opening Meeting for the Alumni Association in September.

THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SERVICE AWARDS DINNER

Honoring Eleven Jubilarians
For service ranging from 25 years to 70 years
including

West Catholic Alumnus
Brother Robert Schieler, FSC '68
General Councillor - Rome

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Saturday, October 25, 2008 at 6:30 pm
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For more information concerning tickets or sponsorship opportunities, please call:

Brother Kevin Stanton, FSC - 301-210-7444

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George Light '58 - 215-386-2244

Alumni Association Award Recipients



MICHAEL AHERN '84
25TH ANNIVERSARY
SILVER BURR AWARD

Mike, known by many as Muscles, was a true student-athlete while at West, achieving both in the class room, on the football field and in other extracurricular activities. A starter for the Varsity Football team, Mike also was on West's track team and participated in CSC and Matheletes.

After West, Mike pursued his studies at Widener University. Since then, Mike has parlayed his life-long interest in sports into a very successful career with Global Spectrum (an affiliate of Comcast Spectacor). Currently, Mike is the Vice President of Operations for Global Spectrum. Over the years, he has been involved with management and operations of many high profile national and international sports events,

Mike proudly recalls his West Catholic years, especially his teammates on the football team, which he fondly remembers as "a core group of guys who never quit and battled in every game". He has coached football at West and at other schools and always has been an avid supporter of the Burrs.



JOE COLLINS '53
BROTHER G. JOHN
OWENS AWARD

Joe recalls that "West Catholic came into my life when I really needed direction". He credits Brother G. John "for turning me around and heading me in the right direction." While at West, Joe was a member of the City Champion Cross Country Team and held the #2 ranking on the Tennis Team. Joe remembers Brother F. Leo as his favorite teacher and Physics as his favorite class, while admitting that Geometry was his least favorite. Highlights of his West Catholic years were the Basketball Team's victory over Overbrook for the City Championship, and his own victory over the no. 2 tennis player from The Hill School!

After graduating West Catholic, he attended Villanova University, receiving his degree in 1957. Joe and his wife, Susanne, have been married for 42 years and have five children. He had a distinguished career in the United States Marine Corps, earning the rank of Captain.

He has been a great benefactor to West Catholic.



GERARD DARCY '58
50TH ANNIVERSARY
GOLDEN BURR AWARD
(Posthumously)

Jerry Darcy was a leader both while at West and in the years after his graduation. He was elected Class President and was very proud that he convinced the administration to move the Junior Prom out of the school gym and to a hotel! In addition to Student Council, Jerry participated in intramural sports (particularly basketball), Yearbook and Men's Cheerleading. Jerry's wife, Eileen, reports that his favorite teachers were Brother D. Patrick and Brother Gerald Joseph. When asked about Jerry's least favorite class, Eileen responded: "According to Jerry, there was nothing bad about West Catholic!"

After West, Jerry started a career as an accountant with M. A. Bruder & Sons, and moved on to the IRS in 1967. That same year, Jerry received his degree from St. Joseph's University.

Jerry remained very active in the leadership of the Class of 1959. After his death, the class named their luncheons in his honor!



GERALD DAVIS '59
50TH ANNIVERSARY
GOLDEN BURR AWARD

Jerry Davis greatly appreciates his education at West Catholic. Although an after school job prevented him from playing sports, Jerry participated in the Blessed Martin De Porres Society. He recalls Brother Patrick Ellis as his favorite teacher and fondly remembers the lunch time walks around the campus, as well as good friends like Zach Lingham, Mike Mullen and the late Jim Boyle.

He graduated from LaSalle University in 1963. He served in the United States Marine Corps, and was employed by Arco Chemical Co. and Sunoco, Inc. He currently serves on the Boards of the Philadelphia Gas Works and Neumann College.

Jerry would like to give "special thanks to the religious and lay persons who have committed their lives to God's mission and excellence in education." To his classmates, Jerry states, "The unrivaled legacy of West Catholic must always continue through our steadfast support. We have been blessed to be able to be called a 'Brothers boy'."



JIM MAGEE '41
BROTHER D. ALOYSIUS
AWARD

Jim (magoo) Magee spent an active four years at West, rowing for the Crew Team and participating in various student activities. He fondly recalls all West Catholic sports and "walking around the track." His favorite teachers included Brothers Anthony and F. Martin.

After graduation, Jim engaged in a variety of careers – working for Bell Telephone, owning a beer distributorship and spending 25 years as a Smith Corona merchant. Jim also was a member of the Phila. Marine Trade Association and had a career in real estate. He and his wife, Eve (now deceased), have five children, fourteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren! Jim is proud of his military service and will always remember his audience with Pope Pius XII.

Many West Alumni know him from two of his most favored activities – Our Lady of Fatima CYO and Burrs at the Beach. For his many contributions, he was awarded the CYO's Lifetime Achievement Award.



KEITH RICHARDSON '84
25TH ANNIVERSARY
SILVER BURR AWARD

A distinguished member of the Silver Anniversary Class, Keith Richardson recalls Mr. Clayton as his favorite teacher and History as his favorite class. Keith has fond memories of many classes with good friends Aaron Thomas, Trevor Williams and Bill Burnett; the Senior Prom and Friday night basketball games.

After graduation, Keith earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Duquesne University in 1988; he received his MBA from Eastern College in 1999. Keith and his wife, DeAndrea have a daughter, Joy, and are expecting their second child!

Keith has devoted his career to public service. Keith spent over four years with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Department of Revenue as Director of the Bureau of Compliance in Harrisburg, Mayor Michael Nutter appointed him as the Revenue Commissioner for the city earlier this year.

Keith is dedicated to West and urges all to support West Catholic to enable it to be "the premier Catholic High School in the City!"



JAY SAWYER '59
WILLIAM H. MCGARVEY
AWARD

Jay Sawyer was an accomplished athlete while a student at West – swimming for four years, running track and participating in intramural sports. Like many others, he recalls many walks around the track at lunch with good friends such as Tom Hare, Herb Magee, Pete Davisson and Paul Crunkleton. Jay enjoyed his Math classes but readily admits that his least favorite class was English!

After West, Jay served in the United States Army (as a firefighter) and graduated from the Philadelphia Fire Academy. Jay devoted 28 years to the residents of Philadelphia as a member of the Philadelphia Fire Department. Jay and his wife, Carmella, are proud of their two sons (John and David), two granddaughters (Emerson and Peyton) and two grandsons (Johnny and Joey). Jay gives special thanks to all of the wonderful teachers and Christian Brothers.

For his innumerable contributions to the Alumni and to the School, Jay has been inducted into the School's Hall of Fame.

Additional biographical details on all Award Recipients will appear in the Souvenir Program distributed at the Breakfast



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BRO. ROBERT SCHIELER '68
BROTHER EDWIN
ANSELM AWARD

Brother Bob recalls many highlights from his years at West Catholic, especially the Catholic League and City Championships in Football. He also fondly remembers many good friends, Bob Antes, Mike Malloy, Bill Wysoski, Bill Tinney, Rick Spires and Gene Volpe.

Since leaving West, Brother Bob has had a long and illustrious career dedicated to serving others as a member of the Christian Brothers. Currently, Brother Bob is the General Councilor for the United States and Canada and serves on the International Council of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

He also has had many teaching and other positions. One of the highlights of his career was the 11 years he serves as a missionary in the Philippines.

His academic accomplishments include a BA from LaSalle University, a MA from Notre Dame University and an Ed.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. However, he is proud to remind his classmates that "we received a great education at West and it's great to be able to give back!"



DR. DAVID THOMAS '81
BISHOP MCCORT AWARD

Hailing from a family of many West alumni and alumnae, Dr. Thomas used the values instilled by the Christian Brothers as the foundation for a very successful career in medicine dedicated to helping others.

Graduating from West in 1981, David pursued his undergraduate education at Boston College, receiving his degree in 1985, and then furthered his education at Tufts University. He attended Hahnemann University School of Medicine, graduating in 1991. David now practices medicine at the prestigious Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City. He recently lectured at an international medical conference in Prague and has appeared as a medical contributor on the Today Show.

Throughout his career, David has exemplified the spirit of service inculcated by his West Catholic education. While in medical school, he served in missions in Haiti and Guatemala.

Dr. Thomas truly has combined a success in the medical profession with a commitment to providing service to those in need!

West Catholic Boys High School Class of 1958 Celebrates 50th Golden Reunion by John Gallagher, '58

There was a wonderfully large, energetic, and enthusiastic turnout this past May 16, 17, 18, 2008 historic weekend gathering. Most of our grads brought their spouses or significant others....and in one case a future fiancée and EVERYONE enjoyed the camaraderie freely joined by all. There were NO strangers once we were finally "face to face". We were also happy to renew acquaintances with our guests from back then.....

- Monsignor James E. King (formerly our Brother F. Azarias) Celebrant of our Sunday Reunion Mass and Liturgy
 - Reverend Richard J. McAndrews '58 con-celebrant at our Mass
 - Brother F. Gregory Cavalier
 - Brother Gerald John – "German John" (who is now Mr. Tom Wallace – also had his wife, Helen, in attendance).
 - Brother Steven Casale '58
 - Brother Lawrence Dempsey '58
 - Deacon John DuBois '58
 - Brother Tim Ahern
- There were many events on the program.
- The Friday golf outing (which was "not to be" due to inclement weather)
 - The Friday Evening WELCOME RECEPTION where most of us, dressed casually, enjoyed Philly Cheese Steaks, TastyKakes, Philly Pretzels, etc. A wonderful time for basic "introductions".
 - The Saturday morning tour of BOTH the current and past facilities known as "West Catholic". Remember to view the MANY pictures on our web site. <http://www.goldenburrs-1958.com>.
 - A Saturday afternoon excursion to Harrah's Casino.
 - The Saturday Evening GALA DINNER DANCE where we enjoyed fantastic food and '50's music and dancing.
 - The BEAUTIFUL Sunday morning liturgy of the Mass with over 100 in the congregation who also enjoyed a fantastic BRUNCH immediately afterwards.
 - Let's not forget the Hospitality Suite for 2 nights, which stayed crowded with noise, good humor, and general "sharings" until the wee hours.
 - **And the CROWN JEWEL of our Golden Reunion was the presentation to Brother Tim of our donation check of \$13,000 in the name of our "Class of 1958 Tuition Assistance Program" WHICH HAS NOW GROWN TO \$25,000.**



Pictured l to r: Reunion Committee. Front Row: John Staiber, Frank Metzler, Jim Clark, Rich Buzza, Bill Marella. Second Row: John Gallagher, Frank Adolf, George Light, Jim Lynch (Missing from the photo: Jim Prendergast and Jim Hornig)



Reunion Co-Chairs Frank Adolf and Richard Buzza present Class Gift Check to Brother Tim Ahern, President of West Catholic High School.

McAneney Football Field Dedication by Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

During the years 1952-1956 West Catholic High School football had some very good players; however after the Championship season of 1951, West Catholic football teams were not as competitive. The fall of 1957 brought Coach Vince McAneney and his staff to 49th & Chestnut Sts. and the football team would again begin to be competitive and respected. While Vince would serve West Catholic High School for seven years...it seemed much longer, due largely to the connection he made with his players, faculty and the Alumni at West Catholic. He brought a unique spirit that touched all of us and continues each time we are in his company.

Following the West Catholic years, Coach moved across the river to Cherry Hill High School and eventually Pennsauken High School. This same Pennsauken High School celebrated Vince McAneney Day on September 13, 2008 with a Dedication Ceremony to officially name their football field *Vince McAneney Football Field*. Several former West Catholic players and fans attended the Ceremony at 11:00 AM, followed by a game and Reception held at Savoy Caterers on Route 73 across from the field. Our sincere congratulations to Coach Vince McAneney on this wonderful honor which is well deserved!

James J. Coyne '74 Receives Award

A present member and past president of the West Catholic Alumni Association Board of Governors, Jim received the Clifford E. Prodehl Award from the Notre Dame Club of Philadelphia. This honor, the highest bestowed by the club, was awarded on June 12, 2008 at the club's meeting in Springfield, PA.

He received this honor in recognition of his many years of dedicated service and hard work to improve the club and spread the fame of Notre Dame. This included acting as club secretary and being a member of the Alumni Schools Committee.

In addition to honoring Jim the guest speaker for the meeting was Fr. John McDonald, C.S.C., Associate Vice President and Counselor to the President of Notre Dame University.

After graduation from West in 1974, Jim attended Notre Dame and received a BA degree in 1978. Currently, and for the past 15 years, he has been a teacher at Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield.

Class of 1943 Holds Reunion To Celebrate Their 65th by Cliff Edgcumbe, '43



Pictured l to R: Joe Walsh, Joanne Walsh, Ed O'Halloran (back to camera), Brother Tim Ahern, at the 65th Reunion of the Class of 1943.

The Great Class of 1943 held their 65th Reunion on June 6, 2008 at the Llanerch Country Club in Havertown, PA. A total of forty-two attended. Our honored guest was Brother Tim Ahern, President of West Catholic High School, who we always enjoy at our get-togethers. The reunion committee consisted of Harry Helms, Cliff Edgcumbe and Dan Comly.

The Reunion date of June 6 is quite significant. It was June 6, 1943 that the Class of 1943 graduated from West. Exactly twelve months later on June 6, 1944 D-Day took place when the Allies invaded Normandy, France. Some of our classmates took part. Many of our classmates were scattered around the globe in the Army, Navy and Marines. Father Joseph Miele, '43 was right there on the spot. He was an Electricians Mate in the U.S. Navy on the heavy cruiser U.S.S. Augusta just off Omaha Beach. The Augusta

had a very important passenger on board – General Omar Bradley in charge of the American ground forces.

Just before our luncheon, Father Joe said Mass for his classmates. It was a remarkable experience having Father Joe offer Holy Mass exactly 64 years to the day after being in the mission of Normandy and 65 years to the day since graduating from West Catholic.

The BURRS of 1943 are now in their 80's. When they were reminded their average age is two years older than the Pope a decided groan was heard throughout the room.

Brother Tim spoke and brought us up to date with all the many good happenings at West Catholic High School. The Reunion closed with a rousing, spirited rendition of our school song. Everyone left with a big smile and a very warm feeling of BURR pride.

West Catholic Class of 1960 Luncheon by James Nolan, '60



Pictured l to r: Fran Houghton, John McMurrough, Fran Hanson, Phil Pfaffman, Bill Bramble, and Frank Mummert.

My first time

What a great get-together!

It has been a long time since June 10, 1960!!! Many of us have taken different and varied paths.... and unfortunately many have not been able, for several reasons, to keep in touch.

At the urging of Frank Magee & Bob McGovern I decided to attend the Great West Catholic class of 1960 luncheon celebrated on May 21, 2008, at the Llanerch Country Club... All I can say is that it was an awesome experience. By the way, this was the first luncheon I had the privilege to attend.

It really seemed like, in

many aspects, that I went back 48 years...the guys were overwhelmingly friendly, outgoing...and accommodating...just like the old days!!

I am very glad I attended...and urge you other classmates who have not attended these get-togethers to please plan on coming to the next luncheon. Everyone I am sure, will be extremely glad to see you. We can catch up on each other's comings and goings.

The next luncheon is scheduled for November 19, 2008 at Llanerch CC. For more information please contact Bob McGovern at 610.583.4469 or email to bob1mac1@verizon.net.

Another Successful Burrs at the Beach At Westy's Irish Pub

by Tom Dorrian, '61

On Sunday July 13, 2008 approximately 1700 alumni, alumnae and friends of West Catholic converged at Westy's Irish Pub in North Wildwood N. J. to celebrate the 21st all class Burrs at the Beach reunion. Once again the weather co-operated and provided us with a beautiful warm sunny day.

It started with Fr. John Hand, class of 1984, celebrating Mass at 11:15 AM. By the way, this Mass is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Father John once again asked for God's blessing for great weather and a successful and safe affair. The doors opened at noon and the day was on. By 1:00 PM the celebration was in full swing. We do know that we lost some supporters due to the high cost of gas but once again Burrs at the Beach 2008 was another great success.

Again our hosts, Art and Peg West, welcomed the West Catholic family to their warm, friendly and comfortable Pub. I know that everyone who has ever attended the last 3 B@B at Westy's Irish Pub agrees it is the perfect venue for our event. They and their friendly staff provided us with all the amenities of home. The beverages were cold and reasonably priced. The food was hot, tasty and plentiful and the service was outstanding.

The bars and food stations were strategically placed throughout the spacious Pub. As I have in the last two years I once again received accolades about the easy no-wait

access to bars and food stations. We even had salads and fruit for those of you who are vegetarians.

DJ Jerry Smith once again satisfied every one's taste in music by spinning records from the 40's to current sounds. It appeared that everyone in attendance danced at least once as the dance floor was packed all day.

This year's 50/50 was the most successful ever. The popularity of this raffle has grown by leaps and bounds. Peggy Panichelli and Marie O'Connor headed up a great and aggressive staff that made sure everyone had a chance to win some money.

The total winnings were \$2,500.00 that was broken down into four winners. Three winners received \$500.00 and one grand winner received \$1,000.00. As promised we cleaned up all glitches in finding the winners by posting the winning numbers on placards and the sellers circulated throughout the facility so everyone could see the winning numbers. Unfortunately one unknown winner obviously left before the drawing and one \$500.00 prize went unclaimed. That prize money will be added to next year's 50/50 in addition to next year's prizes.

I keep talking about how great Burrs at the Beach has been at Westy's because it really is. I am still disappointed the younger graduates are not supporting in greater numbers but their numbers are slowly increasing. I must add the young people say the B@B is

for the older crowd. This is as far from the truth as you can get. The party is for all, young old alumni, alumnae and friends of West Catholic. Come on out young people and make it your affair as well.

Again I can't tell how great our Burrs at the Beach committee really is. A lot of folks show up and everything falls into place. The truth is that sixty some alumni and alumnae meet once a month from January to July meticulously planning every detail to ensure the success of the event. I once again tip my hat to you all. You are the hardest working, loyal and conscientious of all class reunion committees. My profound appreciation can not be expressed in words. Thank You!!!

If it wasn't for all the alumni, alumnae and friends of West Catholic who support Burrs at the Beach we could not exist. Our reunion is the envy of all the other schools that run similar events. But it is truly the support of all loyal sons, daughters and friends that make Burrs at the Beach the best of all.

Due to everyone's generosity a check of \$33,000.00 will be presented to Brother Timothy Ahern for West Catholic student tuition assistance.

Last but not least I want to thank the owners and management of Tip O'Leary's on West Chester Pike in Haverstown and Ed Whalen of Whalen's Deli in Southwest Philly for their support in running the bus from Philly and Delaware County.

See you all July 12, 2009 at Westy's Irish Pub.

BURRS AT THE BEACH Golf Outing 2008



Pictured Above: John McMurrough '60, Jim Albright '60, Gus Johnson '46 & Bill Farley '62

This year's event was another great success. The weather was perfect and the golfing was (almost) perfect, and the camaraderie at the 19th hole was the best. Thanks to all the golfers who participated. We hope you enjoyed the day. Also, many thanks to the Wildwood Golf and Country Club for their cooperation during the busiest time of their season. Many thanks go to the following *Hole Sponsors* for this event.

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Scenes from Burrs At The Beach



Burr Briefs

by Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

Raymond (Joseph) Lewis, '27, "Bud" Celebrates 100 years

Thanks to his caring grandson, Stephen J. Kriz, who communicated with the *Emissary*, we are very pleased to announce the celebration of Birthday #100 for one of our most loyal and distinguished graduates, Raymond (Joseph) "Bud" Lewis from the great class of 1927. Bud, a Professional Golfer, celebrated his

significant birthday on August 31. His family and friends gathered for a party in his honor on August 22nd at the Manufactures Golf and Country Club in Oreland, PA. Stephen and his grandfather have been regular attendees at the Annual Communion Breakfast for many years. Should you wish to send Bud a birthday card, please send to Bud Lewis C/O West Catholic Alumni Association P.O. Box 889 Ardmore, PA 19003 and we will forward to his attention.

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2008 FOOTBALL SEASON

by Ed Kerr, Jr., '60



Pictured L to R: Jordan Culbreath, #8, Rob Hollomon, #22, Raymond Maples, #3 and Curtis Drake, #2

The West Catholic Burrs football program is coming off their second consecutive Catholic League Blue Division Championship following a decisive victory over Archbishop Wood last fall. West Catholic High School is classified as a small school when you look at the current enrollment which is on the light side of 600 students. That is where the **small stops!** West Catholic High School is a jewel, when it comes to receiving high marks from the students who attend classes at the school and their parents, who praise the caring teachers and the attitude of their children's fellow students. The football program has 115 young men participating and all are proud to be part of West Catholic's proud tradition!

Head coach Brian Fluck, '88 is excited about the 2008 squad that will be playing in the **AA Division** of the Philadelphia Catholic League/PIAA program. The AA league participants will include familiar rivals, Archbishop Carroll, Bishop McDevitt, Cardinal Dougherty and Kennedy-Kenrick. Pre-Season competition will come from Roman Catholic, Penn Charter, LaSalle and Archbishop Wood. The Burrs had August scrimmages against St. Joe Prep and North Catholic. Coach Fluck has able assistant coaches, all of whom are committed to this successful program. They include Dennis Fluck, '77 Defensive Coordinator and Linebackers, Virnest Beale, Defensive backs & receivers, Albert Crosby, '88 Offensive coordinator & Running backs, Brian Weathers, '93 defensive &



Pictured L to R: Coach Albert Crosby, Head Coach Brian Fluck, and Coach Lincoln Townsend, Jr.

offensive line, Dave Fitzgerald, '02 offensive & defensive line, Lincoln Townsend, Jr., running backs & Head J.V. coach and Ron Turner, Quarterback coach. Frank McNally, '56 returns as Head Freshmen coach along with Eric Rutherford, '81. Other members of the coaching staff include Dennis Sweeting, Doug Murphy and Lincoln Townsend, Sr. The Team is once again practicing at the former insurance company headquarters at 46th & Market Street (the rear of the building with the gold dome) after having the opportunity to be at 49th & Market the last few years. This is a resilient group...**Together** they will practice anywhere.

The **Team** has several returning members looking forward to the competitive battles that the pre-season and regular season will offer. The **Defensive players** to look for are Chris Williams, Dwayne Shaw, Artis Carroll, Jordan Culbreath, Rob Hollomon, Haleem Hayward; Raymond Maples all seniors. Jake Zuzek, John Ruppert and Ray Manuel all juniors and Dante Dickens a sophomore, The **Offense** includes Victor McNair, Paul Murtaugh, Covisia Wilson, Austin Peters, Brandon Williamson, Eric Young-Turner, Rob Hollomon, Raymond Maples, Juan Rozier and Curtis Drake all seniors, Jake Zuzek a junior and Jim Lynch a sophomore. **Special Team contributors:** Kicker for Kick-Off, Point after attempts & Field goals is Tim Carroll, a junior, the Punter will be Eddie Colon, a senior.

All games are worth your time and support. **This team is making history**, just as the teams of head coach Bob Dougherty did over 60 years ago. Bring your **West Catholic spirit** with you and attend as many games as possible during the 2008 season. For the record, the **Team Captains** for this 2008 Football Season will be Jordan Culbreath, Rob Hollomon, Raymond Maples and Curtis Drake, all seniors.

FOOTBALL NOTES

by Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

Curtis Brinkley will be in the starting backfield for Syracuse University, while Derrell Hand will be on the defensive line for the Irish of Notre Dame University. Chris Farmer is at Villanova as defensive line player while Wayne Donahue and Chris Dieferio are enjoying their assignments at Kutztown University...Anthony Rhoades is at Duquesne University and John Maddox is at Central Michigan University as a wide Receiver, he is a red shirt sophomore. Bill Leahy, '39 a Burr Quarterback for two years, 1937 and 38 recently passed. Bill was a Naval Academy graduate and a recognized Veteran of World War II.

Malik Neal Finalist In Debate Contest

by Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

What an honor for the student, **Malik Neal '09** a 16 year old senior to be at West Catholic High School and for all of us, who can now discuss his accomplishment with fellow Burrs and Lady Burrs. The debate which took place at The National Constitution Center in Philadelphia PA was made possible in part by the National Endowment for The Humanities. What began with over 100 contestants came down to 16 finalists who competed in round-robin debates which came down to the two finalists who competed on August 19, 2008. Malik, who came to West Catholic from a Young Scholar Charter School that Joe Rodia, '71 (Deceased) was affiliated with, argued on behalf of President Abraham Lincoln, while Philip Hayes, the other finalist, was arguing for President George Washington. Philip Hayes was declared the winner of this debate, yet Malik Neal was far from being defeated as he was awarded \$50,000 in Scholarship Grants.

Thanks to Nick Voight, Development Director at West Catholic, for keeping me informed on this event.

WC Men's Soccer Team Looks Forward To the 2008 Season



The start of school brought with it a new West Catholic soccer season with many changes. As a result of the entry of the Philadelphia Catholic League into the PIAA, the soccer teams now have been re-aligned into size-based divisions. As one of the smallest schools (by male population) in the Archdiocese, this change will bode well for the Burrs!

The team features a strong mix of veteran and young but talented players, all led by three captains – Seniors (and brothers) Bertrand Bikibili and Franck Bikibili (from West Philadelphia) and goalie Jake Grogan, a Junior from Drexel Hill. West players are drawn from all over the Philadelphia area, including University City, Overbrook, West Philadelphia, Southwest Philadelphia, Center City/Fairmount, Yeadon, Lansdowne, Drexel Hill and Chichester. Junior Tim Carroll, a three year starter on the Varsity Soccer Team, is also in his second season as the place kicker for the Varsity Football Team led the Soccer Team with assists and was 9 for 9 in PAT's on the grid-iron!

Alumni interested in the Soccer Team may follow its progress via the team website – www.leaguelineup.com/westcatholicsoccer.

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

by Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

Bud Lewis, '27 communicated from Wyncote PA as did **Edwin Mawhinney, '37** from Media Pa.

John Birnbrauer of King of Prussia PA checked in and also purchased some Burr Merchandise.

Bill Hansell, '55 of Macungie PA sends his best to classmates, as does **Edward C. Gannon, '49** of Norristown PA.

William J. Malloy, '53 a retired Executive in the telecommunications field spoke to us from Rochester NY where he has resided since 1976.

Bill & Bernie Curley, both from the class of 1948 are now living in beautiful Stone Harbor NJ.

Al Tierney, '47 reported from Glenview IL where he resides with his wife Jean, while **John J. Glenn, '54** did the same from Atlanta GA.

Vincent P. Deasey, '40 resides in Willingboro NJ with his wife Mildred.

William M. Marella, '58 who recently celebrated his 50th from W.C. resides in Ridley Park PA with his wife, Dorothy.

Edward M. Ducey, '66 resides in Ocean City NJ and sends his very best to his classmates and all Burrs.

Thomas J. McCarthy, '55 wrote from Lansdowne PA as did **Richard L. Veit, '52** from

Congratulations Father Phil Barr, '38

by Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

Father Phil Barr, '38 who has served us well for over 60 years, celebrated the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood earlier this summer at St. Edmond parish in South Philadelphia, where Father served as Pastor for many years. Over 200 friends and relatives attended Holy Mass followed by dinner in the former lower church. I attended along with my son Ben, '95; we both enjoyed this wonderful occasion for a fellow Burr and great humanitarian.

Media PA.

George E. McLaughlin, MD, '51 of Kennett Square PA checked in and was pleased that the Annual Fund was doing well. Classmate **James J. Carr, '51** of Bryn Mawr PA was also pleased with the report.

Thomas E. Darcy, '50 is a proud resident of Philadelphia PA. **Rev. Msgr. James T. McDonough, '49** who resides in Strafford PA was pleased to speak at the 60th Anniversary Mass for his good friend, **Father Phil Barr, '38**.

James E. Quigley, '45 and **Idamarie Quigley, '46** of Bryn Mawr Pa support the Annual Fund and are pleased that it was a successful year. **Margaret Lindsay** of Newtown Square PA also supports the Alumni Association and all that they represent.

George A. Johnston, '63 reported in from Marlton NJ where he resides with his wife, Virginia.

Joseph P. Mulholland, '59 of Wallingford PA is looking forward to his 50th reunion in the year ahead.

Dennis J. O'Leary, '57 is also proud to be a Burr who resides in the City of Brotherly Love.

Classmate **Gerard J. McCrea, '57** has moved to Bonita Springs FL with his wife Marie.

Clarence McMerty, '57 sends his best from Jamesburg NJ where he resides with his wife Mary Ann.

Joseph E. Hannas, '50 checked in from Wilmington DE as did **Rev. Francis X. Herron, '47** from beautiful Longport NJ.

Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Cassidy, '46 also communicated from Vienna VA.

Charles W. Campbell, '39 wrote from Newtown Square, PA, while **Stephen D. Hamilton, '91** of Ardmore PA communicated with a Matching Gift.

Michael S. West, '75 is now in Erial NJ near Sicklerville NJ.

Paul X Cook, '65 resides in Alexandria VA while **Eugene F. Massey, '64** lives in Media PA with his wife Geraldine.

Hugh E. Curran, '47 contacted us from San Clemente CA where he resides with his wife Lois

Stephen P. Cassidy, '75 checked in from West Chester PA.

John J. O'Donnell, '39 of Potomac MD is proud of his class and of West Catholic High School.

John U. Heppler, '62 of Drexel Hill PA is a regular contributor and can be seen at least four West Catholic football games each year.

John, '39 & Rosemary, '41 Falls of Springfield PA send along best wishes to all Burrs.

Martin Mannion, '50 of Boothwyn PA joins **Anthony M. Budzitowski, '60** of Colorado Springs CO in singing a tribute to our own West Catholic High!

Thomas A. Venti, '63 of Medford NJ and **Thomas E. Bergan, '56** of Havertown PA also checked in.

Lifelong Educator Dies at 79



James J. Bonner, a 1946 graduate of West Catholic, died on August 6, 2008.

After high school he earned a degree from LaSalle College and began a lifelong teaching career. He later received a doctorate in education from the University of Pennsylvania. Jim was president of the Philadelphia Schoolmen's Club and served as a teacher and principal at many locations in the city from 1950 until his retirement in 1991. He then served a school district consultant for ten additional years. Jim grew up in Southwest Philadelphia and came to West from St. Francis de Sales parish. In later years he resided in East Lansdowne, was a borough councilman and a member of the William Penn School Board. He was also a lifelong summer resident of Ocean City, New Jersey.

While at West he served as a student officer, participated in interclass sports and was a member of the aviation, photo and riding clubs.

Please remember Jim in your prayers!

The Emissary extends a "thank you" to Ray Sabatino '46 for supplying a picture of Jim for this article. Both men grew up as neighbors in Southwest Philadelphia. Besides being close friends and classmates Ray also was a member of Jim's wedding party.

Jim Mulhern, '60 of Broomall PA and **William Glancey, '57** also Broomall PA are proud to be Burrs.

James J. Monsul, '57 contacted us from Columbus Ohio while **Tom M. Strohl, '60** wrote from St. Augustine FL where he entered a Lee Marvin...Look Alike Contest and won!

Peter McMenamin, '61 wrote from Folsom PA where he resides with his wife, Donna.

Fred Durso, '61 who served the Alumni Association for many years as their Treasurer sends his best from Laurel Springs NJ.

Brother Charles J. Filberg, FSC, '64 communicated from Calvert Hall College in Baltimore MD as did **Al Gresh, '58** from Delray Beach FL.

Robert McKinney, '59 of Springfield PA where he lives with his wife Marianne, is looking forward to his 50th Reunion next year.

Zigmund J. Brzezinski, '57 of Englewood FL, where he resides with his wife Elizabeth sends his best to all graduates from the 1957 class.

Gerald Clay, '56 is happy to report from Upper Darby PA.

John Foley, '51 of Newtown Square PA, **James Bendel, '57** of Frederick MD, along with **John, '57 and Joan, '59 Mullen** of West Chester PA join with **Robert J. White, '43** of Gwynedd Valley PA and **Kevin M. Collins, '78** of Philadelphia

PA, **Gerard, '71 & Lynn McKee, '73** of Malvern PA and **Eugene F. Keohane, '78** of Springfield PA in supporting the Alumni Association and their Annual Fund, and we are very grateful for their generous support and all who joined our Worthy Cause this year.

Rev. Msgr. Robert L. Getz, '51 who hailed from Yeadon PA and previously resided in Mesilla NM at the San Albino Rectory has a New Address: 2975 Terrace Drive Las Cruces NM 88011...Classmates, please write.

Bill Craig '46 sends "Best Wishes" from Los Angeles, CA to his alumni brothers from DeSales and especially to his pal "Boo" Benson.

REMEMBERING John J. Dougherty, CPA, '63 Newtown Square, PA

The Alumni Association is saddened by the loss of a Loyal Son, who loved to spread her fame. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife, Mary Anne, and their daughters Jacqueline and Suzanne and their families. John always remembered West Catholic and before his passing, he requested that gifts in his memory be donated to the Alumni Association. We are grateful and will continue to pray for him and the Dougherty family.

IN MEMORIAM

May They Rest In Peace

John C. Maguire, '32
Albert E. Holl Jr., '33
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Aloysius J. Smith, '33
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Edward J. Hyland, '38
Peter J. Rohana, '38
Daniel J. Ryan, '38
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Joseph I. Rowan, '39
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James W. Latch, '40
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- New "International Studies" program being offered
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- 60% of the student body is non-Catholic
- Recipient of \$45,000 grant from Patricia Kind Foundation to help students with poor academic skills.

A Proud Past – A Bright Future

Coach Herb Magee, '59 To Be Inducted Into Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame

by Ed Kerr, Jr., '60



Pictured L to R.: John Beck, '59, Teammate from W.C. Championship team, Brother Tim Ahern, '66, President of West Catholic High School, Coach Herb Magee, '59, Nick Voight, '96, Director of Development, West Catholic High School.

Coach Herb Magee, '59 an integral part of the 1959 Catholic League Championship Basketball team at West Catholic High School for Boys' along with Jim Lynam, Jim Boyle, (Deceased), Jim Flavin, (Deceased) and John Beck as the starting five, will be receiving a special honor this November 13th. Herb will enter the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame for his accomplishments at Philadelphia Textile University, now Philadelphia University, both as a player and as a Coach who has won over 800 games. A pure stop, pop and drop shooter as a player, Herb would also be called upon to teach the pros to shoot foul shots. This 5th Induction Banquet will be at the Hyatt Regency Penn's Landing on November 13. Pat Williams will be back again as the emcee. Contact Ken Avallon at the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame for more information, his number is 215-886-6657, ext 3. Joining Herb as inductees for this 5th induction will be Maurice Cheeks, Tommy Loughran, Mickey Vernon, Stan Hochman, Lionel Simmons, Fred Shero, Ed Delahanty, Al Wistert, Harold Carmichael, Dorothy Porter and the 1929 Philadelphia Athletics Baseball team. **The photo above was taken at the Press Conference conducted at the SPECTRUM in early August.**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



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

Where did the Summer go? It seems like only a few weeks ago many of us were together at Westy's for Burrs at the Beach!

Like West Catholic and its students, September brings the start of a new year for the Alumni Association. Therefore, it is fitting to remember and be thankful for the many gifts, blessings and accomplishments of the past year. I would like to extend my own personal thanks to the many, many Alumni who work tirelessly each year as Members of the Board, or the Burrs at the Beach Committee or the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee or the Communion Breakfast Committee – or the numerous other Alumni-related activities!

On behalf of the Board and the Alumni Association, I would like to thank the many generous Alumni who financially support the Alumni Association. This year's Annual Campaign topped the \$100,000 mark!

I would also like to take this opportunity to announce two new and exciting endeavors – The Young Alumni Committee and the Armed Services and Veterans Committee!

West Catholic Alumni have an unparalleled tradition of service to our country, living the motto Pro Deo et Patria! In recognition of this proud tradition exemplified by the many Alumni who are veterans and the numerous recent grads currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, the Association is forming the Armed Services and Veterans Committee, to preserve and honor that tradition and the many sacrifices made by Alumni, and to help identify and honor the many sacrifices still being made by West Alumni! If you know of any recent grads who currently are serving in the military, please notify the Association!

To help preserve all of the traditions of West Catholic, the Association has long recognized the need to reach out to younger Alumni – to encourage their participation in the Association's events and to foster their support of West Catholic and the Association. The Young Alumni Committee will consist of current members of the Board of Governors and recent grads who are interested in helping us strengthen the Alumni as a whole, and will actively seek ways to reach out to and involve younger Alumni.

Anyone interested in joining either of these committees should contact me at president@westcatholicalumni.org.

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1954 55th	10/09 Planning Stage	Gus Hoban 610.853.3220
1959 50th	4/17/09 Airport Ramada Inn 6 Industrial Hwy Essington, PA	Tom Castagna 609.896.1639 or John McAnulla 610.328.2083
1968 40th	11/29/08 - Combined Airport Ramada Inn 6 Industrial Hwy Essington, PA	Mary Lee 610.534.9494 Rick Spires 610.543.6112
1973 35th	Planning Stage	Philip Dezzi 704.766.0277
1978 30th	Planning Stage	Gene Williams 484.620.6978
1986 20th	Planning Stage-Combined Oaks Ballroom Oak Avenue Glenolden	Mike Ward momikenmk@msn.com Maureen Buckley Ward 610.544.3142
1996 10th	Planning Stage	Marcia Turner 215.474.1110 or Nick Voight 610.941.0592
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610.853.3220
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