THE 86th COMMUNION BREAKFAST
A HUGH SUCCESS

On November 5, 2006, over 500 Burrs and family members gathered to celebrate the 86th Annual Communion Breakfast. Once again, the annual Mass and Communion Breakfast was a fitting demonstration of our Catholic heritage and provided the Association and our members with an opportunity to publicly demonstrate our devotion to the Holy Eucharist, while socializing with friends and honoring fellow alumni who and have contributed to West and the community at large.

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Nominations for the Alumni Association Awards

The Communion Breakfast Committee is soliciting nominees to be presented at the 87th Annual Communion Breakfast on November 4, 2007. The awards and criteria are as follows:

Brother Edwin Anselm Award; Brother D. Aloysius Award; Brother G. John Owens Award; and Brother G. Martin Strickroth Award:
(a) Catholic gentleman; (b) graduate of West Catholic; (c) proven “Loyal Son of West Catholic”; (d) achieved outstanding success in chosen field of endeavor; and (e) has made a contribution to West in any form.

Golden Burr Award: (a) Catholic gentleman; (b) graduate of West Catholic; (c) proven “Loyal Son of West Catholic”; (d) achieved outstanding success in chosen field of endeavor; and (e) has made a contribution to West in any form.

Remembering....

FATHER TOM SHEA, CLASS OF 1941

A true blue West Catholic man from the great class of 1941. Father Tom was always happy to be with his classmates whenever they gathered for quarterly lunches organized by the Alumni Association. A true West Catholic gentleman, no matter what he was doing or talking about, Father was always happy to be with his classmates and friends.

Peter Boyle, Actor, Class of 1951

Peter Boyle, known many by many as a TV star on the hit show Everybody Loves Raymond...had a wonderful acting career. Peter had no effort to forget his contribution as the monster in the movie Young Frankenstein. A bright and funny very man who actually appeared to be a graduate of West Catholic and President of the Association as “all graduates are not eligible until their class has graduated.”

Tom Dorrian and George Lighty present West Catholic High School with $37,000 check, income generated from Burrs at the Beach.

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In 1949 a small group of 40 boys from the Kensington and Fishtown sections of Philadelphia entered the halls of West Catholic for the first time. Due to the overcrowding at North Catholic, the next decade would see over 450 more North students attending West. They came by way of the "EI" and the steps leading up and down to the "EI" provided a exercise that helped Jack Herbert, Bill Comerford, Cianfrani, '54 win letters in track in that championship year. 1953 Class. Other new groups included in the 1953 class were Tony Spodalski, wingback on the 1951 championship football team and a letterman in track. Joe McCartney was a 3-year lettermen in swimming and co-captain of the team. Francis Byne ran varsity track while participating in the drama club, the West Catholic News and the Blue and White. A 2-year monogram winner on the crew, Jim Montgomery was a member of the 1952 basketball championship squad that placed 4th in both the Stokesbury trials and the "Fox" Jerry Keegan ran miles in cross-country and track scoring often and winning letter. The distinctive Joe Dyer mastered the organ, played in the band, was on the Blue & White staff and was a superior student. 1956 Class. The Class of 1956 included Stew Hansen who won monograms 2 consecutive years in cross-country, Joe Marbach and Steve Rapides who continued to dominate the track tradition by each winning a letter. Frank Mcguigan was an active band member for 3 years and Chuck Downey helped Bandstand get its tradition started, while Harry Pagliarino's serious picture aid him in debating and public speaking. 1957 Class. In 1957, soccer came to West Catholic with the feet of the North boys and the team posted an amazing 11-4-2 record. Two of the top players that season were co-captains and members of the Scholastic teams. Along with co-captains, George Forster; Jerry Gaul and Walt Hippke won monograms. Not all the running was done in soccer as Charles Lepes and Ed Wallace both co-captains and monogram winners helped the cross country team to a Catholic League title. Lepes was also part of the relay team that set Catholic meet records, the Blue & White Staff and the Inquirer meet. Ed McKeown was a 2 year member of the Student Association. Bob Michel was on the varsity tennis team as a letter winner. Wild Bill Dotty ran but walked to their monogram, Rick Donovan not only ran but walked to their monograms as band members. Terrence Cassidy rowed his way to a Varsity letter. 1958 Class. In 1958, the soccer team's record was 11-4-2 with six monogram winners. They were co-captains Ron Hippie and John Stabler as well as John Hett, George Bohmberger, Joseph Zurad and Jim Gallahger. Dan Dunn was captain of the bowling team that won the Catholic league championship. John Neuscheil was a track monogram winner and member of the Blue & White staff for 3 years. Dan Scullin made a splash with the band for 4 years and won a monogram. With the opening of Father Judge and Cardinal Doughery High Schools in the mid-50's, the need to send North boys to West ended. Was it the influence of the Christian Brothers, or would the academic, musical, entertainment, social and sport skills have developed elsewhere. The preeminence in soccer being continued by Bill Donahy and Dave Eck, Class of 1960 as co-captains and members of the All-Catholic and All-Scholastic teams. Along with co-captains, George Dames, Dennis Gaul, Carl Krumpoltz, Tom Shaw, Ray Mision, William Kuber and Terry McGovern. Other major sport letter winners in baseball, Gerald Merrigan and football, Joe McCoy and Joe Braun. Both Joes were joined by Bill Riley in maintaining high academic marks. Jim Thompson was considered one of the best speakers in the Debating and Public Speaking Clubs. On the entertainment field, Al Lange, a Gee Club member, and John Schmidt were great singers in the West Musicals. Charley McGinn was a member of the Gee Club, Dramatic Club and considered a noted dancer. The years have gone by since the era of the 50's when the boys, now men in their sixties, attended West Catholic. For many of us, they are good years to remember. However, West Catholic Alumni being a North by West cadre is we do not interact on a regular basis with our fellow Burrs. But, we are still part of the West Catholic boys tradition and always will be West.

NORTH BY WEST

By: Tom McGrath, '55

The Alumni Association Announces
The First Communion Breakfast Scholarships

Awards Presentation Thursday, March 29, 2007
All 8th grade boys that are members of Catholic parish(es) and will attend West Catholic High School beginning in September 2007 are eligible for consideration for the Communion Breakfast Scholarship. The students need not attend a Catholic grade school, as long as they are a member of a parish. Potential recipients may be nominated by their parents, coaches, their parish or by any member of the Alumni Association. An application form is included in this edition of the Emissary; additional copies may be obtained by calling the Alumni Office (215-387-8560). The applications will be reviewed by the Communion Breakfast Scholarship Committee. In determining recipients of the Scholarships, the Committee will consider each student's academic achievement, potential, involvement in church/ community/parish activities and family's financial need.

Scholarship. The students are required to submit the application (along with a copy of the financial aid form they submitted to the school) by May 1, 2007 to the West Catholic Alumni Association, Communion Breakfast Committee, P. O. Box 889, Ardmore, PA 19003-0889. The Committee will make its decisions and notify scholarship recipients by June 15. For more information or additional copies, please call the Alumni Association at 215-387-8560.

APPLICATION FOR A WEST CATHOLIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION COMMUNION BREAKFAST SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline - May 1, 2007

Name of Student:
Address:
City/State/Zip:
Phone:
Parent(s)/Guardian:
School Attending:
Catholic Parish of which student is a member

Has the student registered at West Catholic? __Yes__No

Please list all academic honors the student has received

Please list all of the student's activities, clubs, sports, etc.

Please list any other facts you would like the committee to consider

Name and phone number of person nominating student

For information, call the Alumni Association at 215-387-8560.

West Catholic High School Sports Hall of Fame Induction Saturday, March 24, 2007
Ramada Airport Inn, Essington, PA
6:00 p.m. Cash Bar
7:00 p.m. Dinner
8:00 p.m. Awards Presentation
Cost $40.00 Per Person

Please join with the West Catholic Family as we welcome a new group of outstanding athletes into our Hall of Fame. For additional information; please contact George Light at the School (215-388-2244, ext. 260.)

2007 Inductees:
1932 Chuck Kil bitrate Track and Cross Country
1958 Charles Johnson Football
1963 John Tomosky Football & Track
1966 Mike DiDonato Football
1971 Jim Nestor Football
1985 Stephanie Hughes Basketball

Winter 2006-2007
Awardees, Guests

Brother Raymond Murphy, '57
Brother Edwin Anselm Award

John P. Delaney, Jr.
Brother Martin Strickroth Award

Al Dezi '65 accepts the Brother G. Owens Award from M.C. Tom DeFelice '64

Members of one of the many classes gathered to enjoy the day.

Silver Anniversary Burr Award winner Tim McNally '82 and family

Proud Grandfather and Brother D. Aloysius Lumley Award winner, Bob McCann '60, with his son and granddaughters

School President Brother Tim Ahern '65 addressed guests

Members of the 50th Anniversary Class of 1957

Breakfast and Awards Committee Co-Chairman Francis Crowley, '77
and Classmates

Theresa Pollard accepts the 25th Anniversary Silver Burr Award on behalf of her brother, Joe Dukes ’82, on active military duty in Iraq.

Bill McDevitt, ’76
Golden Burr Award

John Mullen, ’57
William McGarvey Award

Dorothy Mylotte Donohue receives the 50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award on behalf of her late husband, Joseph Mylotte ’57 from M.C. Tom DeFelice ’64.

Craig “Ace” O’Brien ’57 receives the 50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award from M.C. Tom DeFelice ’64.

Members of the Class of 1958

Breakfast and Awards Committee Co-Chairman Chris Martin, ’60

Long time friends enjoy the festivities

Alumni President Tom Dorian welcomes guests
The Patterson Family and West Catholic
Quite a TRADITION!

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., ’60

Tom Patterson, ’51 is known and respected by his classmates as the probable starters. The Patterson family has a connection to West Catholic dating back to Martin T. Patterson, Sr., who was a proud graduate from the class of 1921. Martin, Tom’s dad, was Catholic League and City Mile Champion. Francis B. Patterson, class of 1930, was Tom’s uncle and he played basketball for 4 years. Others from the Patterson family who graduated from either West Catholic Boys’ or West Catholic Girls’ include John F. Patterson, 1940, Martin T. Patterson, Jr. in 1948, Mary Jane Hussey, class of 1968, Raymond C. Patterson, 1960, Cecilia Patterson, 1960, Rosemary Patterson, 1964, John Williams, 1968, Martin T. Patterson, III, 1973, Kathleen Patterson Atkins, 1977, Michael Patterson, 1982 (apology on the hockey team), and Dawn Patterson, class of 1988. Fourteen in all...The Patterson Family is very proud of their West Catholic education and to be a part of its great tradition...Long Live West Catholic!

1955 Record-Breaking Season For West Catholic Hoops

By Ed Kerr, Jr., ’60

Pat Carey tries to charge past North’s tight man-for-man.

Reflections of West Catholic Boys’ Basketball during the years 1949 through 1959 bring to light the Catholic League Championships. The Catholic League Championships and three City Championships. They include City Titles in 1949, ’52 and ’53 and Catholic League Titles in 1949, ’52, ’53, ’55 and ’59. The 1959 title was the last and such a team was the record breaker Pat Carey. In a home court 96-72 victory over Roman Catholic. According to Pat Carey, the court advantage was important because of the exuberant West Catholic fans that always turned out to support their Burr hoopers. This record breaking day for Carey was “the day of his life.”

The 1955 team would set two records in one day when they scored a record 96 points, the most points scored in a Catholic League Championship. They include City Titles in 1949, ’52 and ’53 and Catholic League Titles in 1949, ’52, ’53, ’55 and ’59. The 1959 title was the last and such a team was the record breaker Pat Carey. In a home court 96-72 victory over Roman Catholic. According to Pat Carey, the court advantage was important because of the exuberant West Catholic fans that always turned out to support their Burr hoopers. This record breaking day for Carey was “the day of his life.”


ATTENTION GOLFERS
7th Annual West Catholic High School CATHEDRAL O’CONNOR GOLF CLASSIC Bala Golf Club Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Contact Jim Mulhern for information
215-386-2244

CARDINAL O’CONNOR GOLF CLASSIC

INDIVIDUAL GOLFERS WELCOME
Football Championship (continued from p.1)

When summer practices
began in August and Tri-
Captains Marc Holloway, (Co-
lumbia University), Anthony
Rhoades and Isaiah Edmond
posed in front of the former
grotto at 49th & Chestnut,
one got the feeling that to-
gether with Coach Fluck’s
high expectations...this
would be a Special Year...A Cham-
ionship Season!

Both Holloway and
Rhoades were to be selected
at All-City Team and youth
would be served as freshmen
and sophomores would find a
way to help this team win
the big game. Our Congratu-
lations go out to Coach Fluck
who made his 100th career
coaching game at West Cath-
olic very special, to his assis-
tant coaches for their long
hours of providing teaching
and encouragement, to the
players for striving to realize
the dream of winning a
Championship, to the stu-
dents, alumni, alumnae, ad-
ministration and teachers for
their support and for having
faith in the program.

Hail to the Champions for
year 2006...West Catholic
High School! Hail to all Burrs!
And to the former West Catho-
colic players who didn’t
win a Championship—this
season and title are dedicat-
ed to you. Long Live West Catho-
colic!

In October, 2006, 40 cur-
rent and former members of
the West Catholic Men’s
Soccer team met on the field
at Penrose Park, 74th St. and
Lindbergh Blvd., to compete
in the 11th Annual Alumni
Soccer Game. Those present
represented over 40 years of
soccer, with alumni from the
1960’s through recent gradu-
ates playing a tough fought
game with current Varsity and
Junior Varsity team members.
To make it fair to all con-
cerned, the teams were divid-
ed by even and odd gradua-
tion years. Many graduates
who made their 100th career
friends while nursing aching
muscles!

Each year, the soccer alumni
gather for fun and competerion,
getting a chance to show off talents they may
not have used for many
years! The games present
the graduates a chance to catch
up with friends while also giv-
ing current West Catholic players a sense of the strong
and proud athletic tradition in
which they are participating.
Proceeds for the game sup-
port the West Catholic Men’s
Soccer team.

We hope to see even more
soccer alumni at the 12th
annual game this Fall (date to
be determined). To be added
to the mailing list for the
Alumni Soccer Game, con-
tact Coach Fran Crowley ’77
at 610-246-1020 or wcburrs
soccer@verizon.net.

Pictured L to R: Tri-Captains
Rhoades and Isaiah Edmond
Mrs. Eric Rutherford (Eric, ’81
is an Assistant Coach at West
Catholic) and their daughter
celebrates West’s first football
Championship in 41 years.

COACH VIRENST BEALE

“New” V-Neck Long Sleeve Penann Stitch SWEATER,
(100% Cotton. Available in Royal Blue or Navy Blue)

A. Heavy brushed cotton pro-style cap constructed

B. Deluxe garment washed cotton twill 100” cotton–low profile

C. Suede visor washed pigment-dyed bull denim low profile

D. “New” Brush twill sandwich cap, navy and white

HANES BEEFY “T” (100% preshrunk cotton)

Navy White

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Class Reunion Schedule

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

1947 5/1/07 Tom Simpson
60th Springfield Country Club 610.356.9199 or Springfield, PA 19064 610.738.4121

1957 9/28/07 Combined Jack Kraft
50th Springfield Country Club 215.493.5899 or Springfield, PA 19064 610.356.2831

1958 9/28/07 John Gallagher
50th Airport Ramada Inn 610.269.5340

1967 10/27/07 David Joslin
40th Airport Ramada Inn 610.259.0753

1986 Planning Stage Mike Ward
20th Combined momkenn@csn.com or Oaks Ballroom Maureen Buckley Ward 610.544.3142

1996 Planning Stage Marcie Turner
10th 215.474.1110 or Nick Voight 619.941.0592

2001 Planning Stage Jackie Fritz

NOTE: ALL OTHER GRADUATES WHO ARE PLANNING A REUNION OR WOULD LIKE TO PLAN ONE, PLEASE CALL THE ALUMNI OFFICE AT 215-387-8560.

CLASS LUNCHEONS

Class Location Contact/Date
1946 Casey's Restaurant Noon - April 23
Newtown Square July 23 & Oct. 22

1950 Lunchon May 14, 2007 and
Casey's Restaurant Sept. 17, 2007

1959 Lansdowne Ave. June 20
Drexel Hill, PA 19026 610.284.0749


GREAT WEST CATHOLIC CLASS OF 1960

By: Bob McGovern '60

The great West Catholic Class of 1960 had another successful lunch on November 15, 2006 at Sam's Restaurant. The number of classmates continues to grow. We had 29 men at this event. One of our classmates came all the way from Arizona - Rich Wehbe. Rich came to town on business and paid us a visit. What a great Surprise!

Plans are already in the making for our next lunch. If you wish more information on the Great Class of 1960 Lunch call the alumni office at 215.387.8560 and leave a message with your name and telephone number and I will get back to you.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Tom Dorrian, ’61
President
West Catholic Alumni Association

Hello once again to all fellow Alumni. Well, good things continue to happen at West Catholic High School. Although it happened three months ago I would really be remiss if I didn't congratulate West Catholic's football team for winning their first Catholic league football championship in 41 years, yes, 41 years. Think about it! The last time West won it all was the 1966 team. The seniors on that team weren't even in West when I graduated (1961). So let's put this into perspective. I was a year and some months over the legal drinking age when it last happened and I am now retired. That tells you two things: (1) it been a long time between football championships and (2) I'm really getting old. Speaking on behalf of the Alumni Association I wish to congratulate Coach Brian Fluck, his fine coaching staff, the school administration and all others who contributed to this most significant accomplishment. But the biggest accolades go to our Championship Football Team. Congratulations to all for an outstanding achievement! Not only has Coach Fluck built a fine football team he also has built a great football program. Go Burrs!!

As we go through the last days of winter and as spring is approaching it signifies to me that the end of my four year tenure as president of the Alumni Association is getting closer. The Alumni Association will hold elections for the Board of Governors at our May 21, 2007 meeting at the Lamplighter Tavern on Darby Rd, Havertown, Pa. at 7:00 PM. All interested alums are encouraged to join us and possibly become a new Board member. We are openly recruiting our most recent grads, especially anyone from the last 25 years, but will welcome any alum interested in attending or joining our Board of Governors elections. That same evening the newly elected Board will then take nominations for elections to the office of President, Vice President and Vice President of Finance of the Alumni Association. Based on the nominations the newly elected board will hold elections to these offices on Monday June 4, 2007 at the Lamplighter. The new Executive Board candidates must be nominated from the membership of the newly elected Board of Governors.

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Christian Brothers Honor Brother G. John Owens

By Ed Kerr, Jr., ’60

The Christian Brothers could not have selected anyone with more appeal than "Handsome John", when they honored Brother G. John Owens at a sold out formal dinner in November. The result of the celebration was a most generous donation to the San Miguel School - a Christian Brothers school in Camden, NJ. Brother John, the former Principal of West Catholic High School, is a Boys, is part of us, The West Catholic Family. The dinner was attended by Brother's family, fellow Christian Brothers, West alumni, LaSalle University alumni and many more. Jim Murray '56 served as the Master of Ceremonies wearing a West Catholic hat with a WC. Jim used the WC to plug West Catholic but also did not fail to promote the work of women and the love and guidance that are always available for children. Of course, Jim has done great work with the Ronald McDonald House for Children, and is always most appreciative to all who supported this wonderful cause.

Pray for men and women in uniform especially those in Iraq and Afghanistan. God Bless and Slainte!

Pictured l to r: Brother Richard Kestler, Brother Tim Ahern and Brother John McDonnell

Christian Brothers Honor Brother G. John Owens with Connie Newman, '54 and George Light, ’58