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Highlights of the 2008 Annual Communion Breakfast/Awards Ceremony

On November 2, 2008, almost 375 Burrs, family members and friends gathered to celebrate the 88th Annual Communion Breakfast. The Mass and Communion Breakfast 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.

The Association would like to extend thanks to Rev. George Hagenbach '44 for serving as the Principal Celebrant and Homilist. The Association also extends its gratitude to the concelebrants who helped make the Mass a beautiful service. Also featured again was a beautiful liturgical music program arranged by violinist Bob Rossi '55., along with cantor Sarah Agnew, cellist Dr. Stephen Framil and pianist

Patti Georges. Dr. Framil, the Director of the West Catholic Music Program, is a world renowned cellist. This year, the music program was further enhanced by the presence of the West Catholic Strings Ensemble, consisting of current music students at West Catholic.

The Mass and Awards Ceremony were attended by alumni from classes in the 1930's to the 1990's! Steve Tulli '84, a member of the Silver Anniversary Class, presided over the Awards Ceremony. Brother Tim Ahern '65 provided those in attendance with his perspective as President of West Catholic.

This year's nine honorees were selected from a very strong field of over thirty-five, well-qualified nominees. The awardees each epitomize the Spirit of West Catholic and also achieved success in various fields of business, community service, medicine and religious life. The honorees were: **James Magee '41** (Brother D. Aloysius Award); **Joseph Collins '53** (Brother

G. John Omens Award); **Gerard P. Darcy '59** (posthumously) (50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award); **Jay Sawyer '59** (William H. McGarvey Award); **Gerald Davis '59** (50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award); **Brother Robert Schieler, FSC '68** (Brother Edwin Anselm Award); **Dr. David C. Thomas '81** (Bishop McCort Award); **Keith Richardson '84** (25th Anniversary Silver Burr Award); and **Michael Ahearn '84** (25th Anniversary Silver Burr Award). Each person delivered inspiring and gracious comments.

The Communion Breakfast Committee (co-chairs Bill Simpson '60 and Fran Crowley '77, Charles Lamb '53, Ed McMerty '52, Bob Mullin '84, Jay Sawyer '59, Denis Brennan '71 and Charlie Donnelly '65) would like to extend their thanks to the many persons who helped make the 88th Communion Breakfast a success!

See page four of this edition for additional pictures of the event.

Scenes from Communion Breakfast



Bro. Tim Ahern '65 addresses alumni breakfast attendees



(L to R) Rev. Philip Barr '38, Principal Celebrant Rev. George Hagenbach '44 and Rev. Mr. James D. Kane '47



Master of Ceremonies Steve Tulli '84 and Awardee Jay Sawyer '59



Rev. Walter Quinn '48 leads opening prayer

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2009 Fund Campaign Begins

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60



Pat Cassidy, '67



Art Trippett, '84

We are pleased to announce that the 2009 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN for the WEST CATHOLIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION is underway. A letter and coupon with an important message from Co-Chairmen Pat Cassidy, Class of 1967 and Art Trippett, Class of 1984 should be received by all in early March. Both Pat and Art are part of our proud tradition at West Catholic and each has represented us well in the years that followed their West Catholic experience. Besides their selection to serve as Co-Chairmen for the Annual Fund both men have another connection that many will remember. Pat played basketball for West before attending Temple University where he also played for the Owls and was part of an NIT championship team. He graduated from Temple and returned to West, where he taught and became part of the West Catholic Coaching staff. While serving as Head coach of the Burrs, (1977-85) one of his key performers was Art Trippett. Art attended the University of Scranton where he also played basketball for four years. Today Pat is Director, Small Group Marketing for Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company in Philadelphia. Art is a Walk-in Service

and Operations Supervisor for Independence Blue Cross also in Philadelphia. Both are proud examples of their West Catholic education and they identify with the role of our Alumni Association to help preserve a West Catholic High School for many years to come and to promote the immediate future of the school.

Pat and his beautiful wife of 35 years, Carol reside in Springfield PA and have three wonderful sons, Pat (Boston College,'99), Ryan (Georgetown,'03) and Brett (Penn State,'09) and they recently became proud grandparents of Pat's son, Liam. Art, who resides in Philadelphia, is happy to report that he is the father of two daughters, Jessica, who is attending Columbia University in New York City and Rachel, a junior at Girls High in Philadelphia where she is an active member of Teen Workshop. In addition to his duties at Blue Cross, Art is also a referee with the youth club of Southwest Philadelphia. Together with our Alumni Board of Governors both men believe that the West Catholic Spirit will help us to prevail and support our worthy cause - the Annual Fund. Our members have always had solid faith in the future for God and Country...Long Live West Catholic!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

St. Patrick's Day Parade & Social	March 15th
Sports Hall of Fame	March 28th
C.B. Award Nomination Deadline	April 15th
Spring Fest	April 25th
Scholarship Application Deadline	May 1st
Annual Mtg. - Board Elections	May 11th
Cardinal O'Connor Golf Classic	May 13th
School Graduation	June 6th
Alumni Beach Golf Outing	July 11th
Burrs at the Beach	July 12th
Communion Breakfast & Awards	November 1st

Announcing the 89th Annual Communion Breakfast Award Nominations Being Accepted Now!

Plans are underway for the Alumni Association's 89th Annual Mass and Communion Breakfast on November 1, 2009 at the Springfield Country Club, on Springfield Road in Springfield, Delaware County. The Communion Breakfast Committee is in the process of finalizing the details, which will be announced on the West Catholic Alumni website (www.westcatholicalumni.org) and in future editions of *The Emissary*!

As in recent years, the Association will honor other deserving alumni and members of the West Catholic community with the traditional Communion Breakfast Awards. In addition, members of our 25 and 50-year classes – the Classes of 1960 and 1985 – will be honored and will be involved in all aspects of the Mass.

All members of the Alumni Association are invited to participate in planning and organizing the 89th 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 Communion Breakfast Committee is soliciting nominees for the following awards to be presented at the 89th

Annual Communion Breakfast: **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. (Additionally, the Brother Edwin Anselm Award honoree typically is a Christian Brother).

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

Bishop John J. McCort Award: (a) Outstanding Catholic person; (b) not necessarily a West Graduate; (c) has contributed to West Catholic in ethical manner; and (d) outstanding success in chosen field of endeavor.

William H. McGarvey Award: (a) Catholic gentleman; (b) graduate of West Catholic; (c) proven "Loyal Son of West Catholic"; (d) achieved outstanding success in field of endeavor; and (e) has made a major contribution to West in any form.

50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award: (a) a Catholic

gentleman; (b) graduate of West Catholic and member of the 50 year class (this year, the Class of 1960); (c) proven "Loyal Son of West Catholic"; (d) achieved outstanding success in field of endeavor; and (e) has made a contribution to West.

25th Anniversary Silver Burr Award: (a) a Catholic gentleman; (b) graduate of West Catholic and member of the 25 year class (this year, the Class of 1985); (c) proven "Loyal Son of West Catholic"; (d) achieved outstanding success in field of endeavor; and (e) has made a contribution to West.

Please take the time to nominate any person worthy of any of the awards by sending nominations to West Catholic Alumni Association, P.O. Box 889, Ardmore, PA 19003-0889, or by sending an e-mail to president@westcatholicalumni.org by April 15, 2009.

Nominations should include the name and class of the nominee, the award(s) for which they should be considered and the reasons for the nomination, as well as a contact name and number should more information be needed.

If you would like more information concerning the awards, please contact the committee by e-mail or by telephone (610-246-1020).

Alumni Purchases Audio Equipment

In the past, West Catholic was known for the quality and dedication of its drama program. In recent years, the school has made a concentrated effort to improve its program and to perform high quality plays for its students, surrounding grade schools and the community at large.

This year, to help in that effort, the Alumni Association has agreed to purchase new wireless audio equipment for the school to be used for plays and other events in the auditorium. The cost of the equipment is approximately \$8,500.

The school worked with one of its vendors to identify the needed items. The Alumni Association, through the Alumni Association's website (www.westcatholicalumni.org) and e-mail, publicized the opportunity to Alumni and solicited expressions of interest. The School and the Association then discussed offers with the original vender and Alumni bidders who were interested in the project.

The new audio equipment should be delivered and installed in time for this year's presentation of *The Wiz* (by the drama club) on March 13, 14 and 15. For information on the performances, please contact Ms. Mary DeMasi at the School (215-386-2244).

Notice of Annual Election For Members of Alumni Association's Board of Governors - May 11, 2009

The West Catholic Alumni Association will hold its Annual Meeting at 7:00 pm on May 11, 2009 at the Lamplighter Tavern. The primary purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect members of the Board of Governors. **Any Member of the Alumni Association that would like to be elected to the Board of Governors must notify the President, Fran Crowley (via e-mail at president@westcatholicalumni.org or by mail at President, West Catholic Alumni Association, P.O. Box 889, Ardmore, PA 19003) by May 4, 2009. THE NOTICE MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 4, 2009 AND MUST INCLUDE THE MEMBER'S YEAR OF GRADUATION.**

The Board of Governors is the governing body of the West Catholic Alumni Association. Members are elected to the Board by members of the Association for 2 year terms expiring in May of each odd-numbered year. Association By-Laws, Art. 4, § F. The Board of Governors consists of 16 to 34 members elected by the Association, together with the Association's immediate past president and the Faculty Representative appointed by the President of West Catholic. Association By-Laws, Art. 4, § A. The By-Laws provide that "Members of the Board shall: (a) be elected by the majority of the Association Members present at Annual Association Meetings in odd numbered years. . .". Art. 4, § B There is no limit on the number of terms on the Board of Governors to which a Member may be elected.

This year's Annual Meeting for the nomination and election of Members of the Board of Governors will be held on May 11, 2009, at the Lamplighter Tavern, 8 Campbell Ave. (intersection of Darby Road and Campbell Ave.), Havertown, PA, beginning promptly at 7 pm. All members of the Association are eligible to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting. The By-Laws define members of the Association as "all graduates of West Philadelphia Catholic High School for Boys, all male graduates of West Philadelphia Catholic High School and all former male students of either school who have completed at least one year at either school", except that men who attended either school, but did not graduate there from are not eligible until their class has graduated. Association By-Laws, Art. 2, § A.

The By-Laws (Art. 4, § B (1)) require all Members interested in running for election to the Board of Governors submit their names in writing to the President by the Ballot Date (which this year is May 4, 2009) so that their names may be included on the written Ballot to be distributed at the Annual Meeting.

Under the By-Laws, the Board Members elected at the Annual Meeting then will elect the Association's President, Executive Vice-President and Vice President of Finance from among the Board Members. The election of the officers will take place on Monday, June 8, 2009 at 7 pm, at the Am-Vets, in Morton, Pennsylvania..

The results of the elections of the Board Members and the Officers will be announced in an upcoming edition of the *Emissary*.

Irish American Business Chamber And Network Honors John Mullen '57 & Joan Mullen '59

John and Joan Mullen were selected by the Irish American Business Chamber & Network to receive their 2009 Taoiseach Award. It was presented at the annual Ambassador's Luncheon on Friday, February 27, 2009 at the Ritz Carlton. The presentation was made by His Excellency Michael Collins, Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland to the United States.

"Taoiseach" is Irish for "Chieftain" or "Leader". According to the Irish Business Chamber, the Directors of that organization conferred the Award "In recognition of John and Joan Mullen's leadership in the non-profit area." The Mullens' very successful in the travel field, "have called upon their business acumen to support various charities over the years." . . . according to the Irish Chamber. The West Catholic Community, including the Association and the School have been beneficiaries of John and Joan's

generosity on many occasions. John also was honored at the Association's 2007 Communion Breakfast.

For over 40 years, the Mullens have been active in the leisure and travel industry, creating Apple Leisure Group. With its affiliated companies, such as Apple Vacations, Atkinson Mullen & Russo, AMSTAR and USA 3000 Airlines. Apple provides vacation and travel packages throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Europe. As one of the largest fully integrated travel companies in the United States, Apple now employs more than 6,000 people.

The Irish American Business Chamber & Network, Inc. is a nonpartisan business organization promoting the interests of its members and the development of economic and educational relationships between the United States, Ireland, and Northern Ireland.

THE 2008-2009 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Under the Association's By-Laws, members of the Board of Governors are elected every two years (in even years) at the Annual Meeting held in May. The current Board members, who are listed below, will serve until May 2009 and span classes from 1939 to 1988:

Francis X. Crowley, Esq. '77 - President
(president@westcatholicalumni.org)

Bill Simpson '60 - Executive Vice President
(execvp@westcatholicalumni.org)

Edwin H. Kerr, Jr. '60 - Vice President Finance
(financevp@westcatholicalumni.org)

Philippe A. Girard '46 - Vice President Communications
(communications@westcatholicalumni.org)

Jay F. Sawyer '59 - Executive Secretary
(secretary@westcatholicalumni.org)

Robert McGovern '60 - Recording Secretary
(Bob60@westcatholicalumni.org)

James F. Coyne '39
Raymond Theilacker '41
Jack Lister, Esq. '45
Edward A. McMerty '52
Harry Mirra '52
Charles Lamb '53
Ace Carlin '55
George Light '58
Joseph A. Bartolomeo '59
William Luther '59
John J. Lawler '60
Robert F. McCann '60
James J. Mulhern '60

Frank Ponte '60
Thomas M. Dorrian '61
Joseph R. Manfre '61
Bro. Timothy Ahern, FSC '65
Dave Joslin '67
Richard P. McCann '68
Dennis Brennan '71
James J. Coyne '74
Joe Perry '74
Thomas Spiers '74
Joseph Hasson '76
Bro. Brian Henderson, FSC '77
Robert Mullin '84
David F. Joslin, Jr. '88

The Officers of the Alumni Association may be contacted at the e-mail addresses listed above. For more information concerning the activities of the Board and the Association, please visit the Association's website at www.WestCatholicAlumni.org. Anyone who would like more information concerning board membership should contact the President or Vice President.

March with West in the St. Patrick's Day Parade On Sunday, March 15th

by Jim Mulhern, Assistant Director

Buses will leave from the DeLaSalle Knights of Columbus in Springfield, Delaware County at approximately 10:30 am and will take marchers to Broad & Washington Streets where the parade steps off.

Jim Coyne, West Catholic Class of 1951, is this year's parade Grand Marshall!

If you cannot march, there are trackless trolleys that you can ride with the West Catholic group and be a part of this wonderful day!

Upon returning to the Knights, there is a terrific party awaiting all attendees, that we enjoy with our friends from St. Thomas More. The party includes:

1. A delicious buffet
2. A tribute to Bishop Joseph McFadden (St. Thomas More Grad)
3. M.C. Jim Murray '56, former Eagles G.M. and radio host.
4. The Falcarragh Grade School Marching Band from Donegal
5. Mary Beth Bonner Ryan and friends.
6. A monogrammed WC cap

The cost is \$35.00 per person - \$25.00 for the parade & party - \$10.00 for the cap. If you cannot attend the parade, but, would like to come to the party, the cost would be \$25.00. We esti-

In Memoriam

Dan Hickey, West Catholic Class of 1957, died on October 10, 2008 in Stamford, CT

Following his father ('27), mother ('31), and several uncles, Dan came to West from St. Carthage parish. He was an excellent student, a member of the soccer and bowling teams, and at graduation he was awarded the annual alumni scholarship. He received his undergraduate degree from St. Joe's in 1962 and went on to receive a master's degrees from the University of Pennsylvania (1965) and Harvard (1967). He worked for the Small Business Administration from 1965 until 1969 and served as a Foreign Service Officer from 1969 to 1978, stationed in Washington, DC, Caracas Venezuela, and Hermosillo, Mexico. From 1978 until 1981 he worked for the Department of Energy. He finished his career as Manager of International Relations at Texaco from 1981 until 2003. Dan traveled the world and held many executive level positions but never forgot his roots in West Philadelphia. He was especially proud of being a West grad, and stayed in touch by attending athletic events and alumni functions. He enjoyed visiting with his Burr brothers Joe ('63) and Tom ('66), and sister Mary ('55).

mate returning for the party at approximately 3 p.m.

We will also be selling great looking long sleeved Irish shirts in green for \$20.00 each. These are currently available now!

To purchase ticket(s), send your check payable to: West Catholic Parade Committee P.O. Box 364 c/o F. McDonnell Gwynedd, Pa 19436

For information on the shirts, email: elbol1152@aol.com. Last year, we were able to raise \$2000 toward tuition assistance for a worthy student! We are hoping to increase this every year, and your participation will help us do so!

Cardinal O'Connor Golf Outing

West Catholic will be hosting its annual Cardinal O'Connor Golf Outing on May 13, 2009, at Bala Country Club. This event is a great time for golfers of all levels. The day includes Player Gifts, Lunch, Open Bar Cocktails, Dinner, Prizes, and a Live Auction. Be prepared to bid for golf rounds at some of the best courses in the area.

Be a part of the West Catholic Golf Classic. Join your Alumni and Friends for a day on the links. If you are interested in participating in this event or have any questions feel free to contact George Light at 215-386-2244 ext. 260.

Peace Corps Information

Details on the Web

Editor's Note:

Due to space constraints it was impossible to include all of the Joe Looby '59 article concerning his experiences in the Peace Corp. Anyone wishing to read the entire text should visit the website, www.westcatholicalumni.org.

Alumni Board Forms Committee To Identify And Locate All West Veterans And Military

Fran Crowley, president of the Alumni Board, has established a Committee to identify and locate West's Veterans and Military.

The Chairman of the Committee is Jim Mulhern '60 (USMC) aided by three other Veterans...Bill Simpson '60 (USMC), Rich McCann '68 (USARMY) and Harry Mirra '52 (USNAVY).

Jim Mulhern tells us that the Committee's first order of business is to find out where all of our Veterans/Military are located so that they can be contacted about what the group intends to do and get information to them on a timely basis. Jim also outlined that a special celebratory Mass is being planned for all to attend. The Committee is also looking to establish a Memorial to honor those who have served and for those who are currently serving our country!

If you are a Veteran/Military please send your information to: West Catholic WEBSITE..... mccannr@comcast.net or Jim Mulhern....JRMulhern@aol.com
Bill Simpson....wjmsimp@AOL.COM
Rich McCann....mccannr1@verizon.net
Harry Mirra....harrymirra@rcn.com
Name, mailing address, home phone, E Mail, and Branch of Service.

Jim Murray '56 To Receive The 2009 Judge Lois G. Forer Award From The Support Center For Child Advocates

The Support Center for Child Advocates of Philadelphia has selected Jim Murray '56 to receive the 2009 Judge Lois G. Forer Child Advocacy Award. Jim will receive the Award at the Support Center's Annual Benefit Reception and Silent Auction to be held on April 22, 2009 at the Crystal Tea Room (5:00 pm).

Jim, a former General Manager of the Philadelphia Eagles, has long been involved in the promotion of children's welfare. Among his many contributions in that area, Jim was the co-founder of the Ronald McDonald House.

The Judge Lois G. Forer Child Advocacy Award honors the work of the late Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judge and Child Advocate Lois G. Forer. Judge Forer's vision helped inspire a legal revolution for the rights of children.

The Support Center for Child Advocates is the coun-

Spring Fest

This year West will be holding a Spring Fest on April 25, 2009, at Anthony's Restaurant in Drexel Hill, PA. The Sensational Soul Cruisers will provide the entertainment for this event.

A \$40 donation will be collected at the door; we will have a light buffet and cash bar. All ticket proceeds go to assist West Catholic High School. So come on out and enjoy the night with some friends and great music.

If you have any questions or are interested in assisting with this event please feel free to contact Nick Voight at 215-386-2244 ext. 230, or email: nvoight@westcatholic.org. More details will be posted on www.westcatholic.org.

NOTE: Because of accommodations only a limited number of tickets will be sold.

try's oldest and largest pro bono legal and social services agency for children. Its mission is to advocate for abused and neglected children in Philadelphia, with the goal of securing a permanent, nurturing environment for every child. More information may be obtained about the Award Ceremony and the Support Center by contacting Kristyn DiDominick at kdido minick@advokid.org or 267-546-9211.

THANKS TO THE CLASS OF 1953!

The Alumni Association would like to extend its thanks to the generous members of the Class of 1953 on their donation of \$500 to the Ed Schehl - Class of 1953 Scholarship Fund this past fall. The donating class members asked that the funds be used to benefit a current West Catholic student.

The Alumni Association used the donation to provide financial aid to a deserving West Catholic student in January 2009!

Any Alumni or friends that would like to contribute to an existing scholarship fund, or who would like to create a new one should contact Ed Kerr '60, the Association's Vice President for Finance and Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Remembering . . . Conrad J. Schwoerer '26 By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60



We remember and are grateful to Conrad J. Schwoerer, '26 who hailed from St. Barbara's parish and lived on North Fifty-Second Street during his days at West Catholic. Conrad remembered the Alumni Association who has benefited from his Legacy as directed in his Will. Because of his thoughtfulness and kindness, West Catholic High School will benefit from a new sound system for their auditorium, paid for by the Alumni Association. Conrad, who was a retired Regional Sales Manager with New England Profit Company, excelled at swimming while at West Catholic,

John J. Dougherty, CPA,'63

The Alumni Association and John's wife Mary Anne and family wish to acknowledge all who contributed to the Alumni Association in John's memory. The contributions totaling \$1,100 are appreciated and show how much John loved West Catholic. He will be missed.

IN MEMORIAM

May They Rest In Peace

- Richard Sneider,'32
- Joseph S. Davidson,'33
- John B. Kennedy,'33
- Frank E. Glatfelter,'34
- Frank P. Meliti,'34
- Edward M. Caulfield,'35«
- Bernard T. Martin,'38
- Eugene McNally,'38
- John J. Purfield,'38
- Ralph A. Carabasi,'39
- Francis R. Donovan,'39«
- Francis L. Doyle,'39
- John F. McGinty,'38
- George P. Keown,'39
- Henry F. Mozzone,'39
- Vincent T. Noone,'39
- James P. Prendergast,'39
- Robert J. Greenway,'42
- Alfred J. Geary,'43
- Robert J. Googan,'44
- Leonard J. Sweeney,'44«
- William J. Beck,'45
- William J. Byrne,'45
- Thomas C. Dick,'45
- Robert J. Kelley,'45«
- William G. Mulvey,'45
- Edward R. Casey,'46«
- John E. Mason,'46«
- Joseph E. O'Brien,'46
- Richard C. Finnerty,'47
- Charles J. Maguire,'47«
- John M. Doyle,'48
- Francis M. Sharr,'48
- Edward J. Stevens,'48
- Anthony P. Del Borrello,'49
- James Howard,'49
- Gerald C. Mc Hugh,'49«
- William H. Well,'49
- James E. Wolfington,'49

- Fr. John Halbert,'50
- Robert P. Smith,'50
- John C. Sullivan,'50
- Charles J. Gartland,'51
- John P. Heiler,'51
- F. Patrick Kean,'51
- Gerald F. Kelly,'51
- John J. Mc Entee,'51
- Rev. Daniel Meehan OMI,'51
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- John J. Durkin,'52
- Gerald C. Hanahoe,'52
- Herman J. Leinhauser,'52
- James E. McDonald,'52
- Robert T. Seitz,'52
- George J. Zappone,'52«
- Charles A. Tague,'53
- James P. McCormick,'54
- Philip D. Skivo,'54
- Harry J. Fritz,'55
- Louis M. Ciocco,'56
- Robert A. Keech,'56
- Joseph P. Possenti,'56
- Daniel T. Hickey,'57
- James H. Potts,'58
- Francis E. Scullin,'60
- Thomas J. Scully,'60
- Joseph P. Basquill,'61«
- Michael J. Doyle,'61
- Edmond G. LeFevre,'62
- Samuel M. Logvidice,'67
- Robert J. Mitchell,'67
- Bernard J. Donnelly,'68
- Edward F. Wells,'74
- Joseph P. Casey,'76
- Michael Halpin,'78
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More Scenes from Communion Breakfast, Mass and Awards Ceremony



James Kelly '59 and Charles Miller '59 leading the Procession



Frank Dorey '35 - Oldest Alum in attendance!



Jerry Davis '59, Awardee



Brother Robert Schieler '68, Awardee

The Alumni Association Announces The Third Annual 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 Third Annual Communion Breakfast Scholarship Fund! The purpose of the Fund is to provide scholarships for Catholic boys to attend West Catholic. The Communion Breakfast Scholarships are funded directly by the proceeds of the Offertory Collection taken up at the Communion Breakfast.

The amount of the scholarship(s) available as a result of each year's Offertory Collection will vary. This year's Offertory Collection realized \$1,752. The Association will be awarding one four-year scholarship (of approximately \$450 per year) to a member of the incoming Freshman class at West Catholic.

All 8th grade boys that are members of Catholic parishes and who will attend West Catholic High School beginning in September 2009 are eligible for consideration for the Communion Breakfast Scholarship. The students need not be attending a Catholic grade school, as long as they are a member of a parish. Potential recipients may be nominated by their parents, their school, their parish or by any member of the Alumni Association. An application form is included in this edition of the *Emissary*, and 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 a recipient of the Scholarship, the Committee will consider each student's academic performance, involvement in school /community/parish activities and family's financial need. Families are required to provide the Committee with a copy of the student's most recent report card and a copy of the financial aid form that they provided to school. The Committee also may request that applicants receive a letter of recommendation from their pastor. All recipients of Communion Breakfast Scholarships will be required to maintain an academic average of 80 and passing conduct grades at West to retain the scholarship each year. The Scholarship may be used to pay tuition, fees and costs only at West Catholic.

Applicants must submit the application (along with a copy of the financial aid form they submitted to the school) by May 1, 2009 to the West Catholic Alumni Association, Communion Breakfast Committee, P.O. Box 889, Ardmore, PA 19003-0889. **Applications for the Scholarship can be found on the website www.westcatholicalumni.org.** The Committee will make its decisions by and notify the scholarship recipient by June 15.

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

**APPLICATION FOR THE
WEST CATHOLIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
3rd ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST SCHOLARSHIP
Deadline - May 1, 2009**

NAME OF STUDENT: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____ TELEPHONE: _____
 PARENT(S)/GUARDIANS: _____
 SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____
 CATHOLIC PARISH OF WHICH STUDENT IS A MEMBER: _____
 HAS THE STUDENT REGISTERED AT WEST CATHOLIC? _____
 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: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY JUNE 1st, TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF THE STUDENT'S MOST RECENT REPORT CARD AND A COPY OF THE FINANCIAL AID FORM SUBMITTED TO WEST CATHOLIC TO: WEST CATHOLIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, COMMUNION BREAKFAST SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, P.O. BOX 889, ARDMORE, PA 19003-0889.
 For more information, call the Alumni Association at 215-387-8560.

Save the Date
2009 Communion Breakfast Mass and Awards Ceremony
November 1, 2009 - Springfield Country Club

The Great West Catholic Class of 1960

by Chris Martin '60

On November 19, 2008, 39 members of the great West Catholic Class of 1960 gathered together at the Llanerch Country Club to celebrate their continuing friendship and brotherhood. The occasion was the semi-annual luncheon held by the Class for a number of years. As always, the gathering was an extremely joyous occasion filled with reminiscing, family updates, plans for the future and even a few exaggerations. More than a few minutes of the various conversations involved treasured memories of our time at West and the wonderful Christian Brothers and Lay teachers—

both collectively and individually. The time we spend together at the lunches passes very quickly and enjoyably. They always leave us looking forward to the next one in 6 months.

Our classmate who traveled the farthest to attend the luncheon was Tom Halloran. He came all the way from "Down Under"—yes, Australia. And as good as the food is and the ambience of the Club, Tom assures us his sole motivation was simply to be with his West Catholic Brothers. Also, I think he likes to be reminded-by folks like me—that he is remembered fondly for playing his musical

solo, at the many Most Blessed Sacrament School music shows. I think he appreciates that we have not forgotten-even though 50 plus years have passed.

During the luncheon, Jim Mulhern, our Class President, discussed the planning status to-date for our 50th Reunion in another year and a-half. Everyone seemed excited by this event. It's so hard to believe 50 years. We're all so young looking.

A special thanks to Bob McGovern who did such a great job arranging the luncheon. He has always been the driving force for these much appreciated luncheons. Also, thanks to Big Al Rogers for ensuring that we get the Llanerch Club and are specially treated.

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Class of 1938 Celebrates 70th Anniversary

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

Led by their Class Reunion Organizer, Father Phil Barr, a good friend of the Alumni Association and West Catholic High School for many years, the great class of 1938 gathered on October 7th at the Lamb Tavern in Springfield PA to celebrate their 70th Reunion. Counting guests that included Peg Harkins, (Father Barr's sister) and Alumni Association Board members, Ed Kerr, Bob McGovern and Jay Sawyer, approximately forty (40) people attended. The class of 1938 was the 22nd graduating class from West Philadelphia Catholic High School for

Boys'. Others who were in attendance for this wonderful day included Men of '38: (Father) Laurence (Jim) Burke O.F.M., Dan Haley, Dan McKeever, Ernie Russom, Dan Ryan, Joe Mahoney, John Burghart, J. Clifford Maginn, Clem Bevan, John Devlin, John McKeown, Marty Gallagher, and Dr. Mark Ciccantelli. Wives and children of graduates that also attended were: Eileen O'Brien, Regina Haley, Catherine Schnell, Ernie Russom, Jr., Gertrude Bevan along with Dancy Zagursky and Carol Owen who attended in memory of their Dad, Jere Sullivan.



Father Phil Barr and attendees at the 70th Anniversary Reunion on October 7th.



SPECIAL NOTE:
The winner of our drawing for the WEST CATHOLIC ALUMNI WATCH was JOSEPH HORNING; congratulations Joe wear it in good health and thanks to all the guys from the Great Class of 1960 for your donation.

- Notice - West Catholic Alumni On the Web

The Alumni Association would like to remind all alumni that the Alumni Association has its own website. Alive and active on the web is www.westcatholicalumni.org. This site is to keep you informed of Alumni news and current events. Currently on the site you can see the current and past issues of the *Emissary* and find out about reunions and alumni news. You can also contact the executive committee of the Board of Governors for the West Catholic Alumni Association. We are continually expanding this site. If you would like to see something on the website, please use the contact info on the site and send it to Webmaster@westcatholicalumni.org and we will be happy to put it on the site.

Class of 1952 - Class of Champions

by Harry Mirra

The Class of 1952 holds a Class Reunion Luncheon every April and October at Lehman's Tavern, Essington, PA. Class Chairman Bob Simpson reported that 29 men were present, which was an increase since our last luncheon. Bob plans these luncheons to discuss upcoming West Catholic events and to thank classmates for their contributions to the West Catholic Annual Appeal. A special thanks was extended to Joseph McCullen for helping our class reach second place.

We are always looking for more of our classmates to attend these semi-annual luncheons. The next luncheon is scheduled for April 21, 2009 at 12:00 noon at Lehman's Tavern. For more information call Bob Simpson (610-872-8814) or Ed McMerty (610-328-9492).



Pictured l to r: Tom Foley, Jack Taulane, Walt Maxwell, Don Bell, Ed Boyle, Jim Flynn and Pete McKernan at the Class of 52 Luncheon.

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A SEASON to REMEMBER

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL has a FOOTBALL PROGRAM that all members of the Alumni Association can be proud of. Head Coach, Brian Fluck, '88 and his team entered this season with back to back Blue Division Championships in the Philadelphia Catholic League. The 2008 Football Season would bring new challenges for the BURRS and all schools from the Catholic League. This would be the year that the Catholic League would join the PIAA. Fear of the UNKNOWN could have entered the mindset of the WEST CATHOLIC Coaches and Team; however it would be business as usual... Prepare and Compete with Vigor. Pre-season scrimmages against tough opponents St. Joe Prep and North Catholic would prove beneficial as the BURRS came away with victories and experience. Roman Catholic was the first pre-season game, which West would win in overtime before the faithful in Wildwood NJ on Labor Day Weekend. This season offered much excitement: a record of 14-1; another Catholic League Championship; a City Championship and a District Championship which provided the opportunity to continue the season and compete for a State Championship in Hershey, PA.

The BURRS would compete and win the next three games before the big game against Wilmington High School (located between Pittsburgh & Erie) on a beautiful day in December at Hershey Stadium in Hershey PA. 35-34 was the score in double overtime. Wilmington High School would capture the Championship in a hard fought game that had excite-

ment, enthusiasm and lots of action. WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL competed for the AA PENNSYLVANIA State Championship and lost by one point when they went for the victory and a two point conversion and missed, yes it was that close to victory. Our hats off to Wilmington High School and a carload of thanks to Coach Fluck, his staff and team for truly providing a *Football Season to Remember* in year 2008.

Now for the details and honors captured by Coach Fluck and members of his team. Coming off two consecutive Philadelphia Catholic League Blue Division Championships the 2008 version of the WEST CATHOLIC BURRS would pack a significant offensive punch with speed to burn led by Penn State recruit and Quarterback, Curtis Drake. Other components of the BURRS backfield included Rob Hollomon and Ray Maples and together with Curtis Drake they provided a scoring attack that led to a record breaking season for the team as well as an individual scoring record for Rob Hollomon. All Catholic, All City and All State honors would follow for these young men, with Curtis Drake being named AA Player of the Year for the State by the Associated Press.

This season had fan support all year long... parents, students, alumni, alumnae, teachers and former teachers and high school football fans from all over the area attended West Catholic games after reading about this wonderful team in the *Philadelphia Inquirer & Daily News* and on the Web at www.Philly.com, www.TedSilary.com and www.BurrsFootball.com.

There was a buzz in the air anytime this team would take the field, victories were anticipated and well deserved. Jake Zuzek, a junior center and linebacker was also named to the All Catholic, All City and All State Teams as a center. Both Drake and Hollomon will participate in the Big 33 football game for the state of Pennsylvania later this year. Coach Brian Fluck, who captured Coach of the Year honors for the Catholic League, will Coach the offensive line. Speaking of offensive line... West Catholic was voted *Best Offensive Line* for the city of Philadelphia by the *Philadelphia Daily News*. Members of this offensive line included Guards Paul Murtagh & Covisia Wilson; Tackles, Victor McNair & Austin Peters; Junior Center, Jake Zuzek and Sophomore Tight End, Jim Lynch. Finally, Rob Hollomon was honored by the Maxwell Football Club/CN8 as their High School Football Player of the Year for year 2008.

Many of the photos supplied for this article are compliments of Matty "Cauls" McCauley, '89 who works together with Ed Palmer, '87 to bring us the www.BurrsFootball.com website. The site is well worth a visit to capture much more than we can present here. Ed Palmer also contributes to the www.TedSilary.com website where one can find a wealth of information about High School sports. Closing remarks include special thanks to the school administration, to include Brother Tim, Sister Mary, Mary DeMasi, Brother Len, the cheerleading team and Bill Strain, '41, who together with his son Tom and daughter Patti. help to keep the Team Spirit at 100%.

LOOKING BACK... LOOKING AHEAD...

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

When you think about the earlier days of **Football** in the Philadelphia Area, **All-Scholastic Teams** come to mind. Ted Silary of the *Philadelphia Daily News* is quite an historian on High School Athletics dating back to the 1930's and 1940's. The first report on All-Scholastic Football Teams goes back to 1932, while the last report was in 1970. The following are the West Catholic High School Student Athletes listed as receiving this recognition. The year listed after each name is for the football season in which it was received. This is an unofficial report, if we omitted anyone who received such recognition during this time frame, please advise the *Emissary* through the Alumni Association and we will correct in the next issue:

Bud Maguire, '32 QB, Frank Tozar, '32 FB, Stanley Chanowicz, '32 & '33 G, Joe Missar, '33 G, Jim McGoldrick, '34 T, John Rumig, '34 E, Bill McCoy, '35 C, Bud Carson, '35, T, Ed Marre, '35 HB, Frank McKernan, '37 & '38 E, Mike Mandarino, '37 T, Jack Kelly, '40 HB, Paul Lhulier, '41 G, John Willis, '41 HB, Frank Temple, '42 C, Dan Brown, '42 & '43 E, John Tulshie, '43 HB, Pete Murphy, '43 T, George McAndrews, '44 G, Mike Bogan, '44 E, Bob Connor, '44 QB, Francis "Reds" Bagnell, '46 B, Jerry Kane, '45, T, Frank McCartney, '45 E, Charlie Albertus, '45 & '46 QB, Carl Foust, '46 C, John Michels, '47 & '48 G, Charley Pastorius, '51 T, John McEachren, '51 HB, John McKernan, '51 E, Andy "Bud" McFadden, '52 G, Bill Burns, '59 C, Fran Dougherty, '60 QB, Nick Cirone, '60 T, George Southcott, '61 QB, Tom Bazis, '61 G, Bob Mahan, '62 HB, Tom DeFelice, '62 & '63 QB, Mike DiDonato, '65 HB, Bob Davis, '65 T, Rich Bradley, '66 G, Joe Gifford, '67 FB, Joe Crisanti, '70 T.

Other interesting information gathered when doing this research highlighted the 1943 and 1951 Catholic and City Championship BURR football teams as the only West Catholic football teams to go through a season undefeated. Curtis Brinkley who was sensational for West Catholic during the years before the BURRS captured their first of two consecutive Catholic League Blue Division Championships, and who went on to Syracuse University, ended his college career on a high note with a 1,000 + yard season while being a key contributor to the Syracuse victory over Notre Dame this past season.



Francis "Reds" Bagnell, '46

Also noted while reviewing the All-Catholic collection of BURR players so honored over the years I was amazed that Harry Boyd, '66, a key ingredient along with Bob Davis, Mike DiDonato and Jim Phillips for the Catholic and City title team of 1965 was never honored as such, yet was elected to the All-State team and played in the Big 33 Game. An update on Raymond Maples, star offense & defensive back for West Catholic over the past three seasons is considering West Point...We wish him the very best.

As we go forward and view the 2009 Football Season through the eyes of www.TedSilary.com and West Catholic grad Ed Palmer, '87...Ed presents the names to look for next season (their class year is listed as it will be next season) in the Catholic League that are part of the West Catholic Roster at this time are: Jake Zuzek, Sr, OL-DL, Brandon Hollomon, Jr, RB-DB, Jim Lynch, Jr, TE-DE, Dante Dickens, Sr, LB, John Ruppert, Sr, DT, Anthony McDonough, Jr, FB-LB, Ray Manuel, Sr, DB, Quran Kent, Jr, WR, Kris Padgett, Jr, DE, Bill Tobin, Sr, LB, Rodney Linder, Jr, OL, Lamont Davis, Jr, RB-DB.



Tom DeFelice, '63

This list does not include members of the incoming sophomore class, coming off a very successful 2008 Freshmen Team campaign. Whether we look back, celebrate the wonderful 2008 season or take a peak at what is ahead...WEST CATHOLIC FOOTBALL should always be part of your fall schedule, please support WEST CATHOLIC ATHLETICS.



Brandon Williamson, Rob Holloman and Curtis Drake



Quarterback Curtis Drake reviews game plan with Head Coach Bryan Fluck.



Team Captains at traditional Coin Toss



Fans in stands support Burrs at Bok Tech game

WEST CATHOLIC HOOPS

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

While West Catholic Basketball coach Bill Ludlow was at home with a high fever, his team just missed pulling off an upset in a Catholic League Blue Division playoff game against highly favored Archbishop Carroll of Radnor PA. Carroll entered the game with a record of 20-2 while West was at 15-8 with recent momentum coming from the overall team play but in particular the emergence of center Ade Barek, a 6'7" senior transfer who was just beginning to feel comfortable with the Catholic League brand of play. Along with fellow senior Rob Hollomon and sophomore point guard Aquil Younger, the undersized Burrs defeated Archbishop Wood and Cardinal Dougherty to set up this contest at Cardinal O'Hara High School on February 14 in a sweetheart of a game well attended by many from the West Catholic family. The final score was 51-48 in favor of Archbishop

Carroll. However despite this heartbreak defeat the season will continue now that the Catholic League teams are part of the P.I.A.A. and this experience may well help the Burrs to come up with more victories before the season of 2008-09 comes to an end. If the name Rob Hollomon sounds familiar, it is in fact the sensational running back/defensive back from the West Catholic football team; Aquil Younger is a basketball player to look for next season and the one after, his quickness and ability to finish the play is worth the price of admission...While Coach Bill Ludlow was recovering at home, two of his players from the 1998-99 team helped with the coaching duties for this game, Greg McCleary and Marlon Belfon, splendid performers while at West seemed to be enjoying the pinch hitting assignment for Coach Bill. Please Support all West Catholic Sports and Activities.



Dave Bertoline, '88 (L) and Rob Wharton, '91 (R) former players are regular attendees at West Catholic Basketball games.

Tom Davis, '05 Excels at Penn

By: John Tomosky, '63

Tom Davis, '05 who was valedictorian at the Graduation ceremonies for the class of 2005 at West Catholic and who went on to the University of Pennsylvania where he is on track to graduate this year with a 3.8 grade point average, plans to pursue graduate studies or venture out into the world of Finance as a Burr and Quaker of prominence.

While at Penn, Tom played 3 seasons for the University of Pennsylvania Sprint football team that concluded the 2008 season with a 47-0 victory over Princeton University at Franklin Field in late October. Two of his coaches at Penn who influenced Tom to participate in the Sprint program are

West men. Dan Harrell, '61 and Michael Rawlings, '71 are proud of Tom's accomplishments for being honored with All Collegiate Sprint Football League (CSFL) recognition as an Offensive Tackle for three consecutive seasons.

This is what Tom had to say about his days at West Catholic... "My time at West was invaluable in preparing me to deal with the rigors of competing both at Wharton and in College football during the past three years, and I will be forever grateful to the academic and athletic staff personnel at the school for the support and encouragement given to me while matriculating there".



TOM DAVIS, '05 with his Father, Harry and Mother, Susan after his last game at Franklin Field on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia PA.

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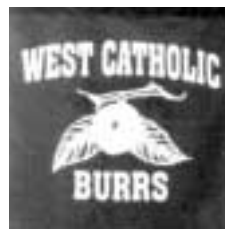
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



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

After it was announced that West Boys would close its doors forever in 1989, the following saying became popular among Alumni, appearing on bumper stickers and T-shirts: "The tradition ends after 73 years, but the Spirit lives on forever!"

I am reminded of that saying now more than ever every weekday as I pass the corner of 49th & Chestnut Streets and I drive my son, Matt (Class of 2010), to West Catholic. For many, the unthinkable is happening - they are tearing down the Boys' School! The Brother's House already has been torn down! The School District of Philadelphia is razing the old West Catholic Boys' campus to make way for the West Philadelphia High School and sports complex.

Time undeniably brings changes - some pleasant; some not so pleasant. Many thousand of "boys" have wonderful memories (perhaps some not so wonderful!) of time spent at 49th & Chestnut Streets. Walks around the track . . . talking with friends at the shrine. . . intramural games on the field . . . being inspired in the many classrooms by dedicated Brothers and lay teachers who not only imparted knowledge but, more importantly, instilled values, Christian ethics and that intangible that we all share - THE WEST CATHOLIC SPIRIT!

To be sure, Brother Tim Ahern and the West Catholic community is working to obtain mementos from the Boys' School - the corner stones; the engraved "Pro Deo et Patria"; and portions of the grotto that housed the shrine. Indeed, West Catholic already has received the time capsule that was sealed with the corner stone from the Brother's House.

However, each one of us already has the most important memento - THE WEST CATHOLIC SPIRIT. It is a Spirit born of dedication to excellence, grounded in our Catholic faith and heritage. It is a Spirit that manifests itself EVERYDAY in the way that our Alumni succeed in every field of endeavor while continuing to remember our roots and remaining true to the integrity demanded of us by the Brothers and their fellow faculty members. It is manifested in the many, many works of charity, religious service, community service and military service that have been and still are rendered every day by older and young Alumni alike. It is manifested every day by the 500+ students and their families who struggle to obtain the best combination of education and Christian values available anywhere.

That Spirit was initiated in 1916 when West Catholic Boys first opened its doors. It was shaped even more when the Christian Brothers began administering the school in 1926. It lived through depression and economic difficulties past and present, war, the pressures of an increasingly materialistic society, and vast cultural changes. In 1989, the Spirit joined with the wonderful legacy of our sister school, West Philadelphia Catholic Girls High School. It continues to thrive as each year sees new Alumni enter society with the same remarkable education, values and Spirit that we were fortunate to experience and adopt as our own.

The demolition of West Boys is a sad event; but it must serve as a reminder that the West Catholic Spirit is not a physical place; it is not limited by the confines of brick or granite or mortar. Rather, the West Catholic Spirit is living and growing, continuing to spread itself to students for almost 93 years. The challenge today is for each one of us, as "Loyal Sons Who Love To Spread Her Fame," to do what we can to insure that the Spirit lives on forever! I look forward to working with all Alumni - young and old - to make this happen!

WE SADLY BID YOU GOODBYE



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CLASS REUNION SCHEDULE

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