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Scenes from Communion Breakfast

Master of Ceremonies Steve Tuilly ’84 and Awardee Jay Sawyer ’59

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

Rev. Walter Quinn 48 leads opening prayer

2009 Fund Campaign Begins

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., ’60

Pat Cassidy, ’67

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 School ‘68, 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 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 South-west Philadelphia. Together with our Alumni Board of Governors both men believe that the West Catholic Spirit will help us to prevail and support our most important cause - the Annual Fund. Our members have always had sold faith in the future for God and Country...Long Live West Catholic!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

St. Patrick’s Day Parade & Social
Sports Hall of Fame
C.B. Award Nomination Deadline
Spring Fest
Scholarship Application Deadline
Annual Mtg. - Board Elections
Cardinal O’Connor Golf Classic
School Graduation
Alumni Beach Golf Outing
Burrs at the Beach
Communion Breakfast & Awards

March 15th
March 28th
April 15th
April 25th
May 1st
May 11th
May 13th
June 6th
July 11th
July 12th
November 1st
Plains are underway for the Alumni Association’s 89th Annual Mass and Communion Breakfast to be held on May 11, 2009 at the Springfield Country Club, on Springfield Road in Springfield, Delaware County. The Alumni Association 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 of 1984 and 1964 respectively will be honored and will be invited in all events of the Mass.

All members of the Alumni Association are invited to participate in planning and organizing the 89th Communion Breakfast Awards. Please contact the Communion Breakfast Committee by telephone (610-246-1020) or e-mail (president@westcatholicalumni.org) for further details, which will be announced on the website.

The Communion Breakfast Committee is soliciting nominees for the following awards to be presented at the 89th Annual Communion Breakfast:

- Brother Edwin Anselm Award: (a) 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 honoré 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. (Additionally, the Golden Burr Award honoré typically is a Christian Brother).

Nominees should include the name and class of the nominee and the award(s) for which they should be considered and the reasons for the nomination. The name, class, and 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. Over the 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. The result of that effort, the Alumni Association has agreed to purchase new wireless audio equipment for the school’s drama programs 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 installed the equipment on its website (www.westcatholicalumni.org) and e-mail, publicized the opportunity to purchase the equipment and solicited expressions of interest. The school and the Alumni Association presented the equipment to the original vendor and Alumni bidder who were interested in the project. The equipment should be delivered and installed in time for this year’s presentation of The Wiz (by the Houseman Company) at the School (215-398-2244).

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, 8 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 “(a) a Catholic graduate of either school who has completed at least one year at either school, except that men in services or women who are students or graduates of either school who are not Catholic; (b) a Catholic member of the Class of 1985; (c) proven “Loyal Son of West Catholic and member of the Class of 1985; (d) achieved outstanding success in field of endeavor; and (e) has made a contribution to West in any form.”

Any Member of the Association that would like to be elected to the Board of Governors may be a Member of the Alumni Association, P.O. Box 889, Ardmore, PA 19003) by May 4, 2009. The Board of Governors consists of 16 to 34 members 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. Announcing the 89th Annual Communion Breakfast

The Communion Breakfast on November 1, 2009 will take place on Monday, June 8, 2009 at 7 pm, at the Am-Vets, 960 N. Providence Road, Havertown, PA.

The Mullens’ very successful entrepreneurship in the non-profit area. "The Irish American Business Chamber is a nonpartisan business chamber, the Directors of that organization conferred the Award "In recognition of John and Joan Mullens’ leadership in the non-profit area." The Mullens’ very successful in the travel field, creating Apple Leisure try, creating Apple Leisure 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 installed the equipment on its website (www.westcatholicalumni.org) and e-mail, publicized the opportunity to purchase the equipment and solicited expressions of interest. The school and the Alumni Association presented the equipment to the original vendor and Alumni bidder who were interested in the project. The equipment should be delivered and installed in time for this year’s presentation of The Wiz (by the Houseman Company) at the School (215-398-2244).

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Mar 22 - 8:00 PM
BY JIM MULHERN, ALUMNI DIRECTOR

March with West in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade on Sunday, March 15th

Buses will leave from the DeLaSalle Knights of Columbus in Springfield, Delaware County, at approximately 10 a.m. and will take marchers to Broad & Washington Streets where the parade starts.

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

Jim, a former West Catholic student, is a retired professional, a West Catholic alum and a St. Joe’s fan. He is a successful businessman, having started his own business, National Reality, Inc., which he ran until 2003. He is currently serving our country!

We remember and are grateful to Conrad 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 21st century financial aid for deserving children.

IN MEMORIAM

The Alumni Association is very thankful to Conrad J. Schwoerer ‘26, who created a special scholarship fund, the Conrad J. Schwoerer ’26 Scholarship Fund, to provide financial aid to a deserving West Catholic student. The committee had the opportunity to meet with and learn about the lives of several of Conrad’s veterans, which made the process of selecting a recipient for this year’s award very meaningful.

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 Scheel - Class of 1953 Scholarship Fund. These funds are used to benefit a current West Catholic student.

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

Following his father’s ’27, mother’s ’31, and several uncles and aunts, Dan joined the West from St. Carthaghe parish. He was an excellent student, a member of the varsity soccer and bowling teams, and at graduation he was awarded the annual alumni scholarship. He graduated from his undergraduate degree from St. Joe’s in 1962 and went on to receive a master’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1965 and Harvard in 1967. He worked for the Small Business Administration from 1965 until 1971 and served as a Foreign Service Officer from 1969 to 1978, stationed in Washington, D.C., 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 Tennessee Valley Authority until 2003.

Dan traveled the world and held many executive level positions but never lost his roots in West Catholic. 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 (’61), John ’66, and sister Mary (’55).
The Committee will be awarding one four-year scholarship (of approximately $1,752). The Association will maintain an academic average of 80 and passing conduct grades at West to retain the scholarship each year.

The Scholarship may be awarded 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 this 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 are 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 review its decisions by and notify the scholarship recipients 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:

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PLEASE LIST ALL OF THE STUDENT’S ACTIVITIES, CLUBS, SPORTS, ETC.:

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PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER FACTS YOU WOULD LIKE THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER:

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NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF PERSON NOMINATING STUDENT:

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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.

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Save the Date
2009 Communion Breakfast Mass and Awards Ceremony
November 1, 2009 - Springfield Country Club
The Class of 1952 - Class of Champions

by Harry Mirra

The Class of 1952 held its 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 John McGovern 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 noon at Lehman’s Tavern. For more information, contact Bob Simpson (610-872-8814) or Ed McGerty (610-328-9492).

Communion Breakfast Committee Thanks All Who Advertised in the Program Book

We would like to thank all those who supported our Award Winners by patronizing the affair. In addition, we would like to acknowledge those who advertised their business or organization in the Souvenir Book.

Class of 1952 Celebrates 70th Anniversary

by Ed Kerr, Jr., ’50

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WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL has a FOOTBALL PROGRAM that all members of the Alumni Association will be proud of. Head Coach, Brian Fluck, 38 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 Philadelphia 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 double overtime. Wilmington High School would capture the Championship in a hard fought game. Many of the photos supplied 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, 46; and Bill Strain, ’41, who took over as head coach. 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, alumnæ, teachers and former teachers, included 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 Pattie, help to keep the Team Spirit at 100%.

At the Alumni Football Game on Friday evening, September 19th at 7:00 pm, the Catholic grad Ed Palmer went on to Syracuse and New York, and was named to the All State team and played in the Big 33 Game. An update on the 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, please support WEST CATHOLIC FOOTBALL should always be part of your fall schedule, please support WEST CATHOLIC ATHLETICS.
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Items Make Great Gifts • Place Your Order Today!
Please send your check, money order or credit card information to include type of card (MasterCard • Visa • Amex), Name on Card, Exp. Date, Shipping Address to West Catholic Alumni Association, P.O. Box 889, Ardmore, PA, 19003.
If you wish to call in your order, please call 1-800-750-8560 after 4:00 p.m. and select Mailbox #4. You may leave your credit card information and your order or request a return call regarding same. Thank you.

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M______ L______ XL______ XXL______ XXXL______ $37.00 x ____

WEST CATHOLIC HATS (choice of four - all adjustable)
A. Heavy brushed cotton pro-style cap constructed
navy blue with white WC on crown $16.00 x ____
B. Deluxe garment washed cotton twill 100% cotton-low profile
pro style cap unconstructed soft crown-low fitting stone grey
crown and navy blue Burrs on crown and navy visor $17.00 x ____
C. Suede visor washed pigment-dyed bull denim low profile
pro style cap-unconstructed-khaki crown-100% cotton
with navy blue Burrs on crown and navy visor. $18.00 x ____
D. "New" Brush twill sandwich cap, navy and white
with navy WC on crown $16.00 x ____
E. "New" Ski Cap $15.00 x ____

ALUMNI JACKET-white with blue accent, spring weight
(75% polyester & 25% cotton with 100% nylon lining)
L______ XL______ $76.00 x ____

ALUMNI JACKET-blue with tan accent, spring weight
(65% polyester & 35% cotton with 100% nylon lining)
L______ XL______ $76.00 x ____

HANES BEEFY "Y" (100% preshrunk cotton)
Navy____ White____ L______ XL______ XXL______
$14.00 x ____

NAVY SWEATSHIRTS (CHAMPION ATHLETIC APPAREL)
(93% cotton & 7% polyester)
L______ XL______ XXL______ XXXL______ $37.00 x ____

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(100% Cotton. Available in Royal Blue or Navy Blue)
S____ M____ L______ XXL______ XXXL______
$68.50 x ____
$73.00 x ____
$75.00 x ____

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PRICES INCLUDE SHIPPING

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.

WEST CATHOLIC HOOPS
By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

While West Catholic Basketball coach Bill Ludow 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 Bane, 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 at home with a high fever, his 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 Bellon, 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 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 Bellon, splendid performers while at West seemed to be enjoying the pinch hitting assignment for Coach Bill. Please support all West Catholic Sports and Activities.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Francis X. Crowley, Esq. ’77
President
West Catholic Alumni Association

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 weekday as I pass the corner of 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 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 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 the 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!

CLASS REUNION SCHEDULE

Only your Alumni Association office can provide your Reunion Committee with a current listing of your classmate. Call 215.387.8560

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Note: All Other Class Who Are Planning A Reunion OR Would Like To Plan One, Please CALL Alumni Office

CLASS LUNCHEONS

Class of ’46 – Casey’s Restaurant, Newtown Square, PA Contact – Jack Quinn, 215-641-6719
Class of ’58 – May 14, 2009, Ramada Airport Inn, Essington, PA – Contact - Frank Adolph, 610-344-0716
Class of ’59 – March 16, 2009, Lehrman’s Restaurant, Essington, PA – Contact - George Bennell, 610-485-7926
Class of ’60 – May 20, 2009, Lanercrach Country Club, Havertown, PA – Contact - Bob McGovern, 610-583-4469

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