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School Class of 2020

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Report from the Dean

“Oh, what a year the last few weeks have been!”

I found myself thinking these words often during these past three months. Indeed, my brain gets foggy even trying to remember my world as it existed before the pandemic. The past feels so distant, and so much has changed.

One thing, at least, has stayed the same – the amazing personal commitment of our Regis leaders, faculty, and staff to make the Regis experience a great one for our students and families. I am so proud of the work they did the last three months – going far above and beyond any credit they will ever receive.

I was blown away by the leadership of our principals. Crunched for time, amidst high anxiety and stress on all sides, and with very limited resources, they scrambled again and again. They did it every time a new change or new need arose. I could see in their eyes the amazing love they have for our students and their families, and above all else their love for our Lord Jesus Christ. Somehow they still found time to keep me up to date on the latest developments, even though I didn't expect it. Almost always, I found that all I could do was say, “Keep up the amazing work!”

I had many conversations with teachers, some of whom went far outside of their comfort zone to teach in methods they had never before attempted. I had many conversations with parents, many of whom found ways to work full time while homeschooling their children. Many families began praying together in ways they never knew before. We discovered along the way some wonderful innovations in the area of distance learning. We also discovered something that most of us knew all along

– there is no substitute for being together in person and growing together as disciples of Jesus and members of the Regis family.

I felt the stresses of our Central Office staff, trying to solve insoluble problems and figure out how to work through complex situations never before faced.

They persevered and kept finding ways to support our people.

I was especially moved by the ongoing prayer services, Bible studies, and faith conversations held online by Fr. Sedlacek and other members of his campus ministry team. Many of our students continued to be fed spiritually throughout this time.

I felt blessed to be one of the few who were personally present for two of the live stream ceremonies – the 5th Grade Promotion at St. Mary's Elementary School and the Baccalaureate Mass for Regis High School. During the fall and winter months, how could I ever have dreamed that we would be celebrating these Masses without any of the students present? Thanks to John Cook's technological magic and dozens of hours of preparation from our principals, staff, and chaplain, the events brought tears of gratitude to many eyes. These students will never forget the day. Thank you.

Times like these test our character. I think most of us have experienced ugly moments in which our grief and anguish and fear brought out not-so-great thoughts or words or actions. I know that I have had those moments! I am guessing that you have as well.

Then enters God's grace, an invitation to something deeper and better, if we are willing to surrender, to obey, and to follow where Jesus leads. I saw many of our students, faculty, staff, parents, and priests heed that invitation from the Lord and become better human beings through these trials. I am proud of our Regis family and grateful for the ways God has strengthened us amidst these hardships.

I will conclude with the inspired words of St. Peter in Sacred Scripture: In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:6-7).



Fr. Derek Sakowski
Dean, Eau Claire Deanery



Report from the President

Dear Current Families, Alumni, Stakeholders, and Friends,

It is my honor and privilege to serve as the President for Regis Catholic Schools. This is certainly an unprecedented time in world history, which makes me ever more grateful for our faith. Our faith in God, our faith in each other, and our commitment to worship are reasons I am hopeful as we unfold this new school year together.

My years at Regis, starting as a teacher in 1995, then principal, moving into curriculum, and now president, have been blessed with the place I call work to feel like home. My family has grown up surrounded by this beautiful faith journey, which has included an excellent education. Both of my boys have been a part of Regis since they were three-years-old. Through being a part of Regis, our lives have been enriched in countless ways. I want that feeling for all families.

As a system, we believe it is important to set strategic goals to focus our actions for continuous improvement. Cultivating faith, academic achievement and growth, financial prudence, and involving all constituencies are goals we have set. Through our collaborative work with our school chaplain and supporting pastors, we have been able to focus more attention on helping students build a relationship with Christ. We continue to provide a strong faith-infused curriculum and work to live our faith in all that we do in word and deed. This faith is so important to the success of our system.

One of our goals at Regis is to continue a collaborative atmosphere dedicated to working in the best interest of each student.

I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year, and if I can be of any assistance, please contact me at (715) 830-2273, ext. 1408 or kmechelke@RegisCatholicSchools.com.

Gratefully,



Kelly K. Mechelke
President





This past spring was one our Regis Catholic Schools students, teachers, staff, and parents will never forget thanks to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Following a mandate from Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers, our school buildings (Regis High School, Regis Middle School, Immaculate Conception Elementary School, St. James Elementary School, and St. Mary's Elementary School) closed at the end of the school day on Tuesday, March 17. As it turned out, they never reopened during the 2019-20 school year. Our two child development centers (Regis Child Development Center and Genesis Child Development Center) remained open, reducing the number of children at each center to meet state safety requirements.

However, the closure of our school buildings did not mean our students stopped learning. Our outstanding teachers jumped into action, developing and distributing at-home learning plans for all of our K-12 students. For eight weeks, our students continued their school work at home, utilizing technology when appropriate to stay connected to their teachers and classmates. Many of them also found ways to give back and support our community during this time.

We thank our amazing Regis Catholic Schools families for their flexibility and support as they collaborated with us to continue to educate their children. We could not have done this without them! ❤️



Ramblers giving back during a time of need! Ms. Zukaitis volunteered each Monday to hand out meals at McDonell Area Catholic Schools. ❤️

Some members of our Regis High School Campus Ministry Team video chatted to stay connected with Mrs. Hughes and Fr. Sedlacek. ❤️



No fooling! Mrs. Wirz from St. James Elementary School really missed her kindergarten students and paid them a special visit on April Fool's Day! ❤️

Our three elementary schools welcomed families on several occasions to complete a curbside drop off and pick up of at-home learning worksheets and materials. It was a great way for the kids to check in with their teachers and for the teachers to remind the kids just how much they missed them! ❤️



In recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week, our principals made some special deliveries to our teachers at their homes. ❤️





4th grade student Mark Patchin and his mom, Jill, delivered handmade face masks to all of our teachers and staff members at Immaculate Conception Elementary School to show their appreciation for all they do! We thank them for this thoughtful gesture and the effort they put into making each mask. ❤️

All of our teachers and staff on the Regis campus missed our students and were praying for them! ❤️



Fr. Sakowski from St. Mary's Parish took time to check in with students from the school with fun and prayerful videos. ❤️



Our 4th grade students in Mrs. Daggett's class at Immaculate Conception Elementary School received an Easter delivery of a hand-painted card and a sweet treat to their homes. Mr. and Mrs. Daggett made the deliveries fully gloved and masked and followed the rules of social distancing. ❤️



Students of all ages got out to show their love for our planet on Earth Day! ❤️

Miss Rosene from St. James Elementary School and her students wrote "pen pal" letters and notes to each. We love this return to a classic way of keeping in touch! ❤️





Getting lost in a good book! Joey, a 5th grade student at St. James Elementary School, spent time reading in his newly constructed tree fort. ♥



Adelaide and Lilly Hoeschen, students at Regis High School and Regis Middle School, labeled 900 bottles to be filled with hand sanitizer by Chippewa River Distillery. The effort was sponsored by Silver Spring Foods, Catalytic Combustion, Rooney Grain, and Leinenkugel's. ♥



We Did It... Together!

STAFF
TEACHERS
FAMILIES
FRIENDS
KIDS



PRAYERS
SUPPORTERS
COMMUNITY

To celebrate the end of the school year, Miss Bell from St. James Elementary School visited each one of her 5th grade students at home. She brought each of them a balloon and a "middle school survival kit". ♥



Our St. Mary's Elementary School staff had a "Tailgate Party" to celebrate the last day of school! Families were able to drive down Lynn Avenue to see all the decorated vehicles, wave to, and talk to staff. ♥



Faculty & Staff Appreciation Awards

2020 Teacher of the Year

REGIS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Deborah Robie

Deborah Robie has worked for the Regis Child Development Center in the 2-year-old classroom for the past 3 years. However, she has 20 years of Montessori teaching experience on top of that. Debbie truly values education and lives this passion as a lifelong learner, having successfully completed a Bachelor's Degree in Spanish, a Master's Degree in English, a credential in Mid-America Montessori teaching, a credential in Child Care Administration, and most recently taking coursework in order to obtain a Wisconsin DPI teaching license.

She has a quiet, calm demeanor that children gravitate to, patiently answering all of the questions asked of a toddler's curious mind. She meets every child exactly where they are at and adjusts her curriculum to meet each child's individual needs. Her loving, selfless nature has made her an extraordinary mentor for other teachers, a trusted partner with the parents, and a respected employee. We are proud to have her on our team.

GENESIS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Sarah Schrader

Sarah Schrader has been a teacher at the Genesis Child Development Center for the past 5 years. Her education and training allows her to design and implement a developmentally appropriate curriculum for our 2-year-old classroom. She provides hands-on learning activities that are fun, creative, and that encourage children to grow and develop. Sarah forms a strong bond with each child in her care and she is a parent favorite.

As a colleague, Sarah's grateful, positive, and appreciative nature is contagious among the other staff. Sarah's outgoing and fun personality makes her a perfect fit for working with young children. She is a hard worker and a trusted and dedicated employee. We are extremely proud and thankful to have her a part of our team.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mary Donnellan

Mary Donnellan is one of the most dedicated teachers you will ever meet. She is a great example of Regis pride! Mary participates in so many aspects at the school and parish. Whenever she hears of someone in need, she is the primary organizer of care efforts. She has been critical when it comes to leading school wide virtue activities and sets a great example of parish life by her participation in the choir and parish council. Mary also serves our system on the Teaching & Learning Committee.

Mary is a highly skilled teacher. Her classroom is warm, joyful, and creative. Students in her classroom are always excited to share what they learn. Mary instills in her students a profound sense of self-worth by taking an interest in everything they have to say. (And kindergarteners can talk a lot!) She is not afraid to learn new things or take on new challenges. Though she has been teaching kindergarten for quite a number of years, she is always looking for something new and creative.

As a Regis alumna, Mary deeply cares for the success of our system. She takes an active leadership role to pass on the values that make Regis such a strong community. Mary takes care to collaborate with all staff and because she is so friendly, she is viewed as a leader among staff.

ST. JAMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Jaimee Rosene

Jaimee Rosene is a dedicated 2nd grade teacher who always does what is best for her students and we are lucky to have her at St. James Elementary School! She is a dedicated teacher who goes above and beyond for her students and looks for fun and creative activities to enhance her lessons.

What really stands out are the special connections Jaimee makes with her students, staff, and families. She is a positive influence on everyone she meets! Her students light up when they see Jaimee and she always has a warm and friendly smile. She loves to do her 'signature' dance! Jaimee loves her students and they know how much

she cares for them. Outside of school, Jaimee tutors students and she takes time to attend many after school events so she can watch and cheer on her students.

We also appreciate how Jaimee volunteers for all school activities. We can always count on her to help. Just recently, she volunteered to be the backup teacher for the school's before/after school program. Jaimee does an awesome job preparing our 2nd grade students to receive the sacrament of their First Communion. She also volunteers and teaches Religious Education for our 2nd grader students in our parish along with teaching summer bible school.

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Nan Falbo

Nan Falbo has been part of our Regis Catholic Schools family for the past six years. While this past year was marked with personal loss and, well, a full-blown pandemic, Nan stepped up and out of her comfort zone to be not only a support for her students, but for staff as well. Throughout the course of the school year, Nan selflessly took in students from UW-Eau Claire to offer them experiences in the classroom as they continued their personal journeys to becoming teachers. She also served Regis Catholic Schools by taking on a mentee part way through the school year, serving on the Teaching and Learning Committee, and being a member of the President Hiring Committee.

Nan coordinated our school Masses and led our staff in the Divine Mercy Chaplet upon learning about the initial school closure. Nan's dedication to her students was highlighted during the school closure as she planned multiple WebEx meetings to check in with and offer help to her students on a weekly basis.

REGIS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Marc Lundquist

Marc Lundquist is one of the most pedagogically sound instructors Principal Paul Pedersen says he has ever known. His energy and passion in the classroom is amazing.

Marc constantly refines his lessons and is always incorporating best practices of the profession. He engages students in his lessons every minute of every day and the students genuinely look forward to going to his social studies classes.

REGIS HIGH SCHOOL

Eric Nelson

Eric Nelson defines what it means to be a Catholic school teacher! His teaching of our students at Regis is a reflection of his vocation in serving Christ.

Eric is highly skilled, highly credentialed, and incredibly passionate in the classroom. He is highly respected by students, families, and his fellow teachers alike.

2020 Support Staff of the Year

John Cook | Technology Coordinator

Regis Catholic Schools had a successful transition to online instruction during the pandemic. A gratitude of thanks to our teaching staff who pulled it off. However, our staff has acknowledged they could not have had the success they and the students experienced without the technical wizardry of John Cook.

John's calm demeanor and ability to teach teachers a new delivery method was fantastic. All of us at Regis Catholic Schools acknowledge that John's

comprehensive background in all facets of technology is not only expansive, but also readily shared with anyone who inquires. We are fortunate to have such a consummate professional in our ranks!

2020 Honored Educator

Donna Simon | Instructional Aide

Donna is a great teammate who has dedicated many years of service to Immaculate Conception Elementary School and the Regis system. Donna truly enjoys working with students and helping teachers. Her enjoyment of her work shows in everything that she does. She truly enjoys being surrounded by our kindergarten students.

Donna is an extremely helpful and friendly person. Whenever there is a need, Donna is the first one to volunteer to help. Her natural friendliness with others sets a great example for our students. She is sweet to everyone she meets.

Donna has given many years to Immaculate Conception Elementary School. She has become a key member of our community and participates in many system events. She is highly respected by parents, alumni, and staff. She contributes to parish life and serves a great example of what it means to join the Regis family.

Retiring Staff Members

Mark Gobler
Bill Uelmen
Donna Simon
Pam Foegen
Kathy Long

Years of Service

5 Years

Amy Canfield
Bridgit Chilson
Shauna Eilts
Pamela Foegen
Thomas Goldsmith
Meghan Kulig
Marc Lundquist
Jackie Lutz
Tracy Yengo
Nicole Zimmer

10 YEARS

Rebecca Burton
Jolene Schwartz

15 YEARS

Ann Hoffmann
Corissa McCoy
Carisa Smiskey

30 YEARS

Nancy Lynch



Fr. Daniel Sedlacek, Chaplain at the Regis Middle School and Regis High School, has received a new assignment from Bishop William Callahan and will become the parochial administrator of a parish within our Diocese.

His assignment as Chaplain will conclude at the end of July.

"I have loved my two years as Chaplain at Regis. I am excited for this new adventure, but sad to leave the people at Regis to whom I have had the privilege to minister. Please pray for me and know of my prayers for you."



Fr. Peter Kieffer has been named as our new Chaplain at Regis Middle School and Regis High School. Fr. Kieffer grew up in La Crosse and graduated from Aquinas High School in 2007. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Callahan in 2017 and spent the first few years of priesthood serving at St. Matthew and Holy Name Parishes in Wausau, as well as the Chaplain at Newman Catholic High School and Middle School in Wausau. We welcome Fr. Kieffer to our Regis family!



Hats off to the Regis High School

Class of
2020!

On May 27 and 28, we honored our seniors with individual graduation ceremonies inside the Fr. Dowd Auditorium at Regis High School. Each graduate was invited to bring a small group of family members to watch as he or she crossed the stage to receive a diploma. It was unlike any graduation ceremony in our history and one we will always remember!

The Phoenix Park Bridge in downtown Eau Claire was lit green all evening and night on Wednesday, May 27 to honor our 2020 graduates from Regis High School! Thanks to the Rotary Club for helping to arrange this colorful celebration!

Congratulations to our graduating seniors who excelled academically and earned a top spot among the Regis High School **Class of 2020!**

Valedictorians



Joseph Edge



Zade Kidess



Caroline Kowieski



Brent Martin



Grace Multhauf



Quinn Petersilka



Harrison Shepich

Salutatorians



Mingyu (Michael) Liu



Maxwell Salonek



Bishop's Medal

Each year, Regis Catholic Schools awards the Bishop's Medal to the graduating senior who demonstrates a commitment to Catholic education and living out his or her Catholic faith. This year, that important award was presented to Evan Swanson.



Sohyun (Alex) Ahn
Undecided

Maggie Andrews
UW-La Crosse

Sydney Bates
St. Norbert College

Mason Bauer
Iowa Lakes
Community College

Riley Bauer
UW-Eau Claire

Dane Becker
Gap Year

Elena Bourget
UW-Madison

Madelyn Brown
Chippewa Valley
Technical College

Ian Burdick
Michigan State University

Robert (Robbie) Burhop
UW-Stevens Point

Hailey Chilson
Viterbo University

Ball (Wiwat) Chiwinkunpathom
Undecided

Jackson Curtis
UW-Madison

Annalise Daniels
Carroll College
(Helena, Montana)

Joseph Edge
UW-Madison

Evan Flak
UW-Stout

Ida Fugoso
UW-Eau Claire

Liting Huang
University of
San Francisco

Federica Introzzi
Returning to Italy

Griffin Johnson
University of
Nebraska-Lincoln

Marianna Kern
UW-Eau Claire

Zade Kidess
Creighton University

Matthew Klink
UW-Eau Claire

Emma Knobloch
UW-River Falls

JT Koestler
Chippewa Valley
Technical College

Lily Kostka
Alverno College

Caroline Kowieski
UW-Madison

Grace Kristo
Creighton University

Class of
2020



MingYu (Michael) Liu
U.C. Berkeley

Nicholas Madson
Marquette University

Brent Martin
UW-Eau Claire

Elle Matson
UW-Madison

Riley Michaud
UW-Stout

Grace Multhauf
UW-Madison

Lillian (Lilly) Niese
UW-La Crosse

Branton Paulsrud
UW-Eau Claire

Noelle Pawelski
UW-Milwaukee

Quinn Petersilka
UW-Eau Claire

Sophia Picco
Augsburg University

Michael Polus
Chippewa Valley
Technical College

Hayden Reinders
UW-La Crosse

Mykaila Reynen
University of
Minnesota Twin Cities

Vincent Ricciardi
Marquette University

Abraham Rocksvold
University of Iowa

Luke Rooney
Montana State
University

Tristan Root
University of
Minnesota Duluth

Gabriele Ruffini
Returning to Italy

Max Salonek
Marquette University

Andrew Schlitz
University of Notre Dame

Harrison Shepich
Creighton University

Theerada Siriphan
Bangkok University

Evan Swanson
University of St. Thomas

Bria Thalacker
UW-La Crosse

Fletcher Theisen
UW-Eau Claire

Henry Theisen
United States Coast
Guard Academy

Michael Usher
Creighton University

Brooks Wahl
Chippewa Valley
Technical College

Julia Weisenberger
Minnesota State
University-Mankato

Ryan Whiteside
Chippewa Valley
Technical College

Donovan Wogernese
UW-Stout

Ashlee Woodie
Gap Year

Tseng (Clara) Wu
Undecided



The Tradition Continues

The Regis High School Class of 2020 had several multi-generational graduates among its ranks. **Rambler proud!**



Maggie Andrews '20

Mike Andrews '89
Father

Stan Andrews '63
Grandfather



Lilly Niese '20

Andy Niese '92
Father



Ryan Whiteside '20

Tim Whiteside '93
Father

Angie Hagmann Whiteside '94
Mother

James Whiteside '65
Grandfather

Michael Hagmann '65
Grandfather



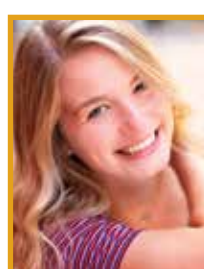
Sydney Bates '20

Leslie Jacques Bates '77
Mother



Michael Polus '20

Lisa Spalding '90
Mother



Caroline Kowieski '20

Mark Skutley '65
Grandfather

Carole Zachau Skutley '65
Grandmother



Elena Bourget '20

Tony Bourget '83
Father



Max Salonek '20

David Hehli '60
Grandfather

Mary Hehli '60
Grandmother



Hayden Reinders '20

Mary Jo (Juster) Reinders '59
Grandmother



Madelyn Brown '20

Eric Brown '91
Father

Stu Brown '63
Grandfather

Jeanine Marx Brown '63
Grandmother



Fletcher Theisen '20

Mark Theisen '93
Father

Angie Callahan Theisen '94
Mother

Joe Theisen '60
Grandfather



J.T. Koestler '20

Roxie Owens '69
Grandmother



Hailey Chilson '20

Mark Chilson '88
Father

Sue Coleman Chilson '62
Grandmother

Aurthur Coleman '32
(St. Patrick's)
Great-Grandfather



Henry Theisen '20

Joe Theisen '60
Grandfather



Evan Swanson '20

Erin Swanson '89
Mother



Marianna Kern '20

Jeff Kern '80
Father

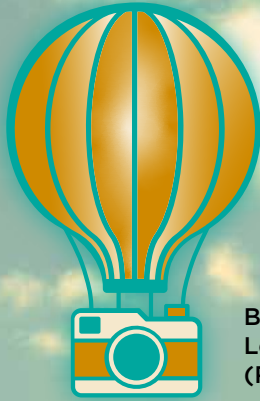


Brooks Wahl '20

John "Jack" Wahl '83
Father

John Wahl '58
Grandfather

Well-Traveled Rambler



By Liam Marlaire
Leader-Telegram Staff
(Reprinted with permission.)



Riley Michaud has lived in six states and owns her own business.

Michaud is a member of Eau Claire Regis' graduating class of 2020. She was born in Colorado Springs, Colo., lived in Missouri for seven years, relocated to the Chicago area for a short stint, moved to Shreveport, La., and returned to Missouri where she completed middle school and her first two years of high school.

The family relocated to the Chippewa Valley two years ago when Riley's father, Matt, retired after 24 years in the Air Force. Many might see moving so often during one's formative years as a detriment; Riley sees it as character-building.

"With every new adventure has come a new learning opportunity," she said. "In reality, I would not be who I am without those experiences."

Having visited her grandparents in Chippewa Falls over the years, Riley said Wisconsin "has always felt like home." That sentiment was reinforced when she became a Rambler. She'll now be a member of Eau Claire Regis' 61-student class that's graduating Wednesday and Thursday.

"I was welcomed with open arms right away," she said. "It's been a positive atmosphere ever since."

Impressive Images

Riley has been interested in photography for at least 12 years, as evidenced by a family photo of her with her very first camera at the age of 7. She's since established her own business, Riley Pictures Life Photography. Portraits dominate the venture's website, but Riley's work diversified while serving as Regis' first student photographer.

"The images she captures truly are of professional quality, and I was grateful to partner with her," said Meghan Kulig, the school's communications director. "Riley would capture images at various school and athletic events across the Regis system, providing me with the photos for use on our social media channels and in marketing materials.

"She would even visit our elementary schools if her schedule allowed to capture images there."



PHOTO CREDIT: Riley Pictures Life Photography

Atop Riley Pictures Life Photography's Facebook page is the message, "There is always something to smile about." The phrase aligns with what Riley said is her life mantra. The goal is to "every day wake up with a positive attitude, perform at least

one good act and have a moment of insane courage," said Michaud, who adapted the approach from the messaging at a Christian camp she attended.

That positive outlook — which also earned her the nickname "Smiley Riley" for some — has helped her succeed even at a time of uncertainty due to a pandemic.

"I see a lot of positivity coming out of this — neighbors helping each other, hospitals uniting, schools recognizing students who may not have gotten recognized otherwise," she said. "Every Friday night football game or eating out with family won't be taken for granted anymore."

Future Blue Devil

Michaud considered — and was accepted at — UW-Stout, Johnson & Wales in Rhode Island, College of Charleston in South Carolina and Concordia University in Mequon. She opted for the Menomonie university in part for its strength in an area in which she plans to pursue her bachelor's degree — hotel, restaurant and tourism management.

"I want to be out there doing something I love," said Riley, who added that the welcoming community of the Air Force was an early influence. "We had many meetings and slept in many hotels," she said. "It was humbling to see

these people drop everything and welcome you. I want to be that welcoming face for people coming to town, to make their day a little better."

Michaud was involved in a ministry team that volunteered at Regis and St. Mary's Elementary School. She forged friendships through those experiences and as a Pep Club member.

Despite her youth, "mature" is a word others often use to describe Michaud.

"I'm grateful Riley has made Regis her home these past few years," said Paul Pedersen, Eau Claire Regis principal. "She's an inspiration to all of us and maybe the most grown up and mature young lady I've known."

Added Kulig: "I can honestly say I have never worked with another high school student who is as mature as Riley is. There is something truly special about her."

Given social distancing concerns, Riley won't graduate alongside her classmates. But, thanks to her glass-half-full approach to life, she's grateful her parents, grandparents, aunt and younger sister, Molly, will be in the room Wednesday as she begins the next chapter of her life.

"I wouldn't want it any other way; the one consistent thing has been my family," Riley said in regard to the many schools she's attended. "They're my graduating class."

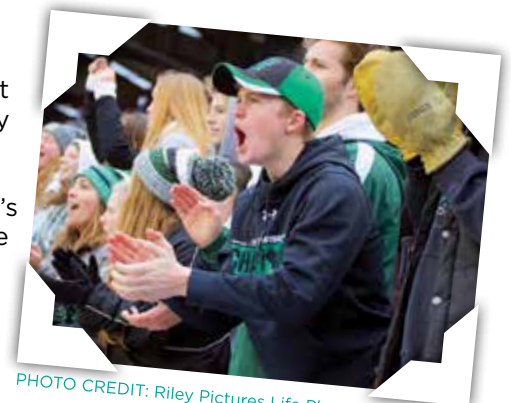


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Special congratulations to Henry Theisen on being accepted to the United States Coast Guard Academy!

He was sworn-in as a member of the Class of 2024 on June 29. Henry will enter the engineering program and will also play football.



The smallest of the nation's five military service academies, the Coast Guard Academy's Corps of Cadets represents the nation's best and brightest students, ready to serve and lead their country. Admission to the Coast Guard Academy is highly competitive and fewer than 400 appointments are offered annually from a pool of more than 2,000 applicants.

We are so proud of Henry and his decision to serve our country.

Scholarship Recipients

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Earl Benning Memorial Business Scholarship

Andrew Schlitz

Jason Yarrington Memorial Scholarship

Fletcher Theisen

Grace Walsh Scholarship

Marianna Kern

Jim & Jennifer Rooney Foundation Scholarship

Lillian Niese

Eggen Scholarship

Elizabeth Matson

Eggen Scholarship

Joseph Edge

Don Moss Scholarship

Bria Thalacker

P.E.O. Star Scholarship

Grace Multhauf

Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship

Zade Kidess

AnnMarie Foundation Scholarship

Joseph Edge

Federated Youth Foundation Scholarship offered by Eau Claire Energy Cooperative

Fletcher Theisen

Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Student Initiative Scholarship

Michael Polus

General Mills Foundation Post-High School Scholarship

Griffin Johnson

Rotary Club of Eau Claire Scholarship

Quinn Petersilka

UW-Stout Promising Student Scholarship

Donovan Wogernese

JSI Staurulakis Family Scholarship Sponsored by West Wisconsin Telcom Cooperative, Inc.

Joseph Edge

Altoona Youth Hockey Association Sisko Tournament Scholarship

Jackson Curtis

RETURNING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS (REGIS HIGH SCHOOL)

Bob Duren Memorial Scholarship

Sara Postl

Roberta and Patricia Devney Memorial Scholarship

Lauren Semerad

Earl Benning Memorial Scholarship

Olivia Schneider

Edward A. Carlson Class of 1958 Scholarship

Isaac Petersilka

Rowan Webster

Lily Walker

John, Patricia, and Neil McElroy Memorial Scholarship

Evelyn Shepich

Charles and Caroline Loechler Memorial Scholarship

Eydie Myers

George "Mike" & Patricia Carroll Memorial Scholarship

Spencer Gehling

Marie Steubing Memorial Scholarship

Rachel Szepieniec

Chiamaka Kanu

Makenna Peterson

John (Jack) Merrick

Daniel & Marilyn Brey Family Scholarship

Christiana Niedzwiecki

Fr. John Rossiter Memorial Scholarship

Michaela Niedzwiecki

Jerome Miller Family Scholarship

Caden Weber

Greg "Mouse" Bement Memorial Scholarship

Leo Krueger

Bishop John Paul Class of 1951 Scholarship

Sofie Merrick

Mary Kay Bissell Memorial Scholarship

Macyn Cullinan

Judy Bye Henderson Memorial Scholarship

Kevin Byrne

Hrubesh Family Scholarship

Zane Cullinan

Lauren Seeman

Frances Kurth Memorial Scholarship

Anna Allen

Kendall Alexander

Michael Carroll '67 Memorial Scholarship

Noah Helms

Regis Bridge Club Scholarship

Paige Peterson

Knights of Columbus John F. Kennedy Council Scholarship

Alison Whiteside

Joseph Janz '83 and James Janz Memorial Scholarship

Devin Dykes

Fred and Patricia Urmann Scholarship

Madison Olson

Emilio and Patricia Rinaldi Family Scholarship

Kaden Jordahl

Nathan Pearson

Francis & June Harrington Memorial Scholarship

Emma Vinopal

Katie Andrews

Michael J. Fedie Scholarship

Isabel Skwierczynski

Al Corneiller Scholarship

Annabelle Schroeder

Bishop's Medal Scholarships

Teigan Petersilka

Brittany Martin

Bob Duren Memorial Scholarship (Regis Student Council)

Preston Szepieniec

Bob & Elsie Kappus Scholarship

Lucas Kovacevich

Charles Radant

Teigan Petersilka

Ava Bremer

Class of 1980 Scholarship

Ashley Chilson

Earl Benning Memorial Scholarship

Preston Szepieniec

Emilio and Patricia Rinaldi Family Scholarship

Caroline Shepich

Ian Andrews

Father Daniel O'Reilly Memorial Scholarship

Ava Bremer

Francis and June Harrington Memorial Scholarship

Alex Burdick

Brayden Albee

Knights of Columbus John F. Kennedy Council Scholarship

Ava Highman

Lydia Hanson Rock Memorial Scholarship

Calista Danielson

Sacred Heart /St. Patrick's Parish Scholarship

Luke Betcher

St. James Parish Council of Catholic Women

Alexander Chinander

James Wagner

Sophia Kent

Brittany Martin

Karenna Lokken

Vanessa Ebert

Calista Danielson

Lucas Sommers

Jacey Behrens

Morgan Smith

St. James Tuition Endowment Scholarship

Alexander Chinander

James Wagner

Sophia Kent

Brittany Martin

Karenna Lokken

Vanessa Ebert

Calista Danielson

Lucas Sommers

Jacey Behrens

Morgan Smith

St. Olaf PCCW & St. Olaf's Men's Club Scholarships

Anna Helland

Cameron Olson

Ivan Nispel

Brandon Myhre

Chase Kostka

Preston Olson

4K & Preschool Graduations

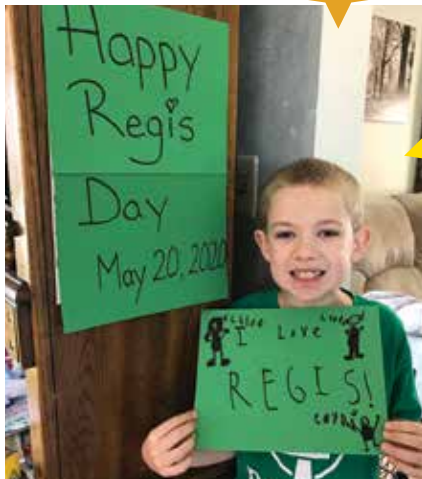
Students from the 4K programs at our Regis and Genesis Child Development Centers experienced a unique graduation ceremony in May.



Meanwhile, our preschool and 4K students at St. Mary's Elementary School combined for a drive-thru graduation ceremony.



Fun moments for our youngest learners!



We've Got Spirit, Yes We Do!

Students and staff at Immaculate Conception Elementary School rounded out the at-home learning experience with a fun spirit week. The students built forts, shared their creative creations, showed off their Regis pride, and more!
What a fun way to end the school year!





We love seeing students taking part in this annual tradition in a unique way.

Walk for Virtues



Continuing an annual tradition, even when far apart!

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at home!

Families at our three elementary enjoyed participating in the **2020 Walk for Virtues** at home while remembering the importance of the virtues our students study the entire year.

At St. Mary's Elementary School, each family even completed a "Virtue Passport", with activities including family walks, adding to the school's Blessing Box, planting Mary gardens, doing yard work, decorating windows or sidewalks with the virtues, making cards for the nursing home, and much more!



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A Message from the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation Board

Your generous monetary gifts
mean the world to us...especially now.

Did you know? The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation Inc. is a tax-exempt non-stock corporation formed to create permanent funds that will produce annual income to be distributed to Regis Catholic Schools.

Many Catholic schools have struggled throughout the past decades, and the COVID-19 pandemic has had and will continue to have an impact on Regis Catholic Schools. As we adapt to the pandemic and what it means for our future, the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation will continue to help guide support from our donors, alumni, friends of Regis, and businesses to meet the ongoing needs of our students. We are grateful and ask for your continued loyal support as we adjust academically and financially to these unprecedented historical circumstances.

COVID-19 has caused many hardships and we are hearing stories of these hardships from our students and families here at Regis Catholic Schools. Your continued gifts to the annual Regis Fund and the Tuition Partnership Program appeal will help us provide the most efficient way to assist Regis Catholic Schools and our students as we look forward to the 2020-21 school year in the fall, and into the future.

We ask for your prayers and your continued support for Regis Catholic Schools so we can continue our mission of providing the highest quality Catholic education to our students from our child development centers through 12th grade. We wish you and your family well and thank you for your continued support of Regis Catholic Schools.

Thank you, Regis Catholic Schools Foundation board members, for your leadership in helping Regis Catholic Schools gain financial support.

2020-21 Regis Catholic Schools Foundation Board Members



Mark Beckfield '75
Chair



Dr. Rob Ridenour '97
Vice Chair



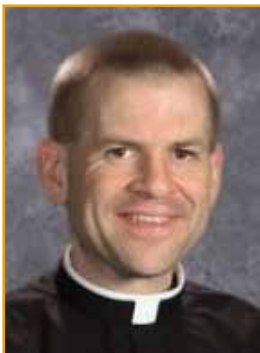
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New Member



Terri Hernandez
New Member

Regis Catholic Schools is pleased to introduce Mark Golden as our new Advancement Director.



Golden attended St. Patrick's Grade School and is a proud 1983 graduate of Regis High School. He went on to attend Marian University and Lakeland University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts.

He previously served as a third-generation Funeral Director, owning and operating the Golden Funeral Home with his father, Eugene "Geno" Golden. For the past 8 years he has been successful in Medical Device sales.

Golden and his extended family have been synonymous with Catholic schools, sports, and professional development for more than a half a century in Eau Claire. The Golden family has a rich tradition of St. Patrick's/Regis High School graduates, which include: siblings, Mike '80, Anne '82; father Geno '54, aunts/uncles, Dr. Patrick '51, Carol '52, Tom '53, Fred '58, John '61, Mary '63, Marilyn '63, and Kathy '66.

Golden has been involved with Regis High School in different capacities over the years, including as a Regis Catholic Schools Auction committee member, Boys Summer Varsity Basketball Coach, and Boys Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach. He is also a member of the Eau Claire County Veterans Tribute Foundation, Inc. and volunteers for the Eau Claire Marathon.

"I am honored to be the next Advancement Director," Golden said. "Through my life experiences with Regis Catholic Schools, I truly believe in our Catholic education, which provides the highest quality programs possible. I look forward to continuing the proud tradition of Regis Catholic Schools!"

Golden is a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus-St. Patrick Parish in Eau Claire.

Golden replaces former Advancement Director Bill Uelmen who recently retired after 43 years with the Regis Catholic Schools system.



*You are truly making a difference for the students of
Regis Catholic Schools. Thank you!*

We would like to thank those of you who supported the annual 2019-20 Regis Fund appeal! The total amount raised through our annual appeal this past year was \$335,580.

The Regis Fund appeal for last year ended on June 30, 2020. The 2020-21 Regis Fund appeal began on July 1.

Support for this fund is a great way to help Regis Catholic Schools and our students and to ensure that our current and future needs are met. Charitable gifts made to the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation through the Regis Fund are used to help with the annual budget and to enhance curriculum, materials, and programs for all our students. It is important to note that all donations made to the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation stay at Regis Catholic Schools. We use these funds to support our students from our child development centers through high school.

Regis Catholic Schools relies on the loyalty and generosity of our donors, alumni, current parents, parents of alumni, friends of Regis, and businesses to advance our mission. Your financial backing and involvement is greatly appreciated!

As we begin the 2020-21 Regis Fund appeal, please prayerfully consider supporting this effort when we contact you in September. Every gift is a blessing and will help make a difference, no matter the size of the gift!

Thank you again for investing in Catholic education and our students. May God bless you and your family. We wish you well and hope you have an enjoyable summer!

Bill Uelmen

Bill Uelmen
Past Advancement Director
Regis Catholic Schools



Correction



Joe Roach '75 announced his 500th Regis Rambler athletic event on January 28, 2020. Joe began announcing Regis boys basketball games in his junior and senior years and returned to the microphone at the invitation of then-athletic director Terry Allen in November of 1994. In the fall of 1995, Joe added Regis football, and in January of 2012, he added girls basketball. In addition, he was the one of the early stadium announcers for the Eau Claire Cavaliers in their first two seasons covering the 1971 and 1972. Joe thoroughly enjoys his work with the Regis athletic programs covering 28 years and still treasures the connections he still makes with parents, fans, coaches, and players.

We apologize for the error in printing Joe's update in The Rambler Report - Spring 2020.

Reunions

Class of 1945 (St. Patrick's) | 75th Reunion

Due to COVID-19, this reunion has been postponed. More details to come at a later date.

For questions, please contact Mary Lou Tomashek at (715) 835-9506 or Mary Ann Culbert Gleason at mgleason15@tampabay.rr.com.

(Friends from the Class of 1946 are welcome to join!)

Class of 1960 | 60th Reunion

Due to COVID-19, this reunion has been postponed. More details to come at a later date.

Class of 1970 | 50th Reunion

Due to COVID-19, this reunion has been postponed until August 13 & 14, 2021. More details to come at a later date.

Class of 1980 | 40th Reunion

Due to COVID-19, this reunion has been postponed. More details to come at a later date.

Sign into our website to catch up and update your information!
www.classcreator.com/Eau-Claire-Wisconsin-Regis-1980/

Regis High School has named Teddy Joas '99 as the next Head Girls Basketball Coach.



Joas has a strong history with Regis Catholic Schools. He previously worked as a teacher at Immaculate Conception Elementary School and is currently teaching within the Eau Claire Area School District. He and his wife, Janelle, have four daughters who all attend within the Regis Catholic Schools system.

Joas comes to this position with some great coaching experience. He started and ran a youth program for five

years and has football coaching experience at all levels through high school. Joas has also coached baseball at all levels for the past 22 years, including being part of two state championship teams! Finally, he has experience coaching basketball at all levels for the past 13 years.

"I am extremely humbled and excited to return to Regis High School as the coach of the Girls Basketball program," Joas said. "Regis has held and still holds a very special place for my family and myself. The Girls Basketball program has had a long and successful history. I am eager to get to work to ensure we continue to build a program that is not only successful, but also one that makes the Regis community and the city of Eau Claire proud!"

IN MEMORIUM

*Eternal rest, grant unto him/her,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon him/her. May
the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.*

ALUMNI

John Prock '49
(St. Patrick's)

William "Bill" Leo Haugen '50
(St. Patrick's)

Joanne BaDour Poppe '51
(St. Patrick's)

Charles Price '51
(St. Patrick's)

Nancy Beecher Roach '52

Bonnie Winget Wolter '52

Jacob Vitek '54

Deacon James Dennis '56

Patricia (Soley) Cohoon '61

Sally (Marcott) LaRose '66

FRIENDS OF REGIS

Frances Backe
(Former Regis Cook)

Evelyn Jacques

Barb Brandner

Thank you to the families who named the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation for their memorial gifts.

ALUMNI ADVICE

RHS Class of 2020

As the Regis High School Class of 2020 prepares to take the next step in life in a world changed by COVID-19, we reached out to our St. Patrick's High School and Regis High School alumni asking them to share their advice with the graduates. *Here's what they had to say...*

"Choose to spend time with people who inspire you to be your best. Have an open mind, work hard, and find time to enjoy the gifts God has given you."

Mary Donnellan '79

"Class of 2020: Don't let COVID-19 define you or your high school career, but don't forget about it either. You've been able to adapt, continue learning, and graduate during this tumultuous time. Embrace that! You are stronger and better prepared to succeed both professionally and personally in the next stage of your life."

Bob Meyer '98

"Understand and embrace that mentally and physically, life is going to be a continuous blend of unpredictable, exciting, disappointing, rewarding, difficult, and exhilarating experiences. Throughout this journey, do not let others tell you what you are "capable" of doing. Never let go of your faith, and enjoy this ride!!!"

Andy Niese '92

"It's not just your words that count. It's how you deliver them and then how you act on them."

Maggie Knutson Muleski '70

"A saying that I heard when I was young that has always stayed with me is, "The world is run by those who show up". If you want success in life, I suggest you take this to heart. Show up for class; show up for family events; show up for work. Volunteer your time and talent and show up when you promise to do so. If you commit to this, you will succeed and will be able to meet your goals."

Jeff Cairns '72

"The best lifetime advice I ever got came from my Religion teacher, Fr Greateorex: Be Observant!"

Marshall Anderson '62

"Study what you are passionate about...do not think about what job you will get but what you can learn! A job will train you - for the most part. Keep God in the center of your life and it will never be off balance."

Laurie Zukaitis '75

"The late, great Marykay Bissell, who taught at Regis for 30 years, gave me this advice. Never skip your college classes. By just showing up every day, you can be sure to raise your grade by one letter grade! Took me my freshman year to learn, but by my sophomore year I was on Dean's list by not missing class. She always knew best!"

Mollie Carlson Pallotta '83

"The virus? Life has its moments. Cherish the past. Be grateful for your education. Wisconsin is a great place to grow up. I have lived in six states...only Wisconsin and Pennsylvania hold a spot in my heart!"

Mark Helminiak '70

"Congratulations to all of the 2020 graduating class at Regis High School! As you move on to your future lives, do not hesitate to use the 'power of prayer' daily, to guide your decisions. P.S. - For those who choose to do it, continuing your formal education is your ticket to a more prosperous future."

Larry Hrubesh '58

"Remember the lessons of the past to solve the problems of the future."

Staci Roth, nee Perkins '86

"You the class of 2020, were playful, diverse, creative and friendly. I enjoyed coming back to visit because you were so engaging and always had something to chat about. Keep that same positive energy flowing as the years go by. Have an open mind and an open heart. 'See ya bye'."

Jaci Ristau '70

Retirement Party

for
Bill Velmen

Help us celebrate Bill's dedicated service to Regis Catholic Schools!

RESCHEDULED

THURSDAY, AUG 13

BEGINNING AT 4 P.M.
(Come anytime that evening!)



Ray's Place
838 Water Street, Eau Claire

Beer, wine, soda, and food provided.
Hosted by the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation
& the Regis High School Booster Club



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*Praying for
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Regis Catholic Schools is dedicated to educating students of all faiths in a Catholic, Christ-centered environment. We are united by Our Core Values of *Living Faith, Accepting Responsibility, Promoting Teamwork, Achieving Excellence, and Inspiring Leadership.*



SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020
The Florian Gardens, Eau Claire

*Things will look different this year,
but we need your support now more than ever!*

Plans are underway for the 2020 Regis Catholic Schools Auction!
This annual event is one of our biggest and most important fundraisers, showing support for our teachers and staff, families, and students.

While we don't know exactly what this year's event will look like, we hope you will mark the date on your calendar and make plans to show your support by attending or making a donation during this unique and challenging time.

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