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Fall 2006

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## *Congratulations to the Class of 2006*

Classes had ended, the Ski Trip attended, Dance Class had danced its last dance. Sports victories won, Entrance tests were taken, the band had played its last tune. Speech contests proclaimed, special flowers chosen, Confirmation was sealed. Our Blessed Mother was crowned, the class video recorded, the yearbooks were signed, its dedication bestowed. It was time to graduate the class of 2006.

Emily and Emily, Catie, Johnnie, Patrick and Ted had been with us from their preschool beginnings. Ten parents had sent us their last to enroll, and five alumni parents had nearly graduated again! It was June 4th, a bright beautiful sunny day, when ten lovely young ladies dressed in gorgeous white gowns and ten handsome young men in navy blazers processed down the aisle of Sacred Heart Church to receive their well-earned diplomas. With many in tears wondering where time had gone, we were so proud to say to our 102nd graduating class, "Congratulations for a job very well done!"

### Our graduates going on to high school:

Willard Babcock - LA  
 Caroline Bauer - NT  
 John Burke - LA  
 Harry Clarke - LA  
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 Andy Hill - LA  
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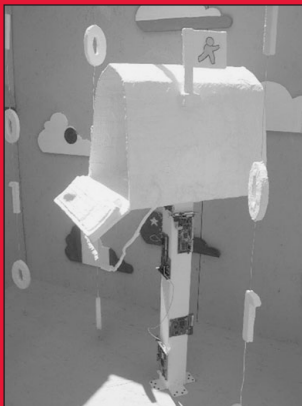


# Art in the Park

Early in the spring, Sacred Heart 8th graders partnered with students from Sara Shankman Othogenic School for the "Do Your P'Art" program. The project is funded by this Winnetka-based not-for-profit organization to pair North Shore and Chicago schools to create themed art projects together. This year's theme: Global Communication.

In preparing the exhibit, which is currently on display at Chicago's Northerly Island (the former site of Meigs Field), SHS students traveled south, instantly making new friends. It didn't take long before both sets of students were busy creating and sculpting. Sacred Heart art teacher Pam Geocarlis loves the annual project, finding herself totally engaged in the students' enthusiasm.

Made of plaster, paint, and found objects, this year's piece is a mailbox with computer keyboard attached. On the mailbox flag is the AOL logo, which the young artists agreed is a universal symbol. Both schools' 8th graders felt communication is enhanced by instant messaging. Final touches on the sculpture include "floating clouds" painted with flags of countless countries.



## Letter from the Principal

Hi Everyone!

**W**e have begun a new school year and for the first time in decades, we have a student population over 300, actually 313. What a pleasure to have our school truly brimming with the activity of so many children.



We continue to make improvements in and around school: St. Joseph has a new home on the lower level; several teachers now have new desks—our alumni funded both projects. The lower level lavatories have new flooring. The black stage curtains were replaced. Since the old curtains could no longer be made flame retardant, the Fire Department is also happy. Sadly the tree in front of the offices has died as a result of the stress during the construction. During the 1970's this tree was planted as a Peace Tree with students from a school in Chicago. It will be replaced though in a slightly different location.

We are attempting to go "paperless" with our communications. Our weekly communication is now sent home electronically, which brings us to computers. Each of our 6th, 7th and 8th graders has his/her own laptop computer. The students are challenging us to help them collaborate, find new ways to communicate, learn and get things done. Our goal is to stretch their way into analytical and critical thinking. Also, parents of the junior high students now have access to their child's grades in each subject 24/7. We are doing this through a web-based program.

We look forward to a very busy year filled with fun and challenging activities—academically, socially and athletically.

We ask God's blessings on all of us.

Sister Kathleen Donnelly, O.P. '59

## A Celebration It Was!

**O**n June 2nd, many gathered to witness the Kindergarten class grown tall, singing their hearts out on their way to 1st grade. Wearing dresses, hair ribbons, jackets and ties, this beautiful group of 48 children joined parents, siblings, and grandparents in the school's gym. It was a true celebration as they sang "First Grade, First Grade" to the familiar tune of "New York, New York," and shared an early Father's Day tribute to the "Greatest Dads in the World." Father Bob Heidenreich, our new pastor, led the prayer service with petitions read by members of the Kindergarten class. Their teachers, Mrs. Paula Anderson and Ms. Jenn Budde, helped SHS Principal Sister Kathleen distribute diplomas. It was an awesome celebration, a truly memorable event.



## Nite Lites: Homecoming!

**S**acred Heart's 28th annual fundraiser and parish celebration was held on April 29, 2006, and was appropriately entitled HOMECOMING!

Nite Lites was back on the grounds of Sacred Heart School after two years of renovation and construction necessitated "off-campus" parties. Nearly 800 guests, including parents, teachers, alumni, parishioners and neighbors, filled the decorated and renovated classrooms and halls for the event. In their capacity as Nite Lites' Chairs, Homecoming Queens Mary Ann Hocter and Lisa Byrne proudly announced the evening had raised more than \$250,000 for the operating expenses of the school.



There was great food and drink in the Tailgate Dining Tent and at the Alumni Bar, entertainment galore in the "Big Game" Casino, a cabaret showcasing Jess Godwin, a Magic Room featuring John Railing, and dancing in the "The Goal Post Pub" to the John McHugh Band. The school was decorated with banners, jerseys, sports and cheerleading paraphernalia, and the walls were adorned with photos of current and former students.

Class rooms and the tailgating tents were filled with Live and Silent Auction items including travel and entertainment premiums; items for home and garden; Cubs, White Sox, Bulls, Bears and Notre Dame tickets; and hand crafted class gift items from all the students. Some of the highlights of the live auction were a VIP tour of the set of Fox's hottest T.V. show The O.C., a featured extra part on the movie Feast of Love directed



by Academy Award winner Richard Benton, a Cape Cod getaway, Kiawah Island golf package, Cubs Dream Day including the Ceremonial First Pitch of a game, and an Orlando Magic Dream Day including locker room and floor passes.

Teachers were also very generous donating baseball, basketball and football birthday parties; babysitting; tea parties and ice cream parties; Teddy Bear Picnics; and Office Assistant for a day. Mark your calendar Nite Lites 2007 will be, April 28, 2007!



## The Ride of Our Lives

It will be the "read of your life" when you dip into SHS alumnus Class of '61 Mike Leonard's newest bestseller *Ride of Our Lives: Roadside Lessons of an American Family*. The review by Tom Brokaw, author of *The Greatest Generation*, said it best when he wrote, "Mike Leonard is a national treasure and his touching, hilarious, instructive account of a loving road trip with his parents and children should be required reading in every family. I'm sending it to all my children so they can share the laughs and the tears."

We recommend you put it on your Christmas list, too!

### Class of 2002 Alumni Head Off to College

**H**ow exciting to congratulate our graduates all over again! We applaud your achievements and send our sincere wishes for your continued success. Remember, we love it when you stop in to say hello!

#### 2006 Graduates will attend:

Marquette University

Miami University

Regis University

St. Louis University

United States Military

Academy at West Point

University of California, Santa Cruz

University of Chicago

University of Illinois,

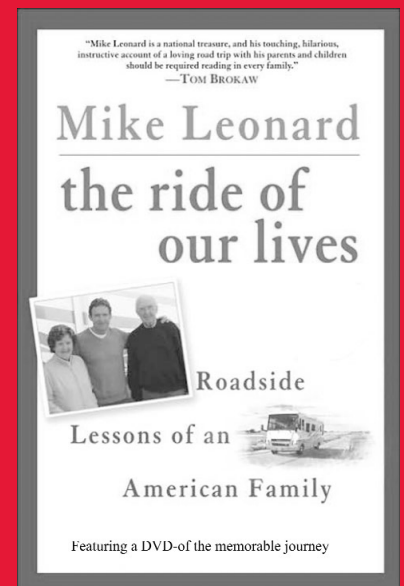
Champaign

University of Iowa

University of Notre Dame

University of Wisconsin, Madison

Vanderbilt University





## Track Team News

**S**acred Heart's first track team hit the starting blocks in April. Right from the beginning the coaches had more participation than expected. Twenty-four young athletes came to the first practice held at the New Trier East Track. Parent volunteers Bill Hague, Laura Lelis, Kati Reap, John Murphy and Ted Hocter did the coaching.



The first track meet in April kicked off the season at Carmel High School.

Twenty-two SHS athletes participated, 19 in JV and three at the Varsity level. Imagine the excitement when Sacred Heart

won the first race of the meet! The 50-meter heat featured Margeaux Wysockey. Maggie Mullen was also a winner in the Varsity 400 meter race, with a time of 1.09.78.

The final meet of the year was the Catholic Youth Organization Championship where 27 Catholic schools competed. Nine of our team members ran individual and relay races. James Clarke ran bravely with a cast on his arm, winning his 50-meter heat. William Hague finished strong, taking 5th in the 800 meter run.



Laura Lelis will coach the Cross-Country team again this fall, keeping our team in shape. Watch for the spring line-up when our second season begins. Go Vikings!

## Welcome Everyone!

**E**ach Wednesday in August, Maria Lynch, SHS's Welcome Committee Chair, gathered current school families at area parks to meet and greet more than 30 newly enrolled SHS families. It never took long before everyone was busy introducing themselves, exchanging addresses, telephone numbers, where to shop for uniforms, get supplies, and even to find exciting programs for toddlers not yet in school. When you are new to a school and for many, new to the Winnetka/Glencoe area, these were very welcome gatherings.



In September, host moms gathered again for a morning coffee and later in the month, parents were invited to an evening parent cocktail party. SHS's terrific host families

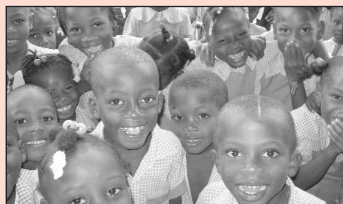


will continue to stay in touch, helping make sure all new families continue finding their way.



## Remembering Our Schoolmates in Haiti

Gerry Keenan, SH parish member, sent word that for the first time, St. Jean Baptiste School in Sassier, Haiti, will have a Middle School (Grades 7 to 9). Three new schoolrooms in the building housing the cafeteria and kitchen are now complete and solar electricity will be added this year along with a library/computer lab. Gerry also noted that enrollment in the school has doubled, and, for the first time, a summer school session was held. Thank you to all the students of Sacred Heart for your support and help in raising funds and sending backpacks filled with supplies.



## Letter from the Editor

**O**ur second edition of Heart to Heart has arrived, with appreciation to contributing writers who made it possible: Our dear Sister Kathleen, who keeps SHS running; Marley Crane, for searching high and low to find Lucy and Sally, highlighting St. Joe; to Mary Ann Hocter for sharing Nite Lite's good news; Nancy Yurek for news from the Solomon Islands; Gerry Keenan for sharing progress in Haiti; Pam Geocarlis for sharing her work; Bill Hague for sharing his track team's success. It's been a busy summer and we love all that you have shared. Thank you for bringing us all this good news!

Sacred Heart School is healthy and thriving. Our gratitude for all that you do is both deep and sincere.

Enjoy!  
Deb Guy  
School Advancement

## Gone and Not To Be Forgotten

If you ventured into the Faculty Room at school two years ago, you might have overheard Mrs. Sally Abrams and Mrs. Lucy Hayes discussing their upcoming retirements. What in the world would they do with themselves every day when the final bell rang and school was out permanently? These two iconic women, who had spent a total of 60 years teaching children the love of God and love of learning, were in a panic — what was to be their fate?



Well, it's the fall of 2006, and I double-dog dare you to try and find them! There have been sightings in Thailand, Wales, London, Hawaii, Vietnam, Scotland...at Book Clubs and Bridge Groups and the theater... wherever good times roll, they are sure to turn up! When I got lucky and did manage to catch up with both of them in late summer I asked, "So, how is it going?"

Sally laughed and said, "How did I ever fit work into my life?" When she is not packing or unpacking her suitcase, she is mowing two acres of lawn, chasing grandchildren, caring for the dogs, and falling in love all over again with her husband. As for Lucy, the word is 'ecstatic'!



"This is wonderful. Everyone should retire!" she proclaimed. Her houseplants looked a little forlorn, but she said they'll get over it — life is to be lived and out the door she went.

Both women look at least ten years younger. Girls, you deserve it all. God bless you both so much, thanks for everything and send us a postcard.

## Sacred Heart School Mission Outreach

Bishop Chris Cardone, O.P, a missionary in the Solomon Islands and uncle of SHS alumni Nick ('03) and Annie ('04) Yurek, has visited us and shared stories about this remote impoverished area of the South Pacific. Only 54% of the children in his diocese attend school because there is a shortage of schools, teachers, and supplies. The most primitive "schools" are leaf shelters where teachers write lessons in the sand with sticks.

Last year students of Sacred Heart School gathered and sent over 150 ziplock bags full of school supplies for the Solomon Island children. This bonanza enabled hundreds of students to have the very basic tools they need to learn.

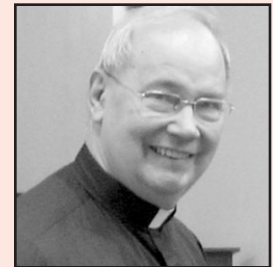
Students at SHS will continue to support Bishop Chris and the Solomon Island missions as we forge bonds to shrink the world between their schools and ours.



## Sacred Heart Welcomes Our New Pastor

As the school doors opened this fall, Fr. Robert J. Heidenreich, was installed as Sacred Heart's 5th Pastor. The children are so excited as they see him at school and hear him at Mass.

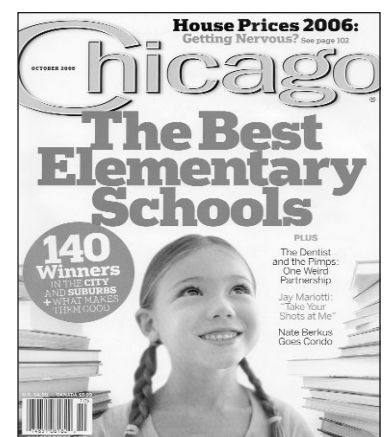
Welcome Father Bob!



## Among the Best

How proud we are to be featured among the top 25 private schools this month in **Chicago Magazine**. After crunching numbers and interviewing over 1,700 schools, Sacred Heart School was named among "The Best Elementary Schools." Earning many high marks, we are honored to be among the many terrific schools on their list.

We invite you to 'Come See Us In Action' during OPEN HOUSE, October 24th and November 2nd when parent docents will give award winning tours.





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