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*Chrissy Tickel '10 is the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation of the Vaclav family to graduate from SMHS.*



*Back to Back 3A State Soccer Champions*





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## From the Chairman

It has been stated that the best thing to do in decision making is to do the right thing, the second best thing is to do the wrong thing, and the worst thing to do is to do nothing. Bishop Richard C. Hanifen is the recipient of this year's Marian Award by the Board of Directors. The Marian Award is given each year to a person who would serve as a role model for our students in recognition of unselfish service to others and outstanding contributions to the community. Its purpose is to acknowledge a person who exemplifies Mary's service to others through her supreme faith in Jesus Christ. Bishop Hanifen was faced with an inordinate number of difficult decisions during his tenure as our Bishop during the impossibly rapid growth of our Diocese. One of his most difficult decisions was made when the Diocese could no longer financially support St. Mary's High School and simultaneously continue to support our ever expanding Diocese. His faith in Jesus Christ allowed him to make the extremely difficult but right decision. Ultimately, this decision resulted in the formation of the Committee for Catholic Secondary Education in Colorado Springs which has owned and operated St. Mary's High School for almost 25 years. Both St. Mary's High School and the Diocese of Colorado Springs continue to thrive because doing nothing was untenable. Congratulations to Bishop Hanifen as the deserving recipient of this honor.

This is my last communication via *The Pirates' Treasure* magazine as I will be stepping down as Board Chair effective June 30. With your tremendous support over the past two challenging years, our Board has sometimes done the right thing, sometimes done the wrong thing, but we have never just done nothing. Ky McCarty, a Financial Advisor with Merrill Lynch and father of **John '08, Kelsey '10, Jacob '11, and Josh '13**, will step into the role of Board Chair, and I know you will be just as pleased as the Board is with Ky's selection and acceptance of this position. Ky has been blessed with an outside-the-box vision and an innate ability to execute that vision. His dedication to our school is unquestionable and is surpassed only by his enthusiasm. With Ky, President Dave Camous, Principal Tammy Emerich and Assistant Principal Dave Hyland, our school is blessed with an unbeatable new leadership model and team. It has been a personal blessing for me to have worked side by side with Ky over the past several years.

I hope you will all join me in thanking John McCord for his steady-handed leadership over these past two years. John was asked to step up to the plate in a very difficult environment, and he has hit the ball out of the park for our school. Thanks to all of you for your heartfelt personal support during my tenure as Board Chair. It is you and our students who make our St. Mary's community the envy of Colorado Springs, and I have been blessed to have walked in the midst of such amazing people.

God Bless,

  
Joe Slavoski  
Board Chair



Board Chair Joe Slavoski (left) Bishop Richard Hanifen, the 2010 recipient of the Marian Award, and incoming Board Chair Ky McCarty shared SMHS memories before graduation.

## From the Principal


The end is in sight and what a great year it has been! My year as principal has been even better than I could have possibly imagined. The St. Mary's family is one very special group. It has great kids, excellent teachers and hard working parents all working together to make each student the best he or she can be. I personally thank all of you for helping make this year so very enjoyable. I wish Deacon Dave and Ms. Emerich nothing but the best. I know they will be successful because they have the St. Mary's family with them all the way.

*I am not retiring only returning to the good life of being a part time teacher. But, our friend Karnac the Magnificent is retiring and wanted to leave you with one last bit.*

THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION IS, DEAN DOMINIC LUPPINO, MRS. JUDY DAVIS, AND A PIG.

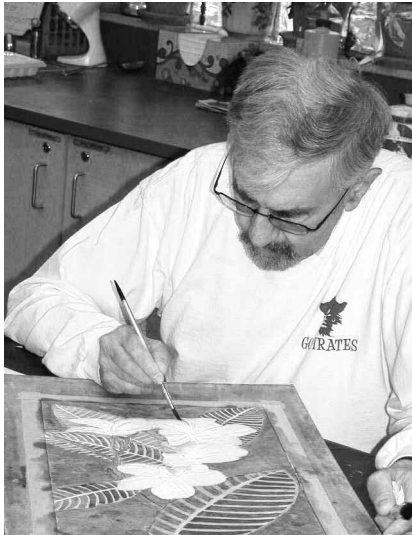
The question can be found on page 12.

Have a great summer!

  
John McCord  
Principal



John McCord has watched almost two decades of St. Mary's students receive their diplomas.



Returning to teaching part-time after serving as principal will allow Mr. McCord to pursue writing music and painting, two avocations he enjoys. He has taken several watercolor classes from Karen Simkiss, who sees great promise in McCord's florals and landscapes.



Karnack has left the building.



### Correction:

In the last edition of *The Pirates' Treasure* a nun was incorrectly identified as Sister Aline Dalton. In the picture above Sister Aline is in the middle of the first row.

### On the cover:

Left: Chrissy Tickel '10, a third generation SMHS grad, is pictured with her grandmother Barbara Cannell Vaclav '42, her mother Lisa Vaclav Tickel '75, and her brother Zack '12. Mary Neer, Barbara's mother, also attended St. Mary's, but had to leave after her freshman year to go to work. Barbara's brother Alan Cannell is a 1940 SMHS grad as are Lisa's siblings Daniel '67 and Jody '71. At least 35 members of their extended family are SMHS alums and more than 50 have attended St. Mary's.

Right: Seniors Maddie Francis and Courtney King are back to back with the team's 3-A girls soccer 2010 championship trophy. They were 3A champions last year, too! Photo by Karen Simkiss.

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## On Campus

### Girls Soccer Wins 2nd Consecutive Championship



The seniors on the SMHS soccer team made their fourth trip to the state tournament and brought home their second consecutive state championship beating number one ranked The Classical Academy 1-0 in a hard fought game. Sophomore Dawn Reachard (16) scored the Pirates' goal on a pass from Senior Christina Whitelaw (4), who was described by Coach Greg Braha as the best player he has coached. Whitelaw set the school record for career goals. Other seniors on the team include: (from left front row) **Amber Paquelet, Kelsey McCarty, Samantha Buck, Courtney King, Maddie Francis, Jenny Nagl, Amy Klopfenstein, and Katie Loof.**

### State Sports Update

SHMS was well-represented at spring State athletic competitions.

#### Track:

##### Kara Slavoski

2nd: 1600 and 3200 meters  
800 and 3rd meters

##### Sydney Harris

7th: 800 meters

##### Ian Burrell

3rd: 100 meters  
7th: 200 meters and long jump

##### Sarah Tentschert

8th: 200 meters

##### Jordan Cruz

9th: 110 meter hurdles

#### Swimming

##### Patrick Scally

1st: 4A 200 and 500 yd freestyle  
(set state record and named All-American in both)

#### Tennis

##### Chrissy Tickel

1st: singles in regionals and advanced to state

### Campus News

National Honor Society has 27 new members including **Emily Murphy '11** pictured below with her parents **Brian '80** and **Sandra (Hoelting) '83 Murphy**. Other inductees are: juniors **Melissa Baldauff, Edward Maton, Sydney Harris, Julie Ludlam, Tenley Barr, Adam Kaelin, Nicholas La Rue, Nicholas Padrnos, Bryan Lastrella, Corey Friend, Katherine Condon, Peter Rottenborn, Nicholas Cipoletti, Matthew Kloenne, Brain Sanchez, Jordan Burns, Maryanna Mortan, Colleen Walker, Lauren Heery, Zoe Harris, Alexander Nissen, Renata Bucher, Daniel Cichon, and Georden West**, and seniors **Alice Wille, Bethany Pagel, and Amber Leckey.**



#### Tammy Emerich

will become St. Mary's principal on July 1. She currently teaches at a charter school in Idaho, but she grew up near Antonito, Colorado, and graduated from Centauri High School in La Jara, Colorado. (An in-depth article about Mrs. Emerich will appear in the fall edition of *The Pirates' Treasure*.)



Emerich



At the Colorado Springs District 11 Young People's Art Exhibit held at the Imagination Celebration Space **Lily Donelson '10** (above right) garnered first place for her solar etching and second place for an acrylic painting. **Madeline Francis '10** (above left) won third place in the print making division.

#### Kelly Gardner '13

earned first place in the Betty Field Memorial Youth Mystery Writing Contest ninth and tenth grade division with her story entitled "Don't Make a Clown Out of William Palmer." **Alicia Fish '12** won third place and **Paulina Menichiello '13** was recognized for writing the best opening line. Alicia's artistic talent was also recognized with an honorable mention for her drawing in the Colorado Duck Stamp Competition.



Gardner '13



Fish '12



Menichiello '13

# Class of 2010

The 83 members of the St. Mary's High School class of 2010 received their diplomas May 24 at Holy Apostles Church. Their \$8.4 million in scholarship offers set a new school record.

Recipients of department awards for outstanding achievement were: Business–**Katie Boone**; English and Foreign Language–**Amy Klopfenstein**; Math and Science–**Cathy Cichon**; Theater–**Veronica Pacheco**; Music–**Jonathan Hartle**; Physical Education–**Tommy Florek**; Social Studies–**Samantha Jung**; Theology–**Kara Slavoski**, and Visual Arts–**Lily Donelson**.



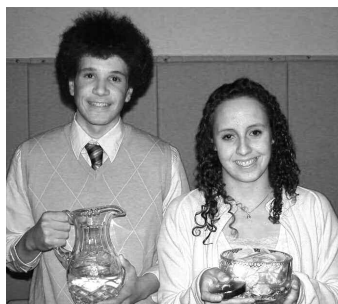
**Cathy Cichon** (right) is the valedictorian and **Katie Raskob** is the salutatorian of the class of 2010. Besides their academic achievements, both girls were active in sports, service projects, and extra-curricular activities.



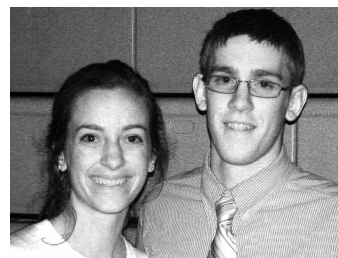
The faculty selected **Lauren Cross** and **Matt Bucher** as the outstanding seniors. They received the Spirit of Mary Award, which is the award formerly known as Top Girl and Top Boy.



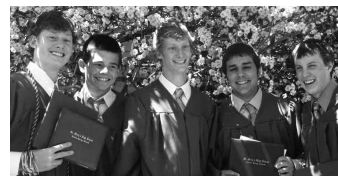
In April six seniors signed athletic letters of intent. They are: from left **Zack Petersen**–diving, University of Kentucky; **Will Sharkey**–soccer, CSU Pueblo; **Jack Gendron**–soccer, United States Air Force Academy; **Brent Harder**–basketball, St. John Fisher College; **Brogan Barr**–swimming, Gustavus Adolphus College; and **Ian Burrell**–football, St. Olaf College.



At the senior Mass **Marcel Walton** and **Kate Barr** presented the offertory gifts.



**Kara Slavoski** and **Dan McLaughlin** read the communion reflection on friendship at the senior Mass. Classmates selected **Angela Shooner** and **Will Wheeler** as class speakers for senior Mass.



**Karl Schroeder** (right), **Tommy Florek**, **Evertt Schroeder**, **Michael Highland**, and **Patrick Trentman** were friends on and off the playing field during high school.

**Richard Martin Ackerman**  
Pikes Peak Community College  
**Daniel Anthony Alvarado**  
Metropolitan State College of Denver  
**Gage Hogan Axford**  
Hastings College  
**Julianne Maria Balestrieri**  
University of Wyoming  
**Brogan Kate Barr**  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
**Mia Elena Biggs**  
Undecided  
**Katherine Victoria Boone**  
Rollins College  
**Matthew Joseph Bucher**  
United States Air Force Academy  
**Samantha Leigh Buck**  
University of Northern Colorado  
**Ian Francis Burrell**  
St. Olaf College  
**Kristen Elisabeth Cantu**  
Austin Community College  
**Catherine Jeanne Cichon**  
University of Notre Dame  
**Miranda Rose Citrone**  
Creighton University  
**Kevia Anne Cook**  
The Metropolitan College of Denver  
**David Christopher Crane**  
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology  
**Lauren Marie Cross**  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
**Jordan White Cruz**  
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs  
**Angelina Maria Dichiera**  
University of Texas, El Paso  
**Paige Antoinette Dominguez-Tilkins**  
Pikes Peak Community College  
**Lily Sara Michaela Donelson**  
Texas Christian University  
**Shannen Marie Erenberger**  
Creighton University  
**Logan Michael Flewellen**  
University of Pittsburgh  
**Thomas John Florek**  
University of Northern Colorado  
**Madeline Riley Francis**  
University of Northern Colorado  
**Meaghan Kathleen Frawley**  
Colorado State University  
**John Andrew Gendron**  
United States Air Force Academy  
**Emily Nicole Gonzales**  
University of Northern Colorado  
**Rebecca Marie Haile**  
College of Saint Benedict  
**Cecelia Bernadette Harden**  
Benedictine College  
**Brent Thomas Harder**  
St. John Fisher College  
**Jonathan Patrick Hartle**  
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs  
**Brent Aaron Hawpe**  
London Centre of Contemporary Music  
**Michael Thomas Highland**  
Montana State University  
**Hillary Lorraine Hoette**  
Montana State University  
**Gunther Dylan Keanu Hoshijo**  
Colorado State University  
**Samantha Rae Jung**  
Undecided  
**Courtney Michelle King**  
Colorado State University  
**Amy Catherine Klopfenstein**  
University of Notre Dame  
**Stephen Gregory Kraus**  
Creighton University  
**Blair Victoria Kristy**  
Minneapolis Community and Technical College  
**Brianna Therese Leckey**  
Undecided  
**Katie Margaret Loof**  
University of Northern Colorado

**Melissa Marie Matiatos**  
Colorado State University  
**Kelsey Jaworski McCarty**  
Xavier University  
**Daniel James Francis McLaughlin**  
Pikes Peak Community College  
**Carlo Diego Medina**  
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs  
**Madison Marie Miller**  
University of Northern Colorado  
**Jennifer Anne Nagl**  
University of Colorado, Boulder  
**Sara Nicole Ottesen**  
University of Central Oklahoma  
**Veronica Elyse Pacheco**  
Rollins College  
**Bethany Hope Pagel**  
Undecided  
**Sarah Katherine Palma**  
Pikes Peak Community College  
**Amber Rae Paquelet**  
University of Northern Colorado  
**Caitlin Rose Pavisha**  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
**Zachary Andrew Peterson**  
University of Kentucky  
**James Gregory Pico**  
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs  
**Catherine Ann Putko**  
Boston College  
**John McKinley Radabaugh**  
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs  
**Kathleen Marie Raskob**  
University of Notre Dame  
**Teresa Marie Reilly**  
University of Wyoming  
**Robert Alexander Rivera**  
University of Northern Colorado  
**Amy Ann Ryan**  
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs  
**Alexandra Marie Rysavy**  
Benedictine College  
**Patrick Thomas Scally**  
Indiana University  
**Michael Thomas Schorsch**  
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs  
**Everett Burton Schroeder**  
University of Northern Colorado  
**Karl Hughes Schroeder**  
Northwestern Preparatory School (Air Force Academy 2011)  
**William George Sharkey**  
Colorado State University, Pueblo  
**Angela Sozon-Kim Shooner**  
Carlow University  
**Kara Anne Slavoski**  
Vanderbilt University  
**Cody Keith Stanton Smetzer**  
Moorpark College  
**Brianna Siobhan Smith**  
The Art Institute of Tampa  
**Stephen Anthony Smith**  
University of Portland  
**Hillary Anne Stefanec**  
University of Northern Colorado  
**Lindsay Ann Thomas**  
Colorado State University  
**Christina Diane Tickel**  
Colorado State University  
**Patrick Henry Trentman**  
United States Air Force Academy  
**Ethan Christopher Wackerman**  
Louisiana State University  
**Marcell Thomas Walton**  
Hastings College  
**Mary Catherine Ward**  
University of Northern Colorado  
**William Patrick Wheeler**  
Colorado State University  
**Christina Marie Whitelaw**  
Colorado Christian University  
**Alice Marie Wille**  
Tulane University



# 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala

Over 700 alumni, friends, former faculty, and parents filled the International Center at the Broadmoor with Pirate pride and camaraderie at the 125<sup>th</sup> St. Mary's High School Anniversary Gala on April 17. Gala chairman Jorgi Raskob, wife of **Bill Raskob '78** and mother of **Will '09** and **Katie '10**, and her hard-working committee organized the very successful evening that netted \$180,000, including \$87,500 for the 1885 Fund. Mike Boyd, St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation president, announced the establishment of the 1885 Fund, a permanent endowed fund honoring those who were instrumental in founding and running the school for the past 125 years.

The raffle grand prize winner was Tom La Grassa, a St. Francis parishioner; second prize went to Alma Grandpre, a Corpus Christi parishioner; and the third prize winner was Patricia Treinen, a 1948 graduate of SMHS.



Preceding the Gala Board Chairman Joe Slavoski introduced the new SMHS president Deacon Dave Camous at a reception at El Pomar Carriage Museum. Camous spoke of his optimistic outlook for St. Mary's and his appreciation for the support from the SMHS community.



The live auction bidding was enthusiastic on items ranging from art work to luxury vacations.



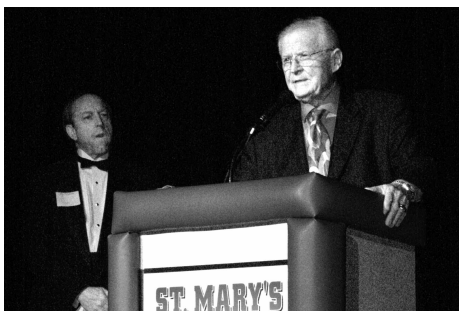
Bidding for silent auction items was spirited.



Kristy Cox '93, came with her sister and brother-in-law Kim '95 and Jerry '94 Levi.



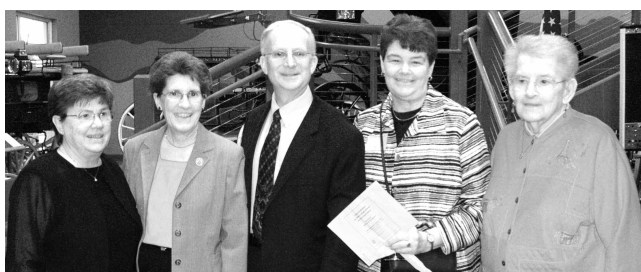
Class of '69 members John McGabe, Steve Clark, and Mike Keaveny enjoyed catching up on their lives since they left SMHS.



Chuck Murphy '54 (right) shared honorary co-chair duties with John Suthers '70.



Lindsey Arkfeld '03 and Kelsey Burkett '03 saw several of their former teachers and coaches at the Gala.



Sisters of Loretto Mary Ken Lewis (left), Cathy Mueller, Susan Swain, and Denise Ann Clifford, a former SMHS faculty member, visited with new SMHS President Dave Camous.



The class of 1977 had the largest class representation.

## Class Notes

### 1960s

**Mary Ahearn Tankesly '63** is retiring after 30 years with the federal government. She lives in Tucson, AZ, where her husband works for Evergreen Maintenance Center. They are planning a trip to Ireland in 2011 with their three married children and seven grandchildren.

**Dr. Lynne McCann McNamara '63** has been named Executive Director of the Vietnam Education Foundation. Chairman of the VEF Board Dr. Stephen Maxner stated that Dr. McNamara will "serve a key role in paving a positive way to a bright and productive future for the U.S.-Vietnam relationship through educational exchanges and programs."

### 1970s

**Matt Ashley '76** has been appointed chair of the department of theology at the University of Notre Dame for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2010.

**Steve Sexton '73** lives in Colorado Springs and is a manager at Pikes Peak Nurseries. He pursues his interest in antique bicycles and enjoys riding his restored large wheel bike in parades.

**Kathy Russell Robertson '75** and her husband Jim live

in Colorado Springs. Kathy has a degree in counseling from UNC and presently does volunteer work at Comcor. She is the mother of two SMHS alums, **Justin '00** and **Andrew '02 Smith**. She and her husband also have a daughter Hannah.

### 1990s

**Lori Duran Eggleston '92**, her husband Kevin, and their four sons live on their family ranch near Gila, NM. They enjoy their outdoor life and riding horses.

**Ellie Boyd '95** lives in Denver and works at the VA hospital as a social worker.

**Dr. Joanna Hyland '99** is living in Auburn, AL, where she is doing an anatomic pathology residency and working towards a master's degree in veterinary pathobiology.

### 2000s

**Ben Hettich '01** lives in Colorado Springs and works for Benefit Dynamics, a company that specializes in self-funded health plans.

**Sarah Carter Bolchoefner '01** and her husband Travis live in Denver. She is a nurse at St. Luke's Hospital.

**Rachel Foutch Cruse '01** lives in Fort Riley, Kansas. Her husband Joseph USA is deployed to Iraq.

**Andrew Smith '02** (Cornell College '08) and his wife Antonia live in Sequim, WA, where he is an intervention teacher. Andrew and Antonia were married February 14, 2010, in Seattle, WA.

**David Hettich '03** lives in Denver. He is vice president of business development at Gary Energetics, a company that focuses on developing geothermal and wind energy resources.

**Christina Ruffini '03** is an associate producer for the CBS Evening News with Kati Couric. She is based in the Washington Bureau and hosts a weekly web show, "Wildcard," on CBSNEWS.com.

**Scott Gendron '05** graduated from the Coast Guard Rescue Swimmer A School and is stationed in Detroit.

**Josh Lopez '05** graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in May with a degree in Management. He was medically discharged due to a knee injury he suffered in judo and reinjured in a physical education class.



**Stephen Wheeler '05** graduated from Colorado State University in May and is working as an engineer in California.

**Kyle Harris '06** graduated from Regis University in Denver in May with a degree in Communications.

**Alena Laput '06** graduated from University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in May with a degree in Biology with a molecular and cellular concentration.

**Melissa Hadfield '06** graduated from Boston College in May with a concentration in Pre-Law.

**LeeAnn Maton '06** graduated from Loyola University Chicago in May with degrees in Journalism and International Studies.

**Jillian Chou '06** graduated from the University of Southern California in May with a degree in International Relations and a minor in Biological Sciences.

**Amy Davidson '08** is the associate producer for a film project called *Maya Anderson and the Gem of the West* that is completely student written, produced, filmed and funded. Davidson has screenings for the film set up in New York for late December 2010. For more information about the project, visit <http://www.gemofthewest.com/>.

**Lisa Worsham '09** was named one of five United States Naval Academy 5th battalion outstanding midshipmen for the spring semester. She was lauded for her academic performance, work ethic, and positive attitude.

## In Memoriam

**Frank Fox '31** passed away. While a student at SMHS he was the business manager of *The Marilyn*.

**Mrs. Allee B. Page '36** passed away January 20, 2010 in Colorado Springs

**Rupert L. (Curly) Thomas '46** passed away April 24, 2010 in Colorado Springs. He was retired from the electro-plating business.

**Estella M Cordova '47** passed away January 5, 2010.

**Rita J. Mott Kohlmeier '52** passed away February 17, 2010.

**Macie Lamotte '55** passed away April 25, 2010. He is survived by his wife Louise who lives in Highland Ranch, CO.

Submit your class notes through the SMHS website at [www.smhscs.org](http://www.smhscs.org)

## Reunions Information

The classes of 1970 and 2000 gathered at St. Mary's High School and the Grace Center over Reunions Weekend, July 9-11, 2010. The Class of 1985 also gathered for their 25th reunion this summer on June 19, 2010. Several other classes will be celebrating their major reunions later this summer. They include:

**Class of 1960: 50th –** September 11-12, 2010. Please contact Jeannie King Turano at 516-804-0271 or [jturano@optonline.net](mailto:jturano@optonline.net) for more information.

**Class of 1980: 30th –** August 13-15, 2010. Please contact Brian Murphy '80 at 719-930-4147 or [bjmanpac@aol.com](mailto:bjmanpac@aol.com), Allen Kerby '80 at 719-748-9068 or [akerby@rmef.org](mailto:akerby@rmef.org), or Michael Abbott '80 at 719-464-5341 [michaelwabbott@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelwabbott@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Class of 1990: 20th –** Homecoming Weekend, October 8-10, 2010. Please contact Lanny Whiteside Deroeck '90 at 719-440-2697 or [lwhiteside@comcast.net](mailto:lwhiteside@comcast.net) for more information.

## From the Archives



Can anyone identify the people in this photo and the year the it was taken? If so, please send an email to [alumni@smhscs.org](mailto:alumni@smhscs.org) with the information.

Thanks to our sharp-eyed alumni who recognized the acolytes in the picture on page 13 of the last issue as **Louis Hafele, Bill Lueb, and Jack Holvey**, all members of the class of 1950.



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August 16	First Day of School
August 21	Swashbuckler (Back to School Mass and Picnic)
October 8	Homecoming
December 8	Grandparents' Mass
December 26	Alumni Christmas Social

*Please contact Matt Walter, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, by email at [mwalter@smhscs.org](mailto:mwalter@smhscs.org) for more details about any of these events.*

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