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Principal's Message



A very popular movie about baseball coined a phrase "if you build it, they will come." In *Field of Dreams*, we saw the challenges and rewards of following a leap of faith. May I use that idea and say "if we ask, they will help!" And so I ask

you, our families, alumnae, and friends to assist us in our mission. Your donation to our Capital Campaign will ensure our legacy of "transforming girls into women of faith and vision."

Regina High School made its own leap of faith in the decision to move to Warren, and we are seeing many rewards. Our academic, spiritual, and athletic resources are better than ever. The Warren Community has embraced us, as have you, our family and friends.

While the move is complete, our journey is not over. We need to increase our endowment fund, pay completed renovations to the Warren Campus, and ensure that Regina High School will continue its mission and ministry for years to come.

In today's challenging times, we believe that there is a definite need for a Christ-centered setting wherein young women can be nurtured spiritually and academically. Our faculty and staff provide this environment for our students but we rely on your generosity to help us create a transforming and lifelong difference.

An endowment will provide a continuous source of income for Regina High School and allow us to offer future generations of young women a quality education. An endowment is linked directly to the financial strength of a school...and we want to be around for future generations of "Saddlelites!"

I am deeply grateful for those of you who have been faithful donors through the years. You have demonstrated your belief in the mission of Regina High School and have made this leap of faith possible. I, along with Regina High School's faculty, staff, and over five hundred students, appreciate your support and with your continued participation, you will enable us to keep our mission alive. For those of you contemplating a contribution, I am asking...will you help us to make a difference in the lives of young women? Please consider an act of giving. God bless!

Sister Mary Leanne, SSJ-TOSF
Principal

Winter at Regina

It's March, and we are coming to the end of the coldest, whitest winter in recent history. Armed with mittens, scarves, and shovels, enduring sub-zero temperatures and ice-covered roads, braving fierce winds and harsh driving snow, we stood our ground as Winter did her worst. We enjoyed the snow-day that jump-started our white Christmas. We dabbled in snow-making, spraying hot water into the frigid air. And while we were snuggled in blankets and sipping hot cocoa, the halls were buzzing at Regina High School.

2009 hit the ground running, as much a time of change as a time of tradition. A new semester began shortly after the start of the New Year. We were energized by the challenge of new classes and the prospect of a fresh start in continuing classes. We traded volleyball for basketball and soccer for ice hockey. We celebrated Showboat and Catholic Schools Week while we welcomed new leadership in the Archdiocese and the White House.

The excitement continued all throughout February. We celebrated Sophomore Day as our 10th graders revealed their class colors, motto, song, mascot, and patron. This is a big step in the life of a Reginite, and we were so happy to share their happy day with them. We enjoyed a nice long weekend to celebrate President's day, and by the end of the month, we were preparing for the season of Lent.

As the new month begins, we look forward to International Day, Spirit Week, a new season of prayer, and, hopefully, some warm weather and sunshine along the way.



Regina High School
Capital Campaign



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Capital Campaign



"Regina High School has proven to be a great Catholic school for our family, both in the past with extended family members, as well as currently with our daughters. The Catholic education at Regina offers our daughters a top quality academic opportunity. But most importantly, it offers a Christian learning environment that promotes the values and teachings of the Catholic Church throughout their educational journey."
Lawrence and Karen Hallman, parents of Allison '10, and Kelly, incoming Class of 2013.



"Regina High School has been a very important part of our lives for so many years and has helped shape us. My family and I will always value the importance of our Catholic education and are thankful for being able to attend an all-female school which has made such a difference in our lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with Regina and her students and faculty for a very hopeful future. God bless you for all you do to continue the mission"
-Rosanne Jamieson, '70, and daughters Therese Schuneman '91, Clare Duross '92, Bridget Byrnes '94, Colette Kowalski '96, Veronica McAtee '98, and Bernadette '03.

With the start of 2009, Regina High School has launched the public phase of its Capital Campaign, "Building our Future...NOW!" The objective of this important campaign is to raise a total of \$5,000,000 in gifts and pledges to finance campus costs and renovations and build our endowment fund, ensuring the affordability of a Regina High School education. By far, the largest fundraising endeavor Regina High School has ever undertaken, "Building our Future...NOW!" is evidence of Regina's substantial commitment to the education of young women, the support and perpetuation of the Catholic Faith, and the future of the Metro-Detroit Area.

Regina High School opened its doors in Harper Woods in the fall of 1956 at the dawn of a new era for women. As the roles, opportunities, and expectations for young women were changing, Regina High School prioritized providing rich academic experience for girls, preparing them for their futures in home, career, and higher education, while also focusing on the unique challenges and experiences facing teenage girls, all in a Christ-centered environment. Today, Regina High School graduates are found in every career field and way of life imaginable. Our women are mothers, business-owners, public servants, law enforcement, military, teachers, accountants, doctors, nurses, and everything in between. The American Workforce operates on a strong academic foundation, and at Regina, 99.8% of our graduates continue their education at a two- or four-year college or university. The graduating class of 2008 was offered over \$3.5 Million in scholarships. If Education is The Great Equalizer, then a Regina Education is The Great Advantage.

In addition to educating and empowering young women, Catholic schools like Regina High School strengthen the Catholic Church. In 2005, the United States Council of Catholic Bishops responded to growing concern over the crisis facing Catholic Schools in its pastoral letter, *Renewing Our Commitment to Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools in the Third Millennium*. "Young people of the third millennium must be a source of energy and leadership in our Church and our nation...Catholic schools provide young people with sound Church teaching through a broad-based curriculum, where faith and culture are intertwined in all areas of a school's life." As a dynamic Body of Faith, the Church relies on the participation and energy of its congregation, both religious and lay persons, to demonstrate faith in action. The Regina Education encourages faith in action in all manners of academic thought, not only analyzing social and ethical issues with a critical eye, but also promoting a hands-on and creative approach to problem-solving. The Franciscan Tradition of good works and compassion is the backbone of a Regina Education. Many of our students contribute to their parishes through musical ministry, lecturing, Eucharistic ministry, and participating in youth groups.

As we work to strengthen the Church through Catholic Education, we also foster a commitment to the communities we serve. In recent decades, we have lost several Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese. In 2005, alone, a total of eight high schools were closed, five of which, East Catholic and Dominican High School in Detroit, Notre Dame and Trinity High School in Harper Woods, and St. Clement High School in Centerline, served communities on the East Side. Today, DeLaSalle Collegiate and Regina High School are the only Catholic high schools in, not only Macomb County, but the entire East Side area. In addition to providing the opportunity to educate young women in the Catholic tradition, Regina High School also enriches the East Side through service to the community. Each year, Regina students participate in a wide variety of volunteerism and philanthropy. From all levels of student life – the student body at large, student organizations, and the individual students themselves – Regina students invest in the community through donations, service, and activism.

Regina High School has been an incredible force for good in Metropolitan Detroit, educating young women to meet the demands of adult life, providing support and energy to the Church, and serving and enriching the community. Through the Campaign, "Building our Future...NOW!" Regina High School families, graduates, and friends have the opportunity to ensure this dynamic legacy will continue far into the future.



"What a blessing to be a part of the Regina Family – a microcosm of the universal church where ideals of faith and generous service are LIVED out daily. I thank God for being a part of this community – for the inspiration received from staff, students, and families. I am most grateful."
-Sr. Mary Sam, Faculty

"The Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Third Order of Saint Francis support Regina High school's commitment to this Capital project because we feel the school is important, not only to the women who attend it, but to the surrounding community as well. Detroit is blessed to have a strong Catholic influence with so many wonderful parishes and schools."
Sister Michelle Wronkowski, Treasurer and Central Board Member SSJ-TOSF



"We have always believed that our children's development as people of faith is as important as their academic education. By giving to the Capital Campaign, we are able to contribute to the success of Regina High School, even if in our own small way."
Michael and Anne Thomas, parents of Sarah '07 and Beth '12

SADDLE NEWS...Building Our Future...Now

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the objectives of the Capital Campaign?

The goal is to raise \$5 million over a period of five years. \$2.5 million will pay for building and renovation costs associated with our new campus, and an additional \$2.5 million will fund our endowment to keep tuition at an affordable rate.

How does my donation to the Capital Campaign impact future tuition rates?

The Capital Campaign packs a one-two punch combating rising tuition. As an independent school, Regina's entire budget is covered by the tuition of its students and the generosity of its donors. The first thing the Capital Campaign addresses is the cost of the new campus. Reducing our mortgage effectively drives down the general operating costs of Regina's annual budget, easing the burden of tuition. The endowment created by the Capital Campaign will be invested in a savings account. All interest accrued from this account is then applied towards the operating budget, while the principal remains intact. Your gift to the Endowment continues to make a long and lasting impact on Regina High School.

How much should I pledge to the Campaign?

Only you can decide how much to give. Your pledge should be based on your ability to give, your understanding of our needs, and your belief in the mission of Regina High School. Remember: Regina High School can only achieve its \$5 million goal with your help.

Aren't Capital Campaigns expensive to run?

Capital Campaigns can cost tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars for the work of a professional counsel. We will run this campaign in-house with a staff of volunteers. Therefore, far more of your donated dollars go directly to the fund of Regina's financial needs.

Who will be involved with the Campaign?

Every alumna, current parent, and alumnae parent will be asked to pledge their time, talent, and treasure for a successful campaign.

With the current state of the economy, is now the right time to be pushing forward with such an ambitious Campaign?

It has never been a better time to forge ahead with this Campaign – not in spite of the economy, but because of it. As the cost of education rises with the cost of living, it is more important than ever that Catholic Schools like Regina High School are able to continue to provide the highest quality education without pricing itself out of the average family's budget.

What is the difference between the Annual Fund and the Capital Campaign?

Both projects aim to lessen the tuition burden of our current families. The Annual Fund supplements tuition to accommodate the general day-to-day operational expenses. These gifts can be general or restricted towards particular funds, such as athletics or needs-based scholarships. The Capital Campaign is a restricted gift towards building an endowment fund and paying down the building and renovation costs of our new campus. We encourage you to continue your Annual Fund gift during the Capital Campaign, because together they address the short-term and long-term needs of our school.

Were the proceeds from the sale of the Harper Woods Campus applied to the Capital Campaign?

The Harper Woods Campus was owned by Regina's sponsoring order, The Sisters of St. Joseph, Third Order of St. Francis, who are the recipients of all proceeds from the property's sale. The Sisters of St. Joseph have been very generous in providing collateral for Regina's mortgage.



"Growing up, I went to a public school. It wasn't until the seventh grade that I experienced a Catholic School education. Obviously, I found it very rewarding, since I've now been working in Catholic Schools for 40+ years.

I've grown accustomed to, and learned to appreciate, students who demonstrate responsibility, leadership, and have sound value systems. They make Catholic Schools worth the sacrifice that parents and families make to ensure a quality education for their children. I commend parents for continuing to make Catholic Education a priority."

Diane Laffey, Faculty

"Charitable giving, in general, is a value that my parents instilled in me and my siblings as we were growing up. They taught us the importance of tithing and that part of the tithe belongs to the church and the remainder should be spread among other charitable causes and works. Regina was instrumental in my educational, personal, and religious development. Therefore, I have chosen to make contributions each year to show appreciation for that development and the opportunities it has afforded me since graduation. I specifically choose to donate to the scholarship fund to ensure that funds are available to young women who desire Catholic/all-girls education but whose families can't afford it."

Megan Culos, Class of 1997

I am the Resurrection and the Life... John 11, 25

Gilbert "Cha-Chi" Danz III, brother of Kim Furkovich, Strongarone, class of 1994, passed away on September 10, 2008.

Mary Beattie, sister of Patricia Beattie Jones '66, Ruth Beattie '73, and Jean Beattie Nitzh '78, passed away on September 3, 2008.

Janis Krupa, class of 1965, sister of Bette Kelly '66 and Mary K Williams '73, passed away November 23, 2008.

Ryan O'Donnell, husband of Nicole Worden, class of 1992 passed away December, 2008.

Walter J. Zarkowski, Father of Pam Zarkowski '71 passed away on February 9, 2009.

Theresa Paone Buccellato '60 passed away on December 19, 2008.

SADDLE NEWS...Transforming Girls

Celebrating Catholic Schools at Regina High School

Catholic Schools around the nation commemorated their mission and heritage by celebrating Catholic Schools Week from January 25-31. Catholic Schools Week was brought about through a collaboration of the National Catholic Education Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This year's event centered on the tradition of stewardship and was called "Celebrating Service".

Regina High School honored its Catholic identity with a mass dedicated to Catholic Education. Alumna Dr. Sherill Piscopo opened the mass with a testimony of the effect of her own Catholic schooling on her personal, intellectual, and spiritual development. Father Joseph Gambala of St. Malachy's Parish joined in the celebration by presiding over mass.

Coincidentally, Catholic School's Week also brought the installation of new Detroit Archbishop Allen Vigneron. The Juniors of Mr. Forsy's Religion course, "The Church: Our Story", wrote letters to the new Archbishop, welcoming him back to his home and encouraging him to come visit Regina. They shared their faith and beliefs, their vision for the future of the Church, and their good wishes.

Closing out this exciting week was Regina's Annual Faculty-Student Volleyball game. Fueled by friendly competition and a healthy dose of adrenaline, both teams brought their A-Game. After two sets that were too close to call, the game was called a tie. What a fitting end to the week – we all know that when it comes to Catholic Education, everybody wins!

Sophomore Day 2009

Class Mascot – Wolves

Class Colors – Black and Gold

Class Flower – Hibiscus

Class Patron – Princess Diana

Class Motto

"Together we have experienced life, separately we will pursue our dreams, & forever our memories will remain."

Class Song – "Best Days" by Graham Colton

Congratulations Class of 2011!



Sophomores show off their new class sweatshirts before the Sophomore Day ceremony

Prayer for Leaders

God of power and might, through your authority, wisdom and justice are rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed. Assist, with your spirit of counsel and fortitude, the leaders throughout the world. May they always seek the ways of righteousness, justice, and mercy. Grant that they may be enabled by your powerful protection to lead our world with honesty and integrity. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

After 18 years of service to the Archdiocese of Detroit, Cardinal Adam Maida passes the torch to Archbishop Allen Vigneron. Archbishop Vigneron was raised in the Archdiocese of Detroit and served many years as Associate Pastor and Pastor at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish. Growing up in Catholic Schools, Archbishop Vigneron was instrumental in the reformation of Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Archbishop Vigneron served the Archdiocese of Detroit as an Auxiliary Bishop from 1996 – 2003. In 2003, he left Detroit to serve the Diocese of Oakland, California. We are so happy to see the return of Archbishop Vigneron, and we pray that his leadership will pave the way for a bright future in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

January also brought new leadership on the national level. The inauguration of our new President Barack Obama was an exceptional moment in our nation's history. The election of an African American was a victory for every generation who pledged a more just and equitable world for their children. While the full impact of his presidency is yet unseen, our prayers are with President Obama, that he leads the nation with wisdom, courage, and compassion.

With the installation of these new leaders, Archbishop Allen Vigneron and President Barack Obama, we are reminded that we are never far from change. Our prayers are with these and all leaders as they work to ensure freedom, equality, and a better future for all.



A Reflection on Catholic Schools

As newly arrived immigrants to this country, both the maternal and paternal sides of my family gravitated to large urban areas that hosted a Catholic Church representing their ethnic origin. Catholic Churches a hundred years ago played a huge role in assimilating Americans into the culture at large.

Some parents resisted Americanization. Initially, Catholic education for my maternal great-grandparents was a way to preserve their Polish heritage. They settled in the Poletown area of Detroit and sent their children to St. Hyacinth School where students learned their own cultural traditions in their native language! At this time, the parishes provided a strong sense of identity to their members. Parishes helped immigrants find jobs and provided literacy skills. Assimilation still took place, but it was much more gradual than what public schools provided.

Continuing the tradition of Catholic education, my parents also attended Catholic grade schools and high schools. My dad attended St. Anthony and my mom went to Servite High School – which is the same high school that I graduated from. Family life was still very much intertwined with the parish. Every Friday my family went to the parish fish fry! The Sacrament of Reconciliation was received every Saturday. Attendance at mass was followed every week with some type of “social”. It might be a pancake breakfast or just coffee and donuts. The parish priests knew your name! If hard times fell upon a member of the parish, the community banded together to provide assistance. Every time my mom had a baby, food miraculously appeared at our door! Many of the nuns that taught my mother also taught me. To me, these women were the best part of Catholic school. They were knowledgeable and caring. Instinctively, it seemed, they knew when you didn’t understand something and insisted that you stay after school for help! They always made me feel as if I was the most important person in their classroom. When it came time for me to choose a college, I didn’t hesitate to go to a Catholic college. I also did my graduate work at a Catholic institution. Catholic education has always been a focal point of my life.

This year I will complete thirty years of teaching in Catholic schools! I wouldn’t trade this experience for anything in the world. Teaching at St. Ladislaus in Hamtramck, St. Anne in Warren, St Hedwig in Detroit, and twenty three years at RHS was my way of giving back to a community that shaped the person I am today. I hope that someday my children – who are all Catholic school graduates – will be able to send their children to Catholic schools and continue a tradition that has been a part of my family since coming to America almost a hundred years ago!



Theresa Rupinski, Sarah Seski and MaryGrace Bauer attend March for Life in Washington, DC

Regina Students March for Life in Washington, D.C.

On January 22, five Regina High School students, Mary Cornwell, Mary Grace Bauer, Sarah Seski, Theresa Rupinski, and Sarah Cornwell, participated in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. The march is a massive display of support for respect for all human life, from conception to natural death.

Over 300,000 people participated in the march, and the students had a special youth gathering and Mass at the Verizon Center. Freshman Theresa Rupinski commented, “It gave me hope for the future because of all the young people who were there.”

The students were amazed to see so many thousands of people united together for one common purpose – the sanctity of human life. Mary Grace Bauer said, “It was a life changing experience! I hope to attend again next year.”

The March for Life began in response to the 1973 Supreme Court decision to de-criminalize abortion, and hundreds of thousands of pro-life activists have marched to the Supreme Court on January 22nd every year.

SADDLE NEWS...School days



Regina Students Celebrate their heritage in traditional ethnic costumes

INTERNATIONAL DAY AT REGINA HIGH SCHOOL

The Foreign Language Club sponsored their annual International Day on March 4, 2009. The theme this year focused on peace makers around the world. Colorful balloons, banners, and flags of over sixty countries were displayed throughout the school, and students were encouraged to wear ethnic costumes to show pride of their heritage.

To enhance cultural awareness, the officers of the FLC gave speeches about the peace makers club over the PA at the beginning of each class period, and in between classes ethnic music was played.

Reverend Robert Jones and Matt Watroba, host of popular shows on Detroit public radio, (WDET-FM 101.9) performed at the assembly. The duo demonstrated how the cooperation among diverse ethnic cultures led directly to what we know as American music. Their presentation was educational and enlightening as well as entertaining.

There was a bake sale throughout the day, and the proceeds were donated to a charitable organization.



Regina High School Dance Team – Catholic League Pom Champions!



2009 Raffle Calendar Cover, photographed by Louisa Stephens '09

Student Spotlight

Louisa Stephens

One of the most exciting projects the students get to work on in Art One is a Metaphoric Self Portrait. Through this assignment, Regina High School was given a beautiful and universal representation of the Regina Experience through which all facets of the Regina Family could identify. Senior Louisa Stephens's photograph of Saddle Shoes in the Regina hallway, the photo that graced the cover of the 2009 Raffle Calendar, struck a chord with students and faculty alike. "I was very impressed with many of the photographs that were taken," remarked Art Teacher Mrs. Lupinacci. "One of the largest challenges to this assignment is being able to portray yourself a certain light without actually including yourself in your work. The students were told to capture the moments that will always represent who they are. Clearly the photograph taken by Louisa Stephens does just that."

The success of Louisa's image is due to her ability to blend talent with her own personal point of view, all the while addressing a collective understanding unique to this Regina Community. "As of now, my life has been revolving around Regina High School and I wanted to capture that in my Photography assignment," says Louisa. "I chose specifically to include Saddle Shoes because they set us apart from all the rest."

Courtney Cameron

Freshman Courtney Cameron has dedicated much of her life to ice skating. A member of Detroit Skating Club's synchronized team skating organization, Evolution, Courtney has spent recent years competing against top skating teams around the country. This past February, Evolution competed as Team USA in the Spring Cup Synchronized Skating Championships in Milan, Italy. Regina High School is proud to have such talent in our ranks, and wish Courtney and the rest of the team luck as they compete in the national and international arena.

Regina Dance Team

The Regina Dance Team won the Catholic League Pom Championship on Sunday, February 1st, 2009, for the first time in school history! They placed 1st in Jazz and 1st Overall. On February 7th, they also made quite the showing at Spirit Shine, winning 2nd Place over all, 1st Place in Jazz, 2nd Place in Pom, and nearly swept the individual prizes: 1st Place – Chelsea Bono, 2nd Place – Morgan Markowicz, 3rd Place – Morgan Stocker, 4th Place – Alayna Orzel, and 6th Place – Bianca Brengman. Congratulations Girls!

Showboat Still Making Waves in 2009

In a tradition dating back to the 1960s, Regina High School celebrated its young talent with its annual Showboat. This year's theme was the Super Boat Saddle Bowl, complete with ESPN correspondents, groundbreaking commercial spots, and an array of performances by the young ladies of Regina, ranging from the serious to the absurd.

Flexing their vocal muscles were Ashley Peters and Liz Cheyne, Madeline Thibault, Amanda Picciche, Briana Wonsowicz, Emily Frikken, and in a touching, hilarious, and unforgettable serenade to Ms. Gerard (en espanol!), Leslie Lim.

The musical talent of our students went far beyond singing. Pianists Lindsay Astalo, Stephanie Rupinski, and Jessica Jung brought a classical touch to the show, as did Meghan Vismara in the performance of an original song. Playing Zeng, a traditional Chinese string instrument, was Sabrina Yip.

Adding an grace and energy to the show were some dance numbers, performed by Catherine Pierson, Marie Dumas, the Regina Dance Team, and, bringing us the best of both worlds, Andrea Nash and Annalisa Palazzolo as Miley Cyrus and Hannah Montana.

The final act of Showboat is traditionally the Faculty Act, and they never disappoint! This year, they channeled the Cullen's, utilizing (vegetarian) vampiric speed and strength to challenge the Regina Softball Team.

A BIG "thank you" to the Student Council for orchestrating one of Regina's favorite traditions and to each and every performer for their creativity!



(Pictured above)

Liz Cheyne and Ashley Peters
sing a duet at Showboat



(Pictured to the right)

Ms. Gerard is serenaded
by Leslie Lim

Alumnae Spotlight



Katherine Daudlin graduated from Regina High School in the spring of 2001. Now Development Director of the Visiting Nurses Association, Katherine credits the education she received at Regina High School for her love of learning, her fulfilling career, and her drive to give back to the community.

After Regina, Katherine continued in Catholic Education, majoring in English at Madonna University. "My experience at Regina High School inspired me to pursue higher education and helped me appropriately prioritize my life as I went out into the 'real world.' Family, friends, and faith are often parts of life that many of us put on the back-burner as we try to succeed professionally. The environment at Regina High school instilled in me a true understanding of success – working hard while valuing the importance of God in our lives." As she continued her education, she found a talent and interest in the field of healthcare fundraising. After graduating in 2005, Katherine interned at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Her dedication to this task eventually earned her a full-time job in the Development Office, where she specialized in Annual Giving and Special Events.

As her career blossomed at St. Mary Mercy, Katherine found a wonderful opportunity to give back to Regina High School. This is her third year as Events Chair of the "Building our Future" Capital Campaign. It has been the perfect way for her to share her talent, enrich her experience in her area of expertise, and contribute to a school she loves. "Fundraising does so much good. It gives people with financial resources an outlet to make a difference using the blessings they have been given. For those in need, their lives are enhanced by the generosity of others, and they are given opportunities they otherwise would not have had."

For Katherine, this Campaign is a way to get alumnae more involved at Regina High School. "Our day-to-day lives are all so busy, so it is easy to put 'support Regina' on our never ending 'to-do list.' The phrase 'we can't do it without you' never meant more when it comes to the future of Regina High School. My hope for the school is that more alumnae feel the need to come back and give back to an organization that has so much to offer future generations."



Sabrina Yip plays the zeng

SADDLE NEWS...Women of faith & vision

Alumnae Updates

1960 Delores Lynh is retired and lives with her husband Dennis in St. Clair Shores. She enjoys reading, doing puzzles, crafts, and travel, and is most proud of raising her four good Christian children. **Diane (Stihler) Miller** lives in St. Clair Shores. She enjoys being a Mom and Grandma and loves to travel. **Gail (Barylski) Abke** is enjoying retirement at her home in Warren. **Joan (DeBacker) Hebert** is retired in Rocklin, California. **Judith (Ruedisueli) DeFaw** lives in Grosse Pointe Farms with her husband Norman. She has raised four children: Thad, Dorothy, Catherine, and Randy.



Class of 1998 enjoy reconnecting with old friends at 10-year Reunion

1961 Mary Anne (Hines) Oakley is a Retired Secretary in Lincoln Park. Her hobbies are sewing, reading, and painting. **Mary Jo (McCormack) Moore** is a retired Registered Nurse who lives with her husband John in Taylor. She is proud of her two children, John and Mary, who are both college graduates, and her 35 year career as a Nurse.

1962 Karen (Christie) Bernacki lives in Bloomfield with her husband Edward. She has raised three children, Laura, Keith, and Kurt. **Marlene (Smiecinski) Brown** lives in California with her husband Mike. She enjoys doing everything now that she has retired and is most proud of living a life of great faith and celebrating her Catholic Religion. **MaryJo (Vioet) McNamara** is a retired teacher of Omaha Public Schools in Nevada. She lives with her husband Jim and enjoys needlepoint, crochet, reading, and spending time with her 6 grandchildren. She is most proud of the 26 years she spent as a 4th grade teacher. **Mary Jane (Tracey) Balcom** is a semi-retired Hairdresser in Houghton Lake. She is proud of owning and operating her own business for 30 years, raising her four daughters and being the grandmother of 10, and being on

the board of her church in Grayling.

1963 Kathleen Thorton is now retired and lives in Royal Oak. She enjoys walking, quilting, and reading, and is proud of her travels that have taken her throughout the world. **Roni (DeMario) Decker** lives in Chesterfield Township with her husband Mark. She is proud of the 26 years she has spent so far as an Office Manager for Dr. Mark A. Brown and raising her two children, Randy and Kristie.

1964 Antoinette (Galas) Faba is an Accountin Specialist for Morc, Inc. She lives with her husband, Paul and has raised four children: Paul, Mark, Karen ('91), and Anne ('94). **Carol (Cole) Fleming** is an attorney in Suttons Bay where she lives with her husband, Thomas.

Cheryl J. (Barylski) Ellero has retired from General Motors and lives in Clinton Township. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and traveling. **Judith (Claerr) Caldwell** is a Retired Professor at West Shore Community College. She lives on an "80-acre farm and wildlife haven" in Scottville with her husband Harry. She is proud of her thousands of former students, many of whom are friends and neighbors, and she can still sing the school song, "Regina Mundi".

1965 Darlene Swiderski lives in St. Clair Shores and practices Clinical Psychology.

1966 Diane (Bove) Cera is a Registered Nurse in Indiana, where she lives with her husband Vincent. She enjoys spinning, piano, and politics. Since participating in Catholic Students' Mission Crusade as a Regina Student, she has had a passion of service, and



More friends from the class of 1998 enjoying a wonderful evening

in the last five years, she was able to volunteer in Haiti as a missionary nurse.

1967 Genevieve (Blackman) McAtee is a retired educator living with her husband Richard in Clinton Townshiop. She enjoys knitting and reading in her spare time. **JoAnn (Haberski) Wells** is an Art Teacher In Minneapolis where she lives with her husband Jeff. She enjoys bird watching, hiking, drawing, and gardening. **Kathleen (Clark) McCasland** lives in Wilmington, NC with her husband Truman. She is President and CEO of Your Conference Connection, and is most proud of raising 5 wonderful young men, starting and maintaining a successful business, and her marriage of more than 30 years. **Kathleen (Peddycord) Smith** is a Customer Representative for Comerica Bank. She lives with her husband Joseph and her family. She is most proud of raising her four children, James, Michael, Meghann, and Maria.

1968 Geraldine (Finazzo) Seip lives in Troy with her husband Chuck. They own Holiday Pizza. She is most proud of her marriage of 33 years, her two wonderful children, and the business they have shared for 35 years. **Marcia (Rossman) Decker** lives with her husband Allen in Rochester Hills. She is a high school Assistant Principal in the Troy School District.

1973 Joan L. Scherrer is a Registered Nurse at Abbott Northwestern Hospital Minneapolis. She lives in Bloomington, Minnesota with her husband Terrence. **Margaret Kemp Farrell** is an English Teacher and Yearbook Advisor for Newsome High School in Lithia, Florida. She lives in Brandon, Florida, with her husband Terry. She is proud to have achieved National Board Certification as a Teacher of English in 2006. **Michaelena (Alcala) Moore** is a respiratory therapist at St. Joseph Hospital in Denver, Colorado where she lives with her three boys and her husband Robert. She was pleasantly surprised when she learned of Regina's move to Warren to find that we are now in the building that was her Middle School, Melby Jr. High.

1977 Denise (Colombo) Pluhatsch lives in Shelby Township with her husband Robert. She is a Heart and Vascular QA/QI Nurse at William Beaumont Hospital.

1981 Lisa (Strussione) Kuczski lives in Troy with her husband John and her her children Josh and Renee.

1982 Julie (Ufford) Garstecki is a Business Support Analyst for Comerica Bank. She lives in Macomb Township with her husband Dave and her daughter Allison, Class of 2012. She enjoys walking, scrapbooking, bowling, camping, and spending time her her family. She is proud of the 25 years she has dedicated to Comerica Bank and proud of raising her daughter. **Liliana (DeFelicis) Guest** is a receptionist at Great Lakes Athletic Club. She lives in Lake Orion with her husband Stan and enjoys cooking. **Diane (Nader) Daugherty** lives in Sterling Heights with her husband Dan and her two sons Danny and Ryan. She enjoys walking, scrapbooking, volunteering, and reading and is very proud of her participation the last three years in the Breast Cancer 3 Day 60 Mile Walk.

SADDLE NEWS...Women of faith & vision

1984 Monica (Compana) Fedeler is the owner of Ames-Story Landfill in Iowa, where she lives with her husband William. She enjoys traveling, boating, and sports and is proud of being a successful businesswoman.

1985 Andrea (Zabick) Mahalak is a Cytogenetic Technologist for William Beaumont Hospital. She lives in Warren with her husband Sean and her two children Zachay and Rebecca. She enjoys gardening, reading, and spending time with her family, and plans to travel to the California Redwoods this summer.

Julia Pepper is a Registered Nurse for Learning Perspectives. She lives in Carolina Beach, North Carolina.

1986 Mimma (Manzella) Chidiac is an Avon Representative and does Child Care. She lives in Macomb with her husband Roland and her two daughters Stephanie (Class of 2012) and Danielle. She is most proud of being a well-rounded person with a wonderful family that includes two awesome daughters. **Sheryl (Follen) Vondracek** is an Associate Professor for the University of Colorado. She lives in Denver with her husband Tom and her beautiful baby daughter Alena. **Toni (Cognetto) Minano** lives in St. Clair Shores with her husband Gino and her daughter Amanda. She enjoys scrapbooking and is proud of her family and her career as an Occupational Therapist at the

Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan (DMC).

1988 Lori (Linsky) Roberts is a Loan Dept. Supervisor at OUR Credit Union. She lives in Warren with her husband Tom and her two children Colleen and Tommy. She enjoys traveling, camping, and scrapbooking and spends her spare time volunteering for the Macomb/ St.

Susan (Oliver) Bernardi lives in Macomb Township with her husband Kevin and her three children, Morgan, Hannah, and Caroline. She is a teacher in Utica Community Schools.

1989 Nicole (Nadeau) Marone lives in Grosse Pointe Woods with her husband Michael and her daughter August.



Regina grads of all ages gathered together to share old times while celebrating Kristen Mantovani Sahlaney's wedding

Clair Autism Society, Autism Speaks, the American Cancer Society, and the Troy Optimist Club. **Rachel (Kallen) Zmija** is a Special Education Teacher for Warren Consolidated Schools. She lives in St. Clair Shores with her husband Scott, her son Jacob, and her twin daughters Katelyn and Jessica.

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