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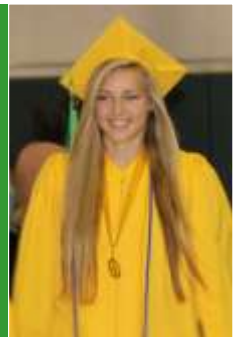
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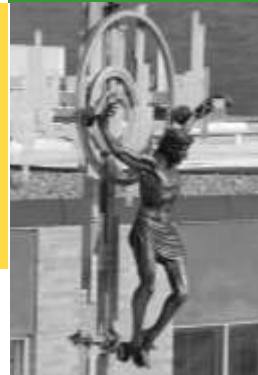


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Welcome Back Letter from President Connolly

Dear Saint Albert Families,

What a great start to the 2015-16 school year and the 51st year of Saint Albert Catholic School! On the first day of school, we celebrated Mass with grades K-12 as an entire school community and on Friday, we celebrated a pep rally for fall sports.

I thank our teachers for their patience and guidance, especially these first few days of school as our students adjust to their schedules, their courses, and our newly renovated cradle to college campus.

I also thank the parents for choosing to send your children to Saint Albert. Our students are among the brightest in Southwest Iowa and benefit from being part of a dynamic Catholic community where the love of learning and strong spirituality extends beyond the classroom to extracurricular activities, community service, and athletics.

I invite parents, grandparents, and friends to visit our growing, faith-based cradle to college campus. Join us for weekly Mass. Volunteer in the classroom. Cheer on our Falcons and Saintes. Come enjoy the performance of our fall musical, Cinderella.

With our newly renovated academic wings, our new middle school for 6-8th graders, our expanded course selection in the high school, we have a lot to be thankful for up on the Hill. Thanks to our faculty and staff, our parishes, and our families who work together to provide an outstanding Christ-centered education.

I look forward to the 2015-16 academic year and continuing to follow the example of our patron, Saint Albert the Great, by inspirata magnus.



A great 14-15 year...and a promising 15-16 year ahead!

The Class of 2015 achieved great success in academics, grew in their faith, and generously served their community and their parishes.

For the 2014-15 Academic Year...

- 50% of the Class of 2015 participated in a KAI-ROS retreat - a religious retreat that provides the opportunity to learn about and experience the broader Church and to facilitate a better understanding of the needs of others.
- 30% of the senior class participated in the World Mission Project to better our world by providing service work, assisting families in need, and growing in their faith.
- 3,000+ service hours performed by the members of this class throughout their high school careers.
- 100% of our seniors graduated.
- 96% are pursuing higher education.
- The 54 members of our senior class earned over \$2.9 million in collegiate scholarships and 94% of the collegiate scholarships earned were awarded to our students based on their academic performance.
- The top 10% of our senior class has earned an average ACT score of 31.

Excited to continue our school's 50+ years of excellence and to see the student successes the 2015-16 year brings!

Joseph Connolly (Class of '75)

President of Saint Albert Catholic School

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St. Albert works on making progress this year

by Scott Stewart, Nonpareil Education Reporter

St. Albert Catholic Schools will work on transitions this year.

Sixth-graders will join their classmates as part of a new middle school concept, replacing the former junior high school wing of the PK-12 campus.

Dave Schweitzer, the school's secondary principal, will prepare to replace Joe Connolly, who will wrap up his fifth full year as the school's president.

The school also will continue to transition the 50-year-old portion of its building into a modern space, with renovations wrapping up this summer on restrooms following last year's classroom remodeling.

Lastly, more 4-year-olds will make the transition to being students this year after St. Albert added a third section of its prekindergarten program.

"In June, we found ourselves pretty full and had a pretty lengthy waiting list," Connolly said.

"We've added a third section of 4-year-old prekindergarten. We're blessed to have an available classroom to do that."

The school usually has room for 48 prekindergarten students, but this year it could have up to 72. Enrollment is about 60 right now, but Schweitzer said he expects the rooms will be full by the end of the year.

"People wanted to be here," he said. "Families really responded well."

Discounts have helped as well, with a \$500 reduction per student offered to families new to the school in first through 12th grade. Connolly said



that move reflects a trend in Catholic education across the country.

"That savings up front is an appropriate benefit for people who are making a commitment to our school," Schweitzer said.

Connolly said St. Albert can be more affordable than lower-income families expect. Those elementary students qualifying for the maximum grant from the Catholic Tuition Organization can have tuition less than \$100 a month, he said.

"That's made it more affordable for more families," Connolly said.

Those families will find improved facilities for secondary students. Last summer, the school worked on classrooms, improving heating, air conditioning, lighting, finishes, doors and other hardware. This summer, the school completed the second phase, renovating the restrooms in the main part of the junior-senior high areas.

"If we look at the 50-year-old part of our building, we've been through the two academic wings," Connolly said, adding that work still needs to happen on the central wing including the secondary office, cafeteria, gym, locker rooms

and chapel. "There are some areas in there that need the same sort of updating."

An anonymous donor gave an undisclosed amount to complete the first two phases. Contractors have provided some in-kind donations, Connolly said, and nearly all of that significant donation has been spent.

Security improvements were also made this summer, including new parking lot cameras.

Schweitzer said parents now just need to give a vehicle description and time to report misconduct, instead of having to identify the student or deduce who might have been in the area at the time.

"We can go to the video and pull that information up and confront the student directly," Schweitzer said.

Having that improvement helps to increase accountability, he added.

"People behave better when they have a sense that somebody knows what they're doing," he said.

One additional change this upcoming year will be in the chaplain's office, Connolly said.

The Rev. Ross Parker went to the St. Joseph Parish in Des Moines, he said. St. Albert's new chaplain is the Rev. Fabian Moncada, who comes from Des Moines' Sacred Heart Parish. He will assist with ninth-grade religion, faith formation and the campus ministry team, Connolly said.

St. Albert's faith formation program, School of Faith, is also being replaced by the Diocese of Des Moines' new program called Faith Journey. Connolly said it's similar to what St. Albert piloted and will consist of six sessions over the school year with presentations on various aspects of the Catholic faith.

The Rev. Paul Monahan, the school's senior chaplain, will also hold weekly reflection and faith sharing events, Schweitzer said.

Financial health

"We're a lot different from public schools," Connolly said. "They have to count on the government, and we have to count on the kindness of our community."

"And parish support," Schweitzer added. "We had to be very conservative in previous years."

However, St. Albert has turned the corner by paying off its elementary school and moving forward with renovation projects now that enrollment has solidified, Connolly said. He said gracious donors have been the key to making progress.

Looking forward, Schweitzer said faculty compensation is something he wants to address. He said he wants salaries to be more comparable with those in the surrounding public schools and parochial schools in Iowa. The goal, he said, was to make it so a teacher wouldn't have to pay "a tremendous premium" to choose to work at St. Albert instead of elsewhere.

Enrollment forecast

Schweitzer said enrollment for this fall is already ahead of projections for the spring.

"We were conservative," he said.

About 35 new students in first through 12th grade have joined the school. The numbers remain fluid with enrollments taking place in the days before school starts. Connolly said enrollment had dropped off the past couple years because of larger graduating classes and smaller cohorts of young students.

Abby Jares, director of community relations, said the school budgeted for 641 students but should exceed that figure.

"Of course, we never know the exact final number until the first day of school," she said. "We estimate total enrollment to be in the range of 660-670 students."

As of September 1, 671 students are enrolled.

Sixth-graders at St. Albert are now middle-schoolers

by Scott Stewart, Nonpareil Education Reporter

St. Albert is dropping the “junior high” designation and moving to establish St. Albert Middle School.

But the shift is more than nomenclature.

“It is more than a name change,” President Joe Connolly said. “It is actually taking a different approach.”

Principal Dave Schweitzer said students who are young adolescents need a different response in school than those who are in their late teens, but it doesn’t make sense to treat sixth-graders like they’re still in primary school.

Middle-schoolers need a lot of experiences, interaction, structure, support and opportunities to take risks where negative consequences aren’t so severe academically, socially and emotionally. Schweitzer said one key is having a group of teachers who want to work with the age group, because 11- through 13-year-olds can come across a little schizophrenic.

“One minute, they act like they’re 30 years old; the next minute, they act like they’re 5,” Schweitzer said. “It is an incredibly important formative stage.”

The culture of a middle school is fundamentally different from a junior high, which traditionally has seventh and eighth grades and treats students more like high-schoolers by focusing on subjects, traditional scheduling and academics. A middle school, on the other hand, aligns teachers together across disciplines to focus on groups of students, uses flexible schedules and encourages exploration instead of drilling down on subject matter.

Schweitzer said another key is providing positive and immediate support to middle-schoolers, as well as communicating and following-up with families.

“They can get the impression that they are not capable or that this is not something for them,” he said. “We want to be very responsible and wrap around with



teachers who are aware of who is in their room and how well they are doing.”

Teachers will be organized as a professional learning community across all three grades, allowing for joint planning and for coordination of how to do what’s best for students. At the elementary level, teachers use grade-level planning, and at the high school level, teachers are organized into departments based on subject.

It’s important for middle school students, though, that skills like writing have similar expectations in language arts as well as in social studies or religion, so they are taught to transfer those skills to different content areas. Expectations are important academically, and they’re also important socially.

Part of the culture of St. Albert in general is setting clear expectations, but middle-schoolers need understanding, too. When a student calls someone a name, for example, that doesn’t need to automatically trigger a call home. An adult who knows the student should talk to them, and if improvement is shown, that should be acknowledged.

However, that wasn’t necessarily the environment the school had for its junior high, Schweitzer said.

The elementary environment wasn't the best fit for sixth-graders, either, said Connolly, the school's president. Over the past couple years, the school physically moved them near the seventh and eighth grades to make it easier for students who are more advanced in math or other subjects to take classes.

"That kind of started the shift in culture to look at kids of all abilities," Connolly said. "We found that those sixth, seventh and eighth grades had a lot in common."

Sixth-graders had spent their day in self-confined classrooms with two teachers, one for reading and language arts and another for math and religion. They would line up to go to the bathroom, to physical education and to lunch. They would be monitored during recess.

In other words, they were treated the same as second-graders.

But after a year or two, they would be expected to carry several classes, juggling activities and increased homework demands, let alone outside jobs or other obligations. Some would start getting school permits at 15 so they could drive.

Schweitzer said there's a lot of ground to cover in terms of independence and responsibility.

"One of the hallmarks of middle school is provide opportunities for support for kids to struggle and make some mistakes," he said. "That is not the easiest thing to try to quantify."

An analogy he offered was when he saw a child, he was originally allowed to play in front of his house. Gradually, he was allowed to roam further: first his side of the block, then the entire block, then four blocks around his house. Eventually, he was allowed to go anywhere in the community.

Starting that path toward independence, self-monitoring and responsibility in sixth grade gives more breathing room as St. Albert students prepare for high school. The transition to young adulthood begins with preschoolers seeing seniors in the same building and looking up to older students as role models.



Schweitzer spent a decade as principal of Kirn Middle School before taking his current job at St. Albert in 2012. Many of the changes being implemented at St. Albert are similar to those used in other middle schools in the metropolitan area, including offering shorter elective classes for sixth-graders.

First-year middle-schoolers will have six-week exposure to subjects like art, journalism and information technology. Those electives become quarter-long and semester-long courses as they progress through middle school, setting them up to choose what pathway of courses they will take starting as high-school freshmen.

"You make more choices about the things you want to do," Schweitzer said. "When you're ready for advanced coursework, you can move into some of our high school coursework. We have a lot of eighth-graders who have already completed high school credits in math."

Blending the middle school and high school eases the transition for those students. Schweitzer said younger students can also start participating in some activities for high school students, such as musicals and art exhibitions. Juggling those helps as students start to be expected to do more homework as they advance through the grades.

"It's a process," Schweitzer said. "It seems trite to say that. But it doesn't just happen."

St. Albert wrapping up renovation project with bathrooms

by Scott Stewart, Nonpareil Education Reporter

St. Albert Catholic Schools is finishing renovations begun last year in its junior-senior high school wings.

An anonymous donor gave an undisclosed amount of money to the school in recognition of its 50th anniversary, which paid to renovate about 20 classrooms from the original 1964 building. That work was completed last summer in time for students returning for the school year.

Abby Jares, director of community relations, said bathrooms in the two academic wings are the focus of this year's renovation work at the school. She said the bathrooms have already been stripped down, with work planned to be finished by Aug. 27, the first day of the 2015-16 school year.

"This is a continuation of the renovations that we did last year," she said Wednesday afternoon. "The donor, who was anonymous, visited today and was really impressed by the progress."

Jares said initially the school thought one summer would be sufficient, but officials realized during planning that the classrooms needed to be the first priority and deferred work on the restrooms.

The work last year gutted classrooms and included new doors, new windows, new heating and cooling systems, matching lockers and other cosmetic touches, as well as the addition of fire sprinklers for those areas lacking them previously.

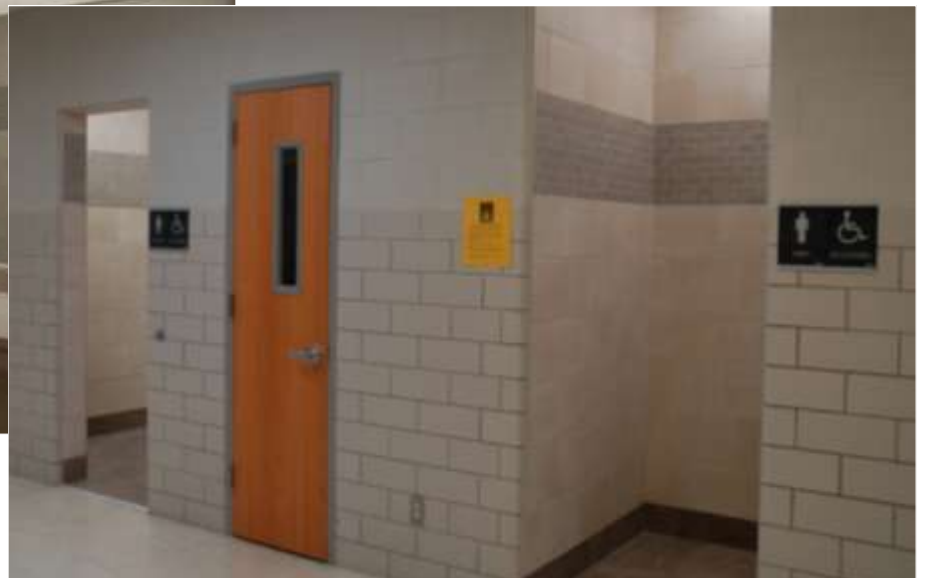
In addition to the improvements, the school also

dedicated a new crucifix at its high school entrance during the Feast of St. Albert to mark its golden anniversary. Special commemorations were also held during homecoming last year as well as the school's annual benefit auction in the spring.

Work is progressing quickly this summer, Jares said. The improvements will bring new flooring, stalls, sinks, toilets, tiles and fixtures to the bathrooms, bringing them to the standards of the rest of the facility.

Before:





Spending time together

by Scott Stewart, Nonpareil Education Reporter

Disbelief was the unmistakable expression on Owen Marshall's face.

The 9-year-old spent part of his Thursday morning volunteering at the Amelia Place senior living facility. He and a group of students from St. Albert Catholic Schools met twice a month to spend time with resident Helen Schulz.

Asked her age, Schulz invited guesses. Owen speculated mid-80s. Schulz indicated a higher guess was needed.

"99," she said, adding she'll become a centenarian on Nov. 13.

After a moment, Owen and Schulz returned to the activity at hand, using cotton balls held onto by clothes pins to paint beach balls yellow, red and blue.

"We usually sit with Helen and maybe one of her friends," Owen said. When the group from St. Albert arrives, they rush to join her, and they spend their visits doing crafts, reading, enjoying snacks and just spending time together.

When he's not at Amelia Place, Owen said he's usually playing baseball and basketball in the summer. His friend, Will Kirwan, 8, said he has a pool in his backyard before helping the facility's residents on her painting.

At previous visits, the group has worked on American flags for Independence Day, made necklaces out of beads, read books together and similar activities.



"It just feels good because sometimes the older people don't get that many visitors," Owen said. "It makes them happy when younger kids come and do some activity with them."

For Schulz, the children bring laughter and good feelings.

"We just do everything," she said.

After the beach ball painting, students and seniors moved on to creating googly-eye octopuses from construction paper.

Teacher Lori Epperson said the relationship with Amelia Place was started when her father became



a resident. She said the school's two sections of second-graders began making the trips last fall, and she plans to continue to take students back next school year. This summer, volunteers are continuing the visits.

"As we've progress through the year, a lot of them have got their favorites," she said. "A big part of St. Albert is the service to others. We've always done something once a year service-wise for the kids." The Amelia Place volunteering, though, shows them that giving back isn't a one-time occurrence. It's something they can continue to do on an on-going basis. It also helps break misconceptions about senior communities.

"They thought it would be more like a hospital," Epperson said. "It is just spending time together."



In addition to visiting Amelia Place every month during the 14-15 school year, our 2nd graders also volunteered during the summer. Their summer projects included 4th of July decorations, a beach-themed project, and birthday cards for the residents who have summer birthdays.



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Our student-created Twitter account is up and running! Great news coverage on K-12th grades from our own students' perspectives. Start following the account today @SACBstudentnews.

September 2



Our 5th graders used Chromebooks to take their beginning-of-the-year ALEKS Math assessment. Currently, our 4th and 5th graders have access to Chromebooks in the classroom on a regular basis.

We are excited to announce that the 2015 Hilltop Fund, our school's annual fundraiser, is to achieve a one-to-one ratio of Chromebooks to students in grades Kindergarten - 8th grade.

September 1





The Saint Albert Kitchen is excited to announce new menu items, such as milk pouches, for this school year. Online payments are also being accepted. Visit the new Student Meals website to learn more!

August 28



"Just making sure they're comfortable and ready for their first day. I remember being in their shoes last year and want to help them out as best as I can." Grace, current 8th grader. Proud of Grace and how she embraces the Saint Albert way - helping those around you.

Great Face of the Day article in The Daily Nonpareil about 8th grader, Grace Phillips!

August 27



We welcome our teachers and staff, as today is their first official day back for the 2015-16 school year. We joined together in Mass this morning, celebrated by Fr. Fabian, our new school chaplain, Fr. Paul Monahan, and Fr. Mike Berner ('78), and then enjoyed a welcome back breakfast provided by our Educational Foundation Board and our kitchen staff.

August 24

Saint Albert Catholic Schools

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Saint Albert provides...

- **Excellent education**

“Saint Albert prepares me for higher education by offering many courses that require critical thinking and problem solving as well as AP courses that challenge us more. Our education also offers service opportunities that prepare us for challenges outside the classroom and beyond our books,” Matthew (‘15), undergraduate student at the University of Kansas.

- **Smaller class sizes and more individualized attention**

“At Saint Albert, with small class sizes and the great teachers we have, they are really dedicated to making sure each student understands the lessons.” Peter Jacobsen (‘13), undergraduate student at Southeast Missouri State University.

- **Foundation of faith**

“When we go to Mass, I believe more deeply in Jesus and feel him grow in my heart. During our Luke 10 activities, I feel myself getting closer to God.” Brooklyn (‘22), current student at Saint Albert.

- **Better preparation for college**

“Saint Albert is a strong institution with a powerful religious and education environment. Saint Albert gave me the tools necessary to be successful at the undergraduate and graduate level.” Jessica Goesser (‘05), Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner.

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Weekly Mass

Saint Albert students and staff attend weekly mass. High School Mass for grades 9-12th is Wednesday at 9:15 am in the auditorium. Middle School Mass for grades 6-8th is Wednesday at 10:30 am in the auditorium.

Elementary Mass is Friday at 8:45 am in the elementary gym. All friends and family are welcome to attend.

Rosary

The praying of the Rosary will take place every Friday at 8:15 am in the Elementary Chapel. All are welcome.

First Friday Mass

First Friday Mass will take place the first Friday of every month when school is in session. The Mass will commemorate the memory of loved ones who have passed away. At the Mass, special prayers will be said for the happy repose of the souls who have gone before us. A small reception will follow the Mass.





Saint Albert Catholic Schools

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Platinum Level — \$2,500

- One family pass and three guest passes to all fine arts productions and sporting events (PAL and Jr/Sr High School)
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- Recognition at selected sporting events

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- \$50 in SA Bucks, redeemable for concession stand food or Spirit Store apparel
- Recognition at selected sporting events

Green Level — \$250

- One family pass to all fine arts productions and sporting events (PAL and Jr/Sr High School)
- \$20 in SA Bucks, redeemable for concession stand food or Spirit Store apparel

Rookie Club — \$25

- Open to Saint Albert alumni who graduated from 2009-2015
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Saint Albert Catholic School is the product of a dream and determination shared by the Catholic community. Built on a foundation of faith and concrete, Saint Albert opened its doors in the fall of 1964. Today, as we celebrate the start of our 51st school year, Saint Albert continues to uphold the strong foundation of academic excellence and strong spirituality upon which it was built.

With its proud tradition of excellence, Saint Albert continues striving for success on its vibrant cradle to college campus. Enhancements, such as the engineering program Project Lead the Way, new academic pathways individually designed to help students meet their collegiate and professional goals, hybrid scheduling, and newly renovated academic wings provide a productive learning environment for our students.

Help our students continue their love of learning and spirit of success by giving to the Saint Albert Hilltop Fund. Gifts to the Hilltop Fund go to Saint Albert's most immediate and greatest needs, such as enhancing our academic programs, increasing tuition assistance and scholarship support, and maintaining our facilities.

Our goal for the 2015 Hilltop Fund is to achieve a one-to-one Chromebook to student ratio in Kindergarten through 8th grade.

Chromebooks are budget laptops that marry the best of all worlds for the student and teacher—in productivity, security, and usability. Chromebooks...

- Offer seamless access to the Google Apps suite of productivity and collaboration tools that allow students to use interactive applications that support the curriculum.
- Provide one of the most secure operating systems on the market.
- Deliver a creative, consistent technological work environment personalized to each student.

Letters will be arriving in mailboxes after 2015 Homecoming! You can use the pledge form attached to your letter to make a donation or you can make a secure online donation at <https://my.bidpal.net/hilltopfund>.

Please consider giving—your gift goes to a wonderful cause: our mission of fostering spiritual, intellectual and physical growth for students.



4th & 5th graders currently have access to Chromebooks, and our goal is to achieve a one-to-one Chromebook to student ratio in grades K-8th.

As we start the 2015-2016 school year, I want to emphasize the positive works of the Saint Albert Educational Foundation. Many times I am asked "What is the Foundation?" or "What is the Foundation's role in the school?".

The Saint Albert Educational Foundation was established in 1974 on the 10th anniversary of Saint Albert Catholic School. The Foundation has a simple task: to provide financial support to the school.

The Foundation encourages charitable gifts to the school, promotes our annual Benefit Auction, provides scholarships to students in need of tuition assistance, and supervises the investment and distribution of funds for the benefit of the school. To put it simply, the Foundation is the financial caretaker for the future of the school.

The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors appointed by the Bishop. Current Board members are:

- Marty Shudak, Chair, SA Parent, SA Alum
- Ed Shada, Vice Chair - SA Parent
- Shari Springman, Treasurer, SA Parent
- Kim Kouri, SA Parent
- Matt Madsen, Secretary, SA Parent, SA Alum
- Ed Noethe, SA Parent
- Andy Heck, SA Grandparent, SA Parent, SA Alum
- John Heisterkamp, SA Parent
- John McHale, SA Parent, Former Area Board Chair
- Tim Munger, SA Parent
- Mike Romano, SA Parent, SA Alum
- Mary Jo Weihs, SA Parent, SA Alum

A focus of the Foundation Board has been to look for future Planned Giving opportunities.

Planned Giving is an opportunity to support Saint Albert Catholic School and its generations of students for years to come. Planned Giving provides for the future well-being of family, and, at the same time, supporting the mission of Saint Albert Catholic School. It allows you to make a gift to Saint Albert in a variety of ways – some cost nothing during your lifetime and others offer tax advantages. It is easy to help - see the next two pages for simple ways you can leave a legacy at Saint Albert.

In future months, look for more detailed information about our Foundation Board and Planned Giving programs.

Thank you for your support of Saint Albert Catholic School.

Joe

Joseph Connolly (Class of '75)
President
Saint Albert Catholic Schools
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Thank you for giving!

Over the past 50 years, Saint Albert Catholic School has been very fortunate to have many generous supporters like you. We are absolutely thrilled to have so many gracious donors in our community helping to make our school better than ever! Because of you, we are more equipped to foster spiritual, moral, physical, and intellectual growth for all our students.

The Saint Albert Foundation Board thanks all of you who have given so generously to our mission and school this past year. The following list highlights the major areas of generosity:

Annual Benefit Auction grossed over \$200,000 for Saint Albert

As our school's primary fundraiser to offset the operating costs of the school, we thank those of you sponsoring, attending, donating to, helping with, purchasing raffle tickets, and praying for our auction. The efforts and work of many resulted in a wonderful event and outcome for our students.

Annual Hilltop Fund raised \$68,000

Your gifts to the annual Hilltop Fund has allowed for an immediate impact at the school. By raising over \$68,000, your support first contributed to the operating costs of the school. It also allowed Saint Albert to purchase a secured key card system and video surveillance cameras for the campus to provide better security at the school. The generosity of last year's 150 donors is greatly appreciated!

Scholarships

So many families have lovingly honored their loved ones by giving students the gift of a Catholic education. Without this assistance, many families may not be able to afford a Catholic education. Your gift continually gives back to the school year after year. Thank you for your kindness.

Gifts for Projects

Saint Albert has been blessed to have generous individuals in our community wanting to make a difference in our children's education. This year is no exception. The following projects have been done this year:

- Crucifix Construction and Erection
- Renovation of Middle & High School Academic Wings
- Football Field Bleacher Project

Legacy Society of St. Albert

After providing for your loved ones, a provision in your will to leave a gift to Saint Albert will give you a great deal of satisfaction, knowing that your future gift will help Saint Albert students for generations to come. Charitable bequests can also include cash, securities, real estate or other property.

This past year, Saint Albert was fortunate to have a number of people in our community willing to continue the Saint Albert tradition of excellence and join the Legacy Society. For this, we are truly grateful.

From all walks of life and contribution levels, your generosity manifests itself in preparing students to change the world. Thank you for investing in Saint Albert Catholic School and leaving a legacy for future generations.

Gifts that leave a legacy



Providing for the future well-being of family, and, at the same time, supporting the mission of Saint Albert Catholic Schools can be accomplished by a variety of gifts known as planned gifts. These are truly Gifts of a Lifetime. Individuals who have made such gifts are included in the Legacy Society of Saint Albert.

- **Bequests** – designate Saint Albert Catholic Schools as the beneficiary of your asset by will, trust or other instrument
- **Life Insurance** – Consider adding Saint Albert Catholic Schools to your life insurance; a practical and affordable way to donate more than you may have thought possible

- **IRA, 401(k) or Tax-Deferred Account** – donate it to charity upon your death and avoid paying substantial taxes that would be due
- **Real Estate** – generate tax benefits for you while helping further Saint Albert Catholic Schools' educational mission
- **Gifts of Cash**
- **Stocks**

To learn more about giving to
Saint Albert Catholic Schools:

Contact Joe Connolly at 712-329-9000 Ext. 1



Annual ALUMNI & FRIENDS Golf Tournament

Get those clubs ready for one of Saint Albert's favorite events: the annual alumni & friends golf tournament! 2015 will mark the 20th year of the annual tournament that always brings a great crowd of Saint Albert alums, supporters, and friends to the golf course!

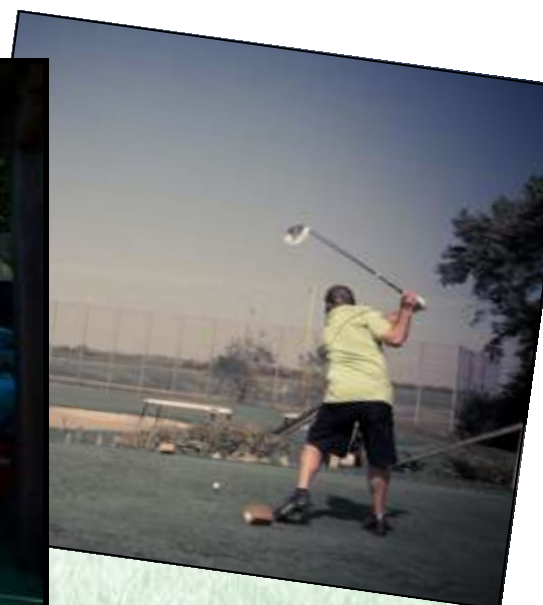
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Council Bluffs Country Club
1 PM

\$60 per person
Sponsorships are available for \$100

You do not need to be a graduate to play, just a friend of Saint Albert!

Join us for a burger and brats luncheon prior to the tee off of the tournament. Then enjoy a day playing on one of the best golf courses in the area in the company of friends, family, and SA supporters!

Sign up today! Contact Charlie Narmi ('97), president of the Alumni Association, with any questions at cnarmi@rwbaird.com.



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School's Google Calendar

Visit www.saintalbertschools.org and click on **Calendar of Events** to view our school's Google calendar. Such a great resource—copy events to your personal calendar, get organized, and see the upcoming activities!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3
			4pm Education Equi		Non-School Day - P	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	MAP Testing - Fall V	MAP Testing - Fall V	MAP Testing - Fall V	MAP Testing - Fall V	MAP Testing - Fall V	
			7am Rescheduled to 9:30am Activities Cor	7am DCSD Foundati		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	MAP Testing - Fall V	MAP Testing - Fall V	MAP Testing - Fall V	MAP Testing - Fall V	MAP Testing - Fall V	
			10:00am Safety & Se			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	MAP Testing - Fall V	MAP Testing - Fall V	Early Dismissal for MAP Testing - Fall V	MAP Testing - Fall V	MAP Testing - Fall V	
			12:00pm Early Dismit			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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