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Be sure to join fellow
Bearcats on
Saturday, October 15,
for **Lukefest**
as a kick-off to the
95th Anniversary of
St. Luke School.
Please see page 3
for more details.

We hope you can join us!

PLEASE HELP! UPDATE THE ALUMNI LIST!

Please indicate any changes in your address and/or submit information regarding alums who have not been receiving mail from us.

Name _____ (_____ Maiden)

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Class of _____

Daytime Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

The information above is the current address of a missing alum. _____

I am willing to serve as a class captain. _____

Send all inquiries and information to:

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St. Luke Parish School Alumni Newsletter

Committed to nurturing the spirit and engaging the intellect of each child □ Fall 2016

St. Luke School Bearcats Return for Alumni Events



Parents, parents of alums, and alums Maria Bernborn Cullerton '86, Terry Cullerton '85 and, Krissy Weisenberger '86 join the After Thanksgiving Alumni Event.



Tom and Mary Beth Smedinghoff were this year's honorees at the Annual Dinner Dance & Auction. They were joined by their daughters, Joan '07 (left) and Regina '04 (right).



Ellen (McKee) McFadden '81 climbing out of a locker in her old second grade classroom.



Betty and Clayton '61 Kort attend April's Alumni Mass & Reception.

Alumni celebrated

St. Luke School's past and present by attending several events held throughout the year. Alums, parents of alums, and current school parents attended the After Thanksgiving Event in November, Dinner Dance & Auction in February, Alumni Mass & Reception Event in April, and the 1981 Class Reunion in May.



Class of 1981 Reunion began with Mass followed by a tour of the school. Seated: Scott Nelson, Maureen Flanagan, Anna Esposito, Maureen Muldoon, Mary Barnicle, Ellen McKee, Molly Wood, Jean Ryan, John Mullins. Standing: Tom Ahern, Tim O'Shea, Mike Kipp, Tom O'Leary and Mike Riordan.

Staying connected through these events is a great way to share the powerful St. Luke bond, to reflect on the rich traditions, and to catch up on post graduation years. "If you have not been engaged with St. Luke, I encourage you to take a fresh look and to attend any of the wonderful events," commented Sheila Price, Director of Stewardship and Development. "You will be proud to see that the tradition of an excellent Catholic education continues."

Be sure to update your contact information so that we can stay in touch! You can also stay connected by visiting our St. Luke School Facebook page at goo.gl/trG2Mb.

New Leaders to Guide Next Wave of Leaders



St. Luke Parish School is pleased to introduce our new Principal, Timothy J. Wesley. Mr. Wesley comes to our National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence with a wealth of experience directing curriculum, leading fellow teachers, and sustaining a strong Catholic identity.

Mr. Wesley served as the Assistant Principal for Academics at Loyola Academy in Wilmette. He holds a BA in philosophy and theology from Boston College, an MA in theology, an M.Ed. in educational leadership from DePaul University, and is currently pursuing a doctorate in education.

“As an educational leader, my primary mission is to be an available, faith-filled leader for St. Luke, a school that already stands out as an example in the Archdiocese and Chicagoland at-large,” said Mr. Wesley. He looks forward to guiding the students to be global leaders of the 21st century.



St. Luke Parish School is also pleased to introduce our new Assistant Principal, Kara L. Villacorta. Mrs. Villacorta comes to St. Luke from St. Tarcissus School in Chicago, where she served as the Assistant Principal.

Mrs. Villacorta brings a wealth of experience from the public sector and Catholic education to the team at St. Luke. While at St. Tarcissus, she oversaw the integration of global studies in the school curriculum and spearheaded initiatives on data-driven instruction. Prior to St. Tarcissus, Mrs. Villacorta worked in Waukegan Public School District 60, where she was a Pre-K teacher for seven years and the Assistant Principal for two years.

Mrs. Villacorta looks forward to collaborating with the students, staff, and community at St. Luke School, and working to enhance the opportunity for all students to be successful.



Class Reunions

Are you thinking about planning a reunion for your class? Our Development Office is ready to help, so contact us to discuss, plan, and to schedule your event.

Congratulations, Class of 2016!



Our newest alums, the Class of 2016, have headed near and far to at least eleven high schools around the Chicagoland area. One thing they will all carry with them is the experience of relating to others inspired by St. Francis and Pope Francis. The members of the Class of 2016 are truly grateful for having had the opportunity to learn such a wonderful way of living.

We hope that the Francis Way stays with our graduates wherever they go through high school, college, and beyond.

All Alums Invited to *Lukefest* on Saturday, October 15

To celebrate and kick off the 95th Anniversary of St. Luke Parish School, all alums are invited to *Lukefest*, to be held on **Saturday, October 15**. *Lukefest* is a celebration of our parish patron St. Luke. This event will begin with Mass at 5:00 pm in church, followed by food, fellowship, and fun in the gym. Make plans now to join fellow alums, as well as current school students, parents, parishioners, and friends, as we celebrate 95 years of academic and spiritual excellence!

To make your reservation, please contact Sheila Price, Director of Stewardship and Development, at sprice@stlukeparish.org or 708-435-8927. An “All Years Reunion” is being planned for Spring 2017, so stay tuned for more details.



Thank you for helping to make the 2015-16 school year at St. Luke Parish School another great success!

To all our alumni, school families, parishioners and friends, we extend a sincere **“Thank you!”** Because of your generous support, St. Luke Parish School continues to meet the standards that deemed it to be designated a National Blue Ribbon School in 2012. Our impressive numbers speak volumes about our curriculum, activities, and character. Here is a glimpse of some of our successes and accomplishments, as well as a few fun facts from the past school year.

41 students graduated from St. Luke Parish School this year. We wish them much success as they begin their high school careers at some of the most selective schools in our area including Fenwick High School, Trinity High School, St. Ignatius College Prep, and The Latin School.

199 Chromebooks were used by all students in grades 4-8 as an integral part of their everyday learning.

2016 School Year by the Numbers

34 students participated in the Science Fair with **4** advancing to the Regionals and **1** awarded Gold at the State competition.

41 students participated in the History Fair with **7** moving on to the Regionals and **3** moving on to the State competition in Springfield.

13 First Place Rankings at the West 40 Speech & Drama Festival achieved by the St. Luke Speech Team.

202 student athletes participated in one or more of the **7** sports programs.

2 students received the Hugh Flannery Standard of Excellence, an award for runners who have recorded a two-mile run in under **14** minutes.

600 decades of the rosary were prayed by our 6th grade students for all in need.

60 head shaves raised over **\$12,000** for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which funds pediatric cancer research.

385 bagged lunches were prepared by students for Port Ministries to feed the homeless.

346 donuts were eaten at our annual “Donuts with Dad” event.