

DATES

TO

REMEMBER

- October 16, 2011
3rd Annual Alumni Breakfast
(Honoring Class of 1986 and 1961)
after 9:30 am mass
- 52nd Annual Patriot Basketball Tournament
February 10-12, 2012
- April 27, 2012
20th Annual Spring Fling

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Congratulations Class of 2011



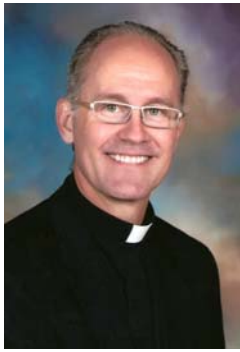
SEAS Graduation June 1, 2011

Thank you to Dan Rother Photography for the photo.



Kindergarten Memories Class of 2011





Pastor's Column

Father Jim Perkl

In gratitude for all the generations and alumni who have gone before us and have given so much to us!



4th Grade– Class of 1961

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton on October 2nd Celebrated 157 years!

Dear Alumni,

Although you may have recently graduated from our Catholic school and so are new to the esteemed ranks of our SEAS Alumni, it is never too early to start planning for both of your retirements. The first retirement of course is or will be from your lifetime employment. The second retirement regards our future journey through death, into the promised rewards of Eternal Life. Since none of us are able to take the fruit of our earthly labors with us—beyond the grave—I invite you to consider remembering SEAS parish and school in your estate planning.

Although some will come to the end of their earthly pilgrimage rich in this world's goods and others most poor, here is something to consider that reminds us how equal we all are before the eyes of God.

No matter our bottom line at the end of our life, the richest to the poorest all are given an equal amount of time in this life: 86,400 seconds in a day. If we think about it for just a second . . . it follows that:

Time passes--quickly. From the moment we open our eyes in the morning, to the moment we shut them at the end of the day, time passes—we are unable to make time stop.

Yet as much as we are unable to make time stop, we are also sobered to realize that time will come to an end, and as quickly as the period at the end of this sentence. And the period at the end of our life may also come at a time we may not expect . . . and without warning.

This being the case, as I said before, now is a good time for us to start planning for both of our retirements!

On Sunday, October 2nd, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish celebrated their 157th Anniversary; thank you for coming to Mass with your family, loved ones and friends on our anniversary!

Thanks for uniting the time of your life with the TIME OF GOD—for God's time is without end. I once heard someone say, "I don't have time for God, Mass or the Church." Really? 3,600 seconds out of 604,800 seconds given to us each week is too much to give back to God at Mass?

Regarding the Mass, Christ simply commands, "Come." "Take and eat." "Take and drink." Will we?

Let's take the time, before our time in this world comes to an end. I invite us to say thank you to God. Feel free to take even more than 3,600 seconds . . . Considering all the generations that have gone before us, let us renew our commitment to keep holy the Lord's day – as have all the generations before us.

Jesus has gone ahead of us as He promised to prepare a place . . . an estate for us. Until we see Him Face to face—may we do as He commanded, "Remain in My Love."

My Love in Christ,

Fr. Jim Perkl

Pastor





Meet Our New Associate Pastor Father Cole Kracke

Hello Alumni,

My road to the priesthood was about as crooked as it could get. In fact, a few short years ago, I would have seen a sign that said “Dead End” because I was not even Catholic. However, through the Grace of God, I was Baptized, received First Communion and Confirmation while serving on active duty with the U.S. Navy in Spain. That was 16 years ago and was the catalyst for my priestly vocation. I look forward to this assignment with all my heart as this is where God has lead me, and for that I am most grateful.

I lived in Farmington for the first part of my life and ended up graduating from Burnsville High School. Immediately following graduation, I began my 14-year Navy career. During my time in the Navy, I was stationed in Spain, California, Virginia, and Washington with additional service on two ships. Upon graduation from Old Dominion University with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and Political Science, I was commissioned as a Naval Officer and served onboard a newly built Guided Missile Destroyer as the CIC (Combat Information Center) Officer. Shortly thereafter, I was diagnosed with Juvenile Diabetes, which caused the end of my Navy career.

The death of Blessed Pope John Paul II was the catalyst for my priestly vocation, as I was inspired by his extraordinary life in service to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which he lived with faith and humility.

For the first time in my life, I was in a position where I could finally pursue it, and decided to enter seminary. During this time, I was still living in Virginia and was working in campus ministry. Upon acceptance by the Diocese of Richmond, I entered Saint Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore, MD. I studied there for two years before feeling that the Holy Spirit was leading me back home to Minnesota. I studied at Saint Paul Seminary for the past three years and have used this time to become reacquainted with the area. My chaplain internship was at St. Francis Hospital in Shakopee and my teaching parish was the Church of the Annunciation in Minneapolis. Last year, I was assigned to the Church of St. Joseph in West Saint Paul for my Deacon placement. I formed such a close connection to the parish that I decided to call it home.

During my time at the Saint Paul Seminary, I had the opportunity for extensive travel including trips to Venezuela to see the Archdiocesan mission, the Holy Land and Rome. All these experiences, along with a great formation have provided me with a strong foundation to start my priestly ministry.

Fr. Cole Kracke

Parochial Vicar

Principal's Corner - Dr. Jill Moes



Principal
Dr. Jill Moes

Dear Alumni,

SEAS School continues to be "strong and stable" for the 2011-2012 school year. Currently our enrollment includes 296 students and another 66 registered for preschool. We added a 3-year old program this year and this program in full.

Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important things a parent can do. Here at SEAS School we provide a quality education with strong academics, a safe environment, small class sizes with more individual attention from teachers, shared morals and values, caring teachers and we focus on what really counts, which is our spirituality.

Our students continue to excel in the class-

room both in their academics and Catholic faith. SEAS started a new math curriculum this year and there are many students participating in higher level math programs.

Our school was recently re-accredited by Minnesota Non-Public School Accrediting Association. We use a comprehensive core knowledge curriculum that is integrated into our Prek-8 grade classes. We continue to strive for academic excellence. Our annual yearly progress test scores exceed the state standards.

SEAS Alumni continue to excel after leaving SEAS School. As you can see on the following page our alumni receive excellent

grades and many honors and scholarships.

I am reaching out to the alumni and asking you to help us increase our archives of school photos. We would like to obtain a class photo of every class that has graduated from our school. We hope to find a place in the school where these wonderful memories can be hung on the wall to share with generations to come. If you have any class photos you can donate please drop them off at SEAS School or parish. We can also scan photos electronically or get a copy made for our collection. If you have questions please contact Michelle Franzmeier at 651-437-3098 or alumni@seasparish.org

SEAS Alumni at HHS



SEAS Class of 2007

First row left to right: Althe Marshall, Casey Swenney, Ali Steiner, Alyssa Birk, Ryan McNeil, Kelly Lawrence, Alexa Jurgens, Paige Kelly, Courtney Kaeel, Josh Fin
Middle Row left to right: Blake Holmes, Evan Gorgon, Nathan Foster, Tony Ring, Allison Wenker, Laura Swaback, Hannah Hoffman, Elizabeth Nemo, Lewis Youngren, Fr. Jim
Top Row left to right: Martin Weber, Collin McCauley, Will Majeski, Joseph Schloesser, Mary Mankab, Danielle Schwartz, Ryan Duffing, Cameron Perra, Lauren Scott

SEAS Alumni Senior Class of 2011 (8th grade class of 2007)

Important Facts:

- ◆ **20%** of this 8th Grade class graduated in the top 10% at Hastings High School
- ◆ **23%** of these students were members in National Honor Society
- ◆ **37%** of these graduates were awarded a local scholarship to continue their education
- ◆ **58%** of this class received a special award during the Hastings High School Awards Ceremony
- ◆ **69%** of these students were on the Honor Roll 3rd Quarter of their Senior year.

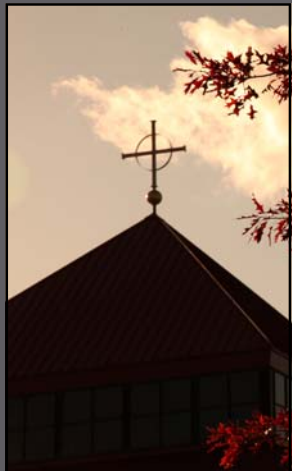
**Look for the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
(GA/St. Boniface) Alumni Group on
Facebook!**

It's a great way to stay informed!

Awards Night at Hastings High School was held on May, 16, 2011, and it comes as no

surprise that several SEAS Alumni were honored for their particular achievements. We're proud of all that they have accomplished!

- American Legion Award-Outstanding Senior Girl - Allison Steiner
- U of M - Dakota Co. Extension Service Youth Teaching Teen Teachers: Alyssa Birk, Paige Kelly, Allison Steiner, Allison Wenker
- Community Education Youth Leadership Award - Martin Weber
- Outstanding Student in Advanced Woods - Anthony Ring
- Outstanding Student in Design in Housing - Jenna Sorenson
- Outstanding Student in Floral Design - Jackie Sorenson
- Outstanding Student in Physics - John Kummer
- Outstanding Student in AP Calculus - Mary Haglund
- Outstanding Students in Social Studies - John Kummer, Joshua Fox, Lauren Scott
- Outstanding Student in Chemistry - Michelle Mages
- Outstanding Student in Physics - John Kummer
- Outstanding Student in AP Calculus - Mary Haglund
- Arion Award - Lewis Youngren
- National Merit Scholarship - Mary Haglund
- Editor in Chief of the Raider's Digest - Kaitlyn Fasbender
- Outstanding Student in AP Calculus - Mary Haglund
- Perfect Attendance - 4 years - Mary Haglund



In Loving Memory...



1987 class photo

Jon B. Holmes 1972-2011

SEAS Graduating Class of 1987

Husband to Laura

Father to Blake and Campbell

Preceded in death by twins Jude and Eva –2007

Quote: Helen Keller

“What we once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply, becomes a part of us...”

Our goal in this column is to remember alumni who have died, but we need your help to make sure we have the correct information.

To have an alumni or an alumni's immediate family remembered contact Alumni Coordinator, Michelle Franzmeier, at 651-437-3098 or alumni@seasparish.org



Patricia Schmitz 1931-2011

Guardian Angels First Girl's Basketball Coach

Pat was very instrumental in beginning the 1st ever girl's basketball team at Guardian Angels. She had a passion for girl's athletics at our parochial school. Her wish is that we continue to honor the girl's athletic programs and strive for all girls to have the opportunity to play the sports they love.

Guardian Angels
1st Girls'
Basketball
Team featured with
Coach Pat Schmitz



Mary T. Fox 1926-2011

Mary was baptized at Guardian Angels, attended GA for 8 years and later returned to teach at Guardian Angels for 17 years and was a member for 47 years.

SEAS held our 2nd Annual Alumni Breakfast on October 31, 2010. The event was held in Mother Seton Hall after 9:30 am Mass. Over 100 people were served a complimentary/ free will breakfast sponsored by Green Mill and Red Rock Café. SEAS School cooks prepared and served the meal. SEAS School youth volunteers and Alumni Committee members helped advertise, decorate, serve, and clean up for this second annual event! Thanks to everyone who attended or helped with this event.



**St. Boniface
Class of
1960**



**Guardian
Angels
Class of
1960**

Ruth Riles and Mary Rose Kimmes Retire



Ruth Riles -

2nd Grade Teacher - 25 years

"I've taught at SEAS school for the past 25 years, all of which were in 2nd grade and in the same room!

Prior to that I spent 8 years at home raising my 3 daughters (who by the way, are SEAS graduates who went on to earn teaching degrees!) and 7 years before that teaching 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades at Cathedral Catholic School in Winona, MN. Most of my life has revolved around Catholic Education as I also attended 8 years of Catholic School as a child!

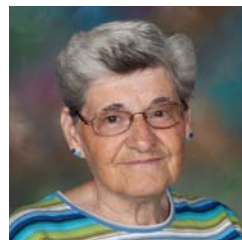
Needless to say Catholic Education and specifically SEAS School has been a very important part of my life.

I leave teaching at SEAS with sadness in saying good bye to many dear friends, families and students who have touched my life profoundly. But I also leave with excitement for what is yet to come! I hope to travel, rest, read and come back to school periodically to connect with the teachers, staff and students I have come to know and love.

I have many fond memories of my 25 years at SEAS. One of my best memories is making Gingerbread Houses. My first year making them was when my daughter Cassie was in 2nd grade. We created the city of Hastings with Gingerbread Houses. The class made our school and St. Boniface Church, which was located where the playground equipment now stands. The Hastings Gazette ran an article with a picture of our village. The kids were so excited!

The whole process changed through the years into making houses up at church and displaying them during the Christmas concert. I do hope the tradition of making Gingerbread Houses in 2nd grade will continue."

-Ruth Riles



Mary Rose Kimmes

School Cook - 16 years

Mary Rose started as a playground supervisor for 5 years, and always had her eye on the kitchen. Eleven years ago, she joined the kitchen staff and since then greeted the children, faculty and staff with her warm smile and greeting every day! Mary Rose said, "SEAS School is her extended family, and I will miss everyone so much." Mary Rose plans to still help in the kitchen when a substitute is needed.

SEAS School and parish would like to extend our warmest wishes to you and your families. We have been truly blessed to have you as part of the SEAS family.

Alumni Notes

- In the future, we hope to use this space to let your classmates know what you've been up to! Contact **Michelle Franzmeier** at **651-437-3098** or **alumni@seasparish.org** with information such as *births, marriages, deaths, and academic or business accomplishments*.
- We are looking for **Class Agents**: Could you volunteer to be a liaison for your class year? It would involve a minimal amount of time. We simply are trying to reach as many people as possible and having a touchstone for each class would be helpful.
- Could you help with the publication of this newsletter? Such as writing stories? Are you talented with graphic arts? We are looking for a **Logo** that would include all of the names, past and present, of the schools that this newsletter represents (see story below).
- Would you be able to donate money to offset the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter?
- Please note that in an effort to be not only *cost efficient* but also *environmentally aware*, we hope to distribute alumni information electronically to as many people as possible. That said, we recognize that not everyone has access to email so some will be printed and mailed.
- The alumni committee is open to any and all ideas! We've already had some great events! We would love for you to get involved!

There will be an Alumni Association **BAKE SALE** after all Masses the weekend of March 3rd and 4th so feel free to stop by for some sweet treats! If you'd like to donate some baked goods for the sale, please contact Michelle Franzmeier at 651.437.3098.

Alumni Spotlight

Thomas Everson

SEAS CLASS OF 2010

Thomas Everson, member of Boy Scout Troop 503, with his family, troop members, and friends, and the cooperation and support of the school staff, painted the school gym in "Patriot" colors. Painting the school gym was his Eagle Scout project. Thomas said, "I always knew I wanted to do something for SEAS School."

Thomas had hoped to complete this project by time he was 16 and he met that goal. Many local vendors donated items to his Eagle Scout project. Thomas will be awarded his Eagle Scout in a formal ceremony in the near future.



Thomas Everson

Class of 2010

We hope to make this a regular feature! Let us know if you know of someone that has continued to use their gifts to serve their community and the Lord.

Separate Past, United Future

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into lives of others." - Pericles

An organization that has endured well over a century no doubt has seen its fair share of change, and the school at S.E.A.S. is certainly no exception. We've seen two parishes with their own schools come together to merge schools and those two parishes go on to merge as well. We feel blessed that this rich history has contributed to make S.E.A.S. the wonderful school that it is today.

That said, we recognize the importance of acknowledging the former names of the schools as well. We welcome any thoughts and ideas you may have to assist in blending the past and the future in terms of a logo or name for the alumni group as we move forward.



Spring Fling

What is the Endowment Fund?

The Endowment Fund was started in 1985 to ensure a sound financial basis for SEAS Catholic School in carrying out its educational purposes. It also states that it will subsidize the operational expenses of the parish school, not covered by tuition.

Only the interest is used from the fund, which is managed by the Catholic Community Foundation. If you would like to contribute or find out more information about this fund please go to our school website:

http://schoolweb.seasparish.org/Online_Giving.html

or call the school at 651-437-3098.

Your donations are tax deductible. As of June 2011, the endowment fund had approximately \$736,231.85. The goal of the committee is to raise the amount of the fund to \$1,000,000.



This year's Spring Fling will be on April 27, 2012. If you'd like to attend or have any auction items you'd be willing to donate, contact Rachael Koenigs at 651-480-7813 or Val Fritz at 651-278-9524.

The 20th annual Spring Fling was held Friday, April 29, 2011. The theme for the event was "Hollywood Nights." The event was able to raise nearly \$9,000 for technology which was deemed the "fund a need" project. Approximately \$7,000 will be awarded to SEAS teachers or staff as grants for

school classroom needs. A committee reviews the grant requests and decides who will receive the grant and what it will be designated for. The event also raised around \$20,000 for the SEAS School Endowment Fund. Money was raised through silent and live auctions.

2011-2012 Spring Fling Grants

4 new Smart Boards 2- for Kindergarten, 1 for 1st grade, and 1 for 2nd grade

New desk for the front office

DVD- "Me Moves" - for ECC children

Driveway Guard - to block off traffic from ECC while children are at play.

New sound system for Music room

Math Online program for 5th Grade

Brain Pop-online interactive program for grade 4

