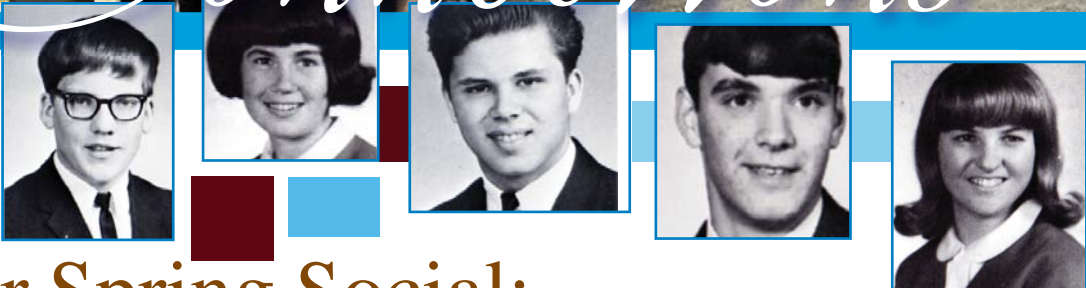




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All Sacred Heart Academy and Serra Catholic High School alumni are invited to a Spring Social at Blanchet on Friday, April 20.

The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the school’s Mid High Commons with a light supper of food and drink provided.

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Following the social, alumni are encouraged to stay and watch the school’s high school musical, “Quilters.” Combining music, dance movement and scenes of vivid dramatic intensity, the play pays eloquent tribute to the courage and spirit of our nation’s pioneer woman. “Who would have thought that quilts, quilting—quilters—had so much joy and pain, laughter and tears, so much life, beauty and drama in them?” - *Drama-Logue*.

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There is NO COST to attend the social or the play and alumni will receive **front row seats**. However, to take advantage of this kindness courtesy of Blanchet, alumni **must RSVP by April 18!** Contact Development Director Brandy O’Bannon at Blanchet by emailing brandy@blanchetcatholicschool.com or call 503-391-2639.

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HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT
presents
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Alumni in memoriam

OUR PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSMATES WHO DIED RECENTLY. THEY WILL BE SINCERELY MISSED.

Ruth (Lesmeister) Caldwell SHA'59. March 1941-June 20, 2011. † **Wally Davidson** SC'61.

October 1943-June 13, 2011. †

William "Bill" John Gentzkow SHA'37. January 1918-November

12, 2012. † **Gregory Ginther**

SHA'53. January 1935-January

10, 2012. † **Charmaine**

"Char" **Hacek** SHA'55. January

1937-December 5, 2011. †

Mariam Rita "Mimi" Meier

Jackson SHA'53. May 1935-June

2011. † **Diane Marie Kessel**

SHA'64. November 1946-February

28-2012. † **David Schmidt**

SC'60. September 1942-November

23, 2011. † **Dorothy Evelyn**

Schuetz SHA'42. December

1924-January 20, 2012.

Details for each are available online. See page 4 for website address.



Upcoming Reunions

SERRA CATHOLIC / SACRED HEART CLASS OF '67 45TH CLASS REUNION

JULY 14, 2012, BEGINNING AT NOON
AT MINTO BROWN ISLAND PARK SHELTER

Please bring your favorite picnic food to share, something to drink, folding chair. Table service will be provided.

RSVP:

Sharon Unrein Kaess at slkaess@aol.com or
Diane Dennerline Rudden at rudden@sbcglobal.net

Please spread the word to your fellow classmates.

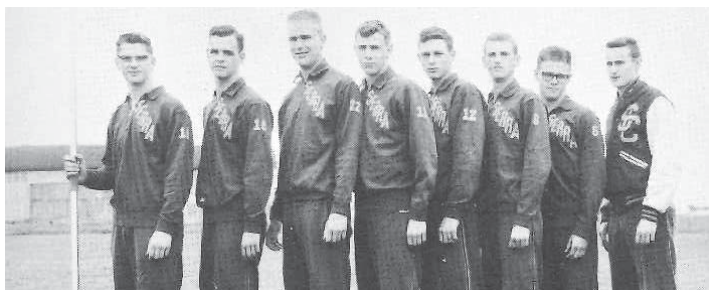
Is your class planning an upcoming reunion? Please keep us updated and we'll publicize the details in an upcoming newsletter. We can even feature a post reunion article. Be sure to let us know if you need a list of your classmates.

GERRY'S CORNER: our very own legends



I decided after the game to review all the sports sections from the past annuals for Serra. There were some great athletes who walked through the halls. Since we are now into spring sports, I will focus on the track teams. Coach Leo GrosJacques motivated the participants to ten Capitol Conference Championships. The records were set in 1958 through 1969, when Serra was closed. The record board which was located in the hallway and viewed by all students has been sadly lost. I have recreated it as follows.

Serra Catholic and Sacred Heart alumni were invited to a winter social event on February 2 at Blanchet Catholic School. Afterwards, those attending had an opportunity to watch Blanchet's varsity boys basketball team play Harrisburg. It was a pleasure to see Mel Counts' grandsons lead Blanchet to the win! Counts graduated from Marshfield High School and became an All American at Oregon State. He then played many years in the NBA.



Senior Track Men: Dave Hopfer, Bob Thrush, Mike Kolb, Bill Rohr, Mark Graham, Mike Alley, John Connell, Steve Panther. Photo from Serra Catholic yearbook.

Events	Record Holder	Year	Time/Distance
100 yd dash	Gene Cavell	1963	10.2 sec
220 yd dash	Gene Cavell	1963	22.6 sec
440 yd	Jim Templin	1963	52.3 sec
880 yd	Mike Burke	1969	2:01 min
1 mile	Steve Ritchie	1969	4:30.7 min
2 mile	Al Coffel	1965	?
880 Relay	Cavell, Earls, Thompson & Dennerline	1963	1:34.3 min
Mile Relay	Higgins, Ritchie, Burke & Graham	1969	3:34 min
Low Hurdles	Ken Baker	1967	?
High Hurdles	John Deagen	1965	22.4 sec
Shot Put	Rich Stoner	1969	52 1/2 ft.
Javelin	Dave Hopfer	1962	188' 4 1/2"
Discus	Dave Lahr	1958	150' 9"
Board Jump	Mark Graham	1962	21' 4"
High Jump	Bill Rohr	1962	6' 1/2"
Pole Vault	Ron Moorman	1961	11' 6"

building a legacy

The LASC receives President's Award

Blanchet celebrated Founders Day on February 23, an annual event to recognize individuals and groups who have made a significant impact on their school.

During the ceremony, Development Director Brandy O'Bannon announced that the recipient of the 2012 President's Award was the Legacy Alumni Committee! The award is one of the school's highest honors and recognizes individuals and groups that have made significant contributions to the school's success. Below are excerpts from Brandy's remarks at Founders Day:

Several years ago, a Legacy Alumni Committee was formed with the mission to help facilitate the connection among students and graduates of Salem's Catholic high schools through projects and events. To that

purpose, the Committee's accomplishments are significant. They have:

- Organized two all school, all year reunions at Blanchet. The most recent, "The Gathering," in August 2011 brought 500 alumni to our campus;
- Coordinated a quarterly newsletter that is mailed to over 2,000 alumni throughout the country;
- Maintained an active database and helped facilitate dozens of class reunions;
- Hosted at least two alumni socials annually connected with Blanchet athletic and drama activities;
- Raised funds and installed a trophy case in Blanchet's lobby that showcases memorabilia from Serra and Sacred Heart as well as created an archive of materials from both schools.

Legacy Alumni Committee: Tim Pickett, Serra '67 (Chair), John Salstrom, Serra '67, Marc Rocque, Serra '68, Donna Garaventa, SHA '68, Bob Saalfeld, Serra '67, Louise Schroeder, SHA '58, Elaine Swyt, SHA '67, Gerry Pavelek, Serra '58



The committee has engendered an incredible amount of positive good will in the alumni community, resulting in the feeling that Blanchet is "a new place to call home" for graduates of Serra Catholic and Sacred Heart Academy.

in the news

CLASSES '58 & '66 AWARDS

Jim Luke and Gerry Pavelek, both '58 graduates of Serra Catholic, pose with a new plaque that is housed at Blanchet. The plaque commemorates the class with the highest percentage of attendance at "The Gathering" reunion. Serra's class of 1958 holds this honor for both the 2008 and 2011 reunion! Another plaque commemorates the class with the greatest attendance at "The Gathering." Serra's class of 1958 won this honor in 2008, but at the most recent 2011 reunion Serra's class of 1966 won the honor with 21 members of the class represented at the event.



WANTED: THE GATHERING PHOTOS

Did you take some great photos of the Live 5 at The Gathering this past August? If so, Bill O'Brien would love a copy. Please send your photos to Brandy O'Bannon at Blanchet and she'll forward on to Bill.

WINTER SOCIAL

Approximately 30 alumni attended a Winter Social on Feb. 3 at Blanchet. Alumni enjoyed reconnecting and enjoyed delicious snacks provided by the Legacy Alumni Committee. After the social the alumni attended the home basketball game. The Blanchet Cavaliers defeated Harrisburg! The boys basketball team ended up placing fourth in the state tournament.

a lot in common

All alumni will be invited to a dedication event for the new building – anticipated for late August or early summer – stay tuned for more information!

Blanchet Catholic School is looking forward to breaking ground on a new 10,600 sq. ft. Commons building in April. This new addition will feature a student cafeteria, commercial kitchen and athletic locker rooms, and a landscaped courtyard. The new building should be complete this September, the beginning of their 18th school year.

The Commons will meet many important needs on campus, since the school currently does not have a cafeteria (students eat in the gym) and its current kitchen is very small and outdated. In addition to serving as a wonderful gathering place for students, staff and Blanchet families, the Commons will also be available to outside groups for events. Blanchet

is generously offering use of its Commons (depending on availability) for Sacred Heart and Serra Catholic alumni to hold reunions and class gatherings at no charge! Contact Brandy O'Bannon for more information and to schedule your event.

The Commons is a \$1.7 million dollar project that is included in Blanchet's \$4.3 million "Foundation for the Future" comprehensive fundraising campaign. The campaign's goal is to fund the most urgent needs of the school's strategic five-year plan which include: providing tuition assistance, enhancing the curriculum, upgrading technology and building and renovating facilities. To date, the school has secured pledges of \$3.5 million towards its goal.

More information about the campaign is available on the school's website.



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our sincere gratitude to our alumni donors, both in support of our efforts to re-connect with old friends and to those who continue to help Salem Catholic schools. These alumni recently contributed:

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Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Swyt, SHA '67
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Zielinski, SC '63
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Zielinski, SHA '51

I was very sorry to miss the 2011 "Gathering," but hopefully I can make the next one. I saw many names of people I know. I have enclosed some items you can put in your memorabilia case. Some are from Sacred Heart and some from Serra. My deceased wife, Eloise Corey, was in the SHA class of 1957, and I was in Serra's first graduating class of 1957. I hope you can use these items, they bring back many memories to me.

~ Joe Andrews, Serra '57