

#### A SEMI ANNUAL NEWSLETTER - FALL 2008 #86

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## Teach Me Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge

## "NEW WAYS TO REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE"

If you're under 30 or if you have kids, there's a good chance you have 'Facebook'. There are already facebook groups formed and we had nothing to do with it. But that's not possible. Ahhh, but it is. Little known to many but well known to a few, there are a couple of facebook groups solely dedicated to people who want to share their Assumption experiences. Check out George Des Rosiers '97 (George DR) 'ASSUMPTION ALUMNI' group with 420 members or Rachel Baltzer's '05 (Chez Zer) 'Assumption... The Colour of Royalty and the Home of the Raiders' with 840 members. Personally, I think it's fantastic. The desire to stay connected transcends many boundaries and we are all enriched by the experience. It might inspire you to give this 'Facebook' thing a try. Caution: it's addictive!

So, is E-Mail a thing of the past? No way!! We now have over 2000 ACH Alumni who receive notice of the newsletter being available to download

from our website at achalumni.ca. This has been a huge savings considering how each printed copy is costing more and more as time goes by. Uncounted trees have been saved by our 'Green Friendly' electronic publication, as well .... not to mention the beauty of full colour. We're also able to send out notices of special interest to our Alumni by email when 'snail mail' would be out of the question.

Now let's be clear; most of our Alumni still receive mailed out 'Hard Copies' and we're committed to continue this tradition for as long as we can (if you read the above as a poorly hidden plea for donations ... well ... you're right). After 2 years of asking people to simply confirm that they want to continue to receive our fine publication, fewer than 600 have done so. That leaves about 5,000 Alumni It would be an unaccounted for. incredible waste to be delivering copies to Alumni that may no longer be I have a great idea ... if interested. you're reading this and haven't been in touch with us in the last 2 years, please do so and simply confirm that you want to continue or ... gasp ... discontinue.

It can't take that long, can it? Contact info is provided below. To anyone already on our email list, please give yourself a pat on the back and contact us only if there's been a change in your info.

We're open to new ideas, so feel free to send them to us. We don't care how ... might be fun to receive something by carrier pigeon.

#### Call: 519-256-7801 ext 299 Email: achalumni@gmail.com Website: achalumni.ca



LUNCH AT MIKES? CAN YOU HELP IDENTIFY THESE LOST RAIDERS?

#### **Father Sheedy Memorial Golf Tournament**



On Saturday, May 31, 2008 a full field, 20 foursomes of golfers, played in the annual Assumption Alumni golf tournament held at Roseland Golf Course. No rain, or hail,

just a windy but beautiful sunny day. Everyone completed the round for the first time in three years. Father Sheedy was obviously looking out for us on this day.

That incrédible class of '55 once again came from everywhere, California, Florida, British Columbia, etc. Great to have you guys. The previous reigning champions were upset by Dave Roberts, Frank Tramontozzi, Gerry Power, all from the class of '75 and Mike Racine (subbing in for Chuck Soulliere, '75). This team has participated in the tournament since its inception so this first victory was long overdue! Closest to the pin on #13 was Rob Sartor, while the longest drive was won by Garry Warren, husband of Beth Warren, '76. The Father Armstrong "Sparky" Spirit Award was presented to Dr. Norbert Thibert and his three daughters, Collette, Josette, and Yvette, for their consistent participation and enthusiasm. Special mention goes to the purple striped team shirts worn by Joe Ivan, Frank latonna, Steve Norton, and Brad Fahringer, looking good despite falling one shot behind the winners. The day was topped off with a great buffet put on by Cramdons, fellowship, and the awards ceremony. Thank you to all for putting on a very fun and successful tournament. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 30, 2009. See you on the tee!

## R E U N I O N N E W S

#### Alumni Homecoming Saturday, November 1st, 2008

All former students, friends of Assumption, their wives, husbands, etc., are invited to this gala evening. A delicious dinner by prepaid reservation **only** will be served in the NEW cafeteria. Socialize with the many friends in attendance. Mass at 5:00 p.m., then enjoy a cool cocktail in the Armstrong Gym before enjoying an incredibly delicious dinner (6:30) prepared by Chef Diane Nehmetallah. Connect with your classmates, other alumni and former staff members. Class pictures begin at 8:45 p.m. with the class of 1948. So far, the class of 1983 has the most volunteers working diligently to contact their fellow grads. Great job, Raiders!

#### WE NEED YOU!!

Our reunions have always been crowded with happy people. To continue these successful and memorable events, your help is needed to encourage your classmates to join in the fun. Though much of the focus is on the 5-year anniversary groups, ALL ALUMNI are welcome to attend. **YOU CAN HELP** 

Volunteer to organize or help organize your class by phone, fax, email or other means. Provide and/or organize the picture displays for your year.

#### WHAT TO DO

If you can help in any way, contact the Alumni Office by phone at 519-256-7801 ext. 299. So far, the following have generously volunteered to be a class contact for the following Grad Years:

1948	Hugh Montpetit Gino Fracas	313-885-9468 519-969-6163	
1958	Gerry Bondy Lois Rindlisbacher	519-973-7665 519-969-9569	gbondy@hotmail.com
1963	Teresa (May) Kenney	519-735-7470	
1968	Anthony Paniccia Ken Billey	519-566-9456	tony@ajpaniccia.com ken_billey@wecdsb.on.ca
1973	Alma Hogan (Kraniauskas)		almahogan@hotmail.com
1978	MaryJo Demarco-Jacobs Mike Seguin Jeanne Sauro (Menard)	519-972-5477 519-253-2481 ext. 1522	mike_seguin@wecdsb.on.ca jeanne_sauro@wecdsb.on.ca
1983	Jake Ladouceur Margot (Gravelle) Wasyluk Dave Scaddan Darcy Kaput	519-966-3584 519-734-0042	jake.ladouceur@ktpo.com margot_wasyluk@wecdsb.on.ca
1988 1993	Dwayne Brunet Antonio Guglietti 519-722 Tiffany (Coulter) Walls	7-0425	dwayne_brunet@wecdsb.on.ca ajguglietti@sympatico tiffany_walls@wecdsb.on.ca

1998 PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

We will gladly put you in touch with successful organizers of other ACH classes who have had fantastic reunions. GOOD LUCK and see you on Nov. 1st, 2008!!

#### MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY FRIDAY, OCT. 24, 2008

Former students and their friends are invited to an evening of fun; reliving "almost" forgotten memories, the excitement of meeting old friends, the jogging of memories, the viewing of memorabilia, etc. All friends of Assumption are welcome: organize your own party. Make your reservations now for Nov. 1, 2008. **Payment must be included**.

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Brad Fahringer '85, Steve Norton '77, Frank latonna '75 and Joe Ivan '76

#### ALUMNI REUNION MENU

APPETIZER Antipasto

#### **ITALIAN WEDDING SOUP**

ITALIAN STYLE SALAD Rolls/butter

MAIN ENTREE'

Roast Beef with mushrooms & gravy Breaded Chicken Roasted Baby Potatoes Fresh Vegetable

#### DESSERT

Assorted Fruit Platter Assorted Delicacies

#### BEVERAGES

Coffee/Tea/Water Wine available at Cash Bar (please note on reservation if vegetarian and accommodations will be made)



#### FR. FREDERICK JOHN ZAKOOR, C.S.B., '47

#### <u>Celebration of 50 years of</u> <u>Ordination in the Priesthood</u>

I was Ordained on the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 1958. As a Basilian priest, my ministry was in Education, both as a Teacher and as an Administrator. I taught Religion, Physics, Canadian History and Mathematics at various Basilian High Schools: Catholic

Central in Detroit, St. Mary's College in Sault Ste. Marie, Aquinas Institute in Rochester, N.Y. and Assumption College School in Windsor. In 1967, I became Vice-Principal at ACS. These were turbulent times: the drug culture, the civil rights movement, Woodstock, the Viet Nam War and post Vatican II.

These events had a profound effect on the students. Times had changed and the administration had to change with them. We survived. Along with these cultural changes it was my job for two years to prepare for the merging of St. Mary's Academy. These were big adjustments both for the staffs and students from the two schools to adjust to new traditions. We worked on coordinating curriculum to make the transition as simple as possible. We coordinated Student Councils and had joint assemblies. The boys and girls loved this part. Assumption had definitely enjoyed the change from an allboys school for over 100 years to a coed school. Along with this adventure I had supervised the planning and construction of an addition to accommodate the increase in population.

The stress on me took its toll on my health. In 1971, I moved to Michael Power HS in Toronto and taught Mathematics for nine years. At Michael Power I was instrumental in establishing a new department, Campus Ministry, with a full time staff member. Soon after, all the Catholic Schools in Ontario developed a Campus Ministry office.

During these years, I spent three summers teaching Administration to Principals in St. Vincent Island and Kano, Nigeria. Both were rewarding experiences working in the third world.

In 1980 I was invited to return to Windsor to be Principal of F.J. Brennan High School. The Assumption challenge was minor compared to the many difficulties I had to face while at Brennan with the staff. Assumption was a rival school and in no way did they want the Basilian influence in the East end. I had to keep my 'Basilianism' under cover. It took 3 years to get the school financially solvent and to restore curriculum and discipline to where a school should be according to the Ministry.

We established bursaries for students who could not stay in the Catholic schools because of tuition. In 1985 Full Funding had begun and our financial concerns were over. With the new Catholic High School Board we were able to grow from two schools to five in the next four years. With the surplus money from the private sector at Brennan and with the help of WSSB, a long awaited athletic field was developed.

In 1989 I was appointed founding Principal of the fifth high school, St. Joseph's. I was able to start afresh and put all that I had learned through the years into practice.

In 1995 I retired from education. The most rewarding part of my job as a Principal for 14 and a half years was to say the eight o'clock Mass each day for staff and students who wished to attend. There never was a day when no one showed up. Starting the day with Mass gave me my strength. To pray with staff and students was a JOY.



Shawn O'Keefe's Career with the Basilian Fathers

I started my working career with the Basilians in grade 11, 1981 while attending Assumption High School. At that time, I did not know that the work bursary that I applied for would result in a 23-year career with the Basilians.

In 1981, I started working in Fr. Stortz's garden, cutting grass, planting flowers etc.. I was then asked if I would like to care for the entire campus. It was a great seasonal job.

for the entire campus. It was a great seasonal job. I graduated from Assumption in 1983 and enrolled in the culinary program at St. Clair College. I completed one year there due to the fact that the College had gone on strike in the beginning of my second year. I therefore decided to take a job in Lake Louise, Alberta. After a brief stay there, I returned to Windsor and was hired by Assumption Basilians to cook for them on weekends and fill in for Chef Cliff Krete in the summer.

After two years, I was asked to cook at the Curial House in Toronto with the intention of attending the George Brown College for Chef Training. I worked at the Curial House then called Basilwood, for two years and then attended school graduating in the top ten of our graduating class.

I continued working in Toronto and Mississauga for eight years. In 1992 I was then hired by the Basilians of O'Connor House and returned to Windsor to be their house chef. At the same time, I was also hired as chef of the Freed-Orman Conference Centre at Assumption University.

Conference Centre at Assumption University. At present, I continue to work for the Basilian Fathers. I am also a 'father' to two boys, Riley who is 7 years old and Kyle who is two years old and a loving husband to my wife, Joyce of eight years.



#### FATHER CULLEN REMAINS MENTOR

#### Assumption Grads stay in contact with former coach BY MARY CATON STAR SPORTS WRITER

Even the background noise from a rather loud television couldn't obscure the distinctive voice on the other end of the telephone. "I'm just resting, enjoying a musical play on TV," says Rev. Ronald Cullen from his Toronto home. Now 92 years old and "completely blind," Father Cullen still follows the Toronto Blue Jays by listening to the TV broadcast.

"If the Blue Jays were only winning more, it would be better," he said recently.

Cullen moved to Toronto several years ago to be closer to family and to live at a retirement facility for Basilian priests. "We have a good staff here," he said. "It's a great place to live."

Mornings are devoted to prayer with exercise scheduled in the afternoon. Other hours are spent listening to TV or radio and fielding phone calls from old friends. "I get two or three calls a day," Cullen said. "So many people call me regularly."

#### Keeping in touch

Whenever retired police detective Ian Chippett dials him up, he's amazed at Cullen's knowledge of current events. "He knows everything that's going on in Windsor," said Chippett, who attended Assumption College High School ('62 Grad) where Cullen taught and coached for years. "He knows all about the new arena. His mind is very sharp."

Cullen coached Chippett in junior football for just one year but his larger-than-life persona left a lasting



BEHIND THE JAYS: Former Assumption College teacher and coach Father Ronald Cullen now lives in a Toronto retirement home for Basilian priests. He is a big fan of the Blue Jays. File photo

impression. "As you grow older, you look back and see how he taught you about goodness and discipline and being accountable," Chippett said. "It was a team process about working together and being responsible."

#### Assumption Alumni

Former Major League baseball player Reno Bertoia is another Assumption alumnus (class of '52) who stays in touch. He calls often and visits several times a year. "He gets a lot of visitors," Bertoia said. "His faculties are good, he just can't see." More than once, former students have co-ordinated a visit. "It's like a mini reunion at times," Bertoia said. "We have a nice lunch and reminisce." Bertoia always comes armed with a smile and a story. "He likes to hear my jokes," he said. "But they've got to be clean." Cullen enjoys time spent talking about the glory days of football, baseball or hockey. "I'd like to be more active but I can't," he said. "Growing old is no fun."

#### Father Cullen Thanks All Visitors:

"Thank you to all who continue to call or write. God bless you all. Please keep praying for me.
Due to total vision loss, I am now living at Anglin House and can be reached at 416-964-0329 (this is a personal line) or Anglin House office at 416-926-9325. I would be very happy to have you visit me. Please call ahead.
Anglin House is in downtown Toronto, one block away from the Ontario Government offices on Bay and Wellesley Sts. Fr. Cullen's address is 95 St. Joseph St., Toronto, Ont. M5S 2R9.
Also in residence here are Frs. Wilfred Janisse, Larry Janisse and Rolland Janisse.
Looking forward to your calls and visits!"

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1968, Fr. William Kornacker (Bill) was ordained a Priest by Bishop Carter, (later Cardinal).

He said his first mass at Sacred Heart Parish in LaSalle. Fr. Bill is currently the Pastor at Immaculate Heart/St. Michael's Church on Parkwood Ave. Fr. Bill has served as Priest Chaplain at Assumption College High School for the past 7 years, working together in service to the students with Linda Presello '81, Campus Minister. Fr. Bill is a down to earth person, who truly



lives the Gospel. The School Community is blessed to have him a part of the Assumption Family.

Fr. Bill writes; "Thank you for my family who passed on their faith and the beginning of the Sacrament of Holy Orders to me long ago as a teenager. All vocations are a gift from God – usually through the family. Please pray for priests. We need more vocations to continue the Eucharist among us. Thank you to all who work with us. Thank you to those who still respect God and his wonders among us. May we pray for each other."

#### T U F A R . **RESTORATION OR CLOSURE?**

#### SAVING ASSUMPTION CHURCH (\$9.8M IN REPAIRS NEEDED)

Assumption Church, serving the oldest Catholic parish west of Montreal, could close if funds aren't found to repair significant parts of the building, which dates from 1846.

The historical nature of the church, officially designated a heritage building, and one of the area's largest, has made it a site of significant funerals, including that of Senator Paul Martin, as well as the traditional site of the graduation Mass for Assumption College School students for many generations. The church and College have been under the tutelage of the **Basilian** Fathers since 1870 and has formed the



GRADUATION MASS ASSUMPTION CHURCH

foundation for Assumption University, a forerunner of the University of Windsor. The need for restoration is "... a real concern in the absence of a huge donor," said pastor Fr. Paul Walsh.

A mid-December architectural report pegs the cost of renovations at \$9.8 million. Most of the renovations are needed for the outside of the church, including brickwork, a cornice on two sides of the church, pinnacles that sit above the cornice, rotted wooded beams that support the roof's balustrade and work on the bell tower and the sanctuary.

The chief cause of the damage is water; there have been some suggestions that damage might also have been caused from vibrations by the heavy truck traffic using the Ambassador Bridge where some 10,000 trucks a day cross the bridge. But Fr. Walsh said that hasn't been proven.

Part of the problem the parish faces is that it doesn't have a lot of resources. "The funding resources are not at all clear", Fr. Walsh said. "This is just a parish of 800 families. A parish of this size could be expected to raise only \$1 million or \$2 million, perhaps, if it's a well-off And the diocese has very serious financial parish. considerations."

The London Diocese has been closing and reorganizing churches in the wake of declining membership, lack of priests and recent financial settlements. Diocese spokesman Larry Brennan said the diocese is 'very much' aware of the church's significance and called the state of

disrepair and renovation costs "a huge issue".

Fr. Walsh thinks the church holds sufficient cultural and historical significance that the senior levels of government should provide a lifeline. "Losing it would be a great tragedy."

Mr. Brian Masse (NDP -Windsor West) agrees the federal government should help preserve the building on cultural grounds. "It's a significant icon, not just locally but also

for the country," said Masse. "We're the oldest European

settlement in Canada west of Montreal. lt was aboriginal, then French, then later British, and now multicultural - it represents the history of Canada." Diocesan Bishop Fabbro has ordered the parish to begin a feasibility study, conducted by a professional fundraising firm, to get a clear indication of whether or not a campaign to raise the \$9.8 M required has the potential to be

successful.



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#### Alumnus Makes Music

Music Monday is an initiative of the Coalition for Music Education in Canada. It's purpose is to bring awareness of the importance of music education in our school systems. During tough economic times, the Arts programs are usually the first to suffer cutbacks. Anyone who has participated in a school music program knows what is involved; many hours of rigorous and intense practicing. Those involved also know teamwork skills, discipline, and creative the benefits; development. ACS concert and jazz band performed an outdoor concert for the entire school and community during this year's music Monday's concert. Across Canada, over 1600 school music programs participated in this national event, with each school performing the same song at the same time, 1:00 pm DST.! Joining ACS this year was Alumnus, Kevin Masterson, class of '51 who is a retired teacher and professional trumpet player. The students were excited and thrilled that he was able to join them.



The 2 trumpeters in the photos Jeff Jones and Zack Koller were impressed and in awe of Kevin Masterson's talent.

#### HEART and STROKE BIG BIKE RIDE, 2008

On June 5<sup>th</sup> Assumption staff members once again took part in the Heart and Stroke Big Bike ride.

This consisted of 18 riders on one big bike to raise awareness and funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The event was held in downtown Windsor and the staff members were able to raise almost \$2000 for the charity. As usual, the Assumption community came together to show their Raider pride! A special thanks to Leslie Spickett (class of 1982) for organizing the staff for this great event. Thanks also to Laser Art Inc. for the great deal on the shirts. Way to go Purple Raider Riders!!



**Joe Siddall, '85,** has earned entry to the Windsor/Essex County Sports Hall of Fame. He was an outstanding quarterback at Assumption and earned a scholarship to Central Michigan before deciding baseball was his best career path. He played 14 seasons of pro ball at the major league or AAA level, which also included stops with Florida Marlins and Detroit Tigers.

Joe Siddall

More on Joe and his award after the Windsor/Essex County Sports Hall of Fame banquet which will take place on Nov. 8, 2008 at Caboto Club. For more information

regarding the banquet, call 519-252-8383 or 519-250-4039. Congratulations, Joe!

#### GUY BONIFERRO MEMORIAL DAY

On Saturday, May 10, 2008, the first memorial golf outing took place at Kingsville G&C Club. Hosted by Dino Latella, '81, eight foursomes teed it up and had a beautiful day golfing and reminiscing about their teammate, brother, and/or friend, "Boni".

After nine grueling holes on the golf course, thanks to Dino, the food, beer, and stories flowed. What a great time! To be continued next year. A date has yet to be determined, but will be announced in the spring Newsletter. Thanks to everyone who attended. It was a beautiful tribute to a beautiful person, who was with us in spirit with his smile and laugh. (Remember that laugh?) Thinking of you, Boni.



Aldo Boniferro, Carlo Boniferro '83, Mark Landry '78, and Jim Hogan '80.

#### NEWEST ALUMNI BOARD MEMBER

I would like to begin with a big hello to all fellow Alumni of Assumption. I graduated in 1975. Back then when I heard someone say they graduated over 30 years ago I could not imagine that age. Now I've become that person, but I'm not growing old quietly!! Over the last few years I have often thought how it would be great to be involved with the High School again, but like everyone else, I was always running in many directions. This year though I figured "enough already", have some fun and be a part of the tradition again. To walk in the halls, all be it they have changed, it still seems like yesterday.

Since the years at Assumption, I married in 1982 to Douglas Kenney who went to Belle River and we had two sons -Kameron and Kristopher, who are now 21 and 20. I have told my sons many stories, probably ad nauseam, about my high school days. I figure that at least I could join the Alumni committee, who 'might I say' have done an incredible job for all these years and were so welcoming to me. So if there are any of you out there who could perhaps use a diversion or could give a wee bit of time, come on down. It would also be wonderful to hear from any of you out there. You can reach me at <u>nanakenney@msn.com</u> I look forward to this new chapter in my Assumption memory book. Take Care All, Tessy (May) Kenney '75

# THE HUMBLE BEGINNINGS OF THE Q-TRIPS

Upon request recently, Fr. Q. Johnson relayed the facts of the beginnings of the Q-trips, as they so affectionately became known. Although the beginning was a humble one, the depth of the learning experience would affect all that became part. These trips ran from the early 70's till 1998.

It began on an evening in room 116 where Fr. Q. was marking papers when Fr. Pat Lalonde leaned against the door and remarked that he would like Fr. Q. to run an outdoors program. "Get them out canoeing" he said, to which Fr. Q. accepted the challenge.

For the first few trips, equipment from Columbus Boys Camp Q. refurbished one of them last was used. After school on a Friday they would drive to the winter, which would make it camp, pack, and sleep in the Priests' cabin. Then it was up over 25 years old. Over the early and in Algonquin park by 9:30 a.m. All that driving and many years of the Q trips, there preparation and the trip would only be for a weekend, but were many helpers and unique personalities. As for myself what a weekend it would be!

During one summer at Columbus Boys' Camp, Fr. Q. and John Ouellette, who was on 'flat' and worked up at Boys' Camp, met some guys that built canoes for a living. After visiting their shop they were armed and ready with the knowledge needed to begin building canoes right at home in school on Saturdays.

John volunteered his canoe as a plug for making a mold. The seats and gunwales were taken off and it was waxed over and over. Then a layer of hard resin and fiberglass was put over it several times. The day came when it was time to pry John's Fr. Q. gave each and everyone the chance to forge new canoe out of the mold, which took a bit but eventually came friendships, and step outside his or her box, and perhaps take free. With that mold came the first of three canoes which were in a piece of serenity that they could build on back at home. ready in the spring. The first one had a scar on the front, so Fr. Lalonde said that was the flagship. The second one was built and Fr. Lalonde said that we had to give that one to charity, so it was donated to the Mothers' Club and raffled off. Sister Forever a friend and serenity patron. Tessy (May) Kenney, '75 Dorothy Dean won it, and since she was not there to find out, Fr. Lalonde and Fr. Q. stuffed the canoe into her office so that she would see it in the morning.

#### FR. PAT LALONDE

The fiberglass canoes were found to be too heavy at 65 lbs., so new canoes were then made out of Kevlar. These weighed anywhere from 35 to 42 lbs. which then enabled the girls to carry them. Five canoes still remain that are seaworthy. Fr.



who was a very frequent Q'ster, I cherish any day that I am blessed with being outside, and if that includes camping, hiking or the fortunate moment of being back in a canoe, I consider that another precious moment to add to the many from my Assumption days, none of which equal Cypress Lake and a certain tree that remains my serenity compass.

Serenity by definition, is a noun, 'to be calm, peace, tranquility, composure'. It is a state of mind, one of stillness, quietness, placidity.

Fr. Q., thank you always for your time and patience, your boundless energy and humour.





NOTE: FOR MISSING GRADS OF 1958 AND 1983, CHECK THE SPRING '08 ISSUE

## CENTURY CLUB

# The Century Club is comprised of those former students and friends who have contributed \$100.00 or more within a given year to the Alumni Fund to sponsor Alumni activities including the newsletter. Following are the individuals who have contributed in the last twelve months. Thank you for your contribution.

Arpin, Donald, E Ashworth, John Birch, Cecil M. Birch, Michael Blondin, Mr. & Mrs. Denis Britton, Robert Broderick, Thomas Edward Daoust, Mark DePalma, Dom Donald, Judge Richard Harold Ducharme, Richard M Duchene, Mike Duffy, John Dumouchelle, Liliana (Caira) Dumouchelle, Richard Dupont, Dr. Frank Dupuis, Dr. Kelly Faas, Dennis

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#### WE WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR ALUMNI REUNION SATURDAY NOV 1st, 2008



## "Thank You"

To Assumption students for folding the newsletters and the following for labeling them: Pauline Kenney, Carole Dywelska, Louise Kelly, Doris Lescanec, Denis Malette, Sue Rau and Peter Scarpelli. Thank you also to Denis Malette and two gr. 11 Assumption students, Valerie Beneteau and Courtney Kuang for hand delivering over 800 newsletters to help cut down mailing costs.



## **YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HELPS OUT!**

Congratulations to Edith and Jim Savage on their 50th wedding anniversary. Jim was advised to contact us for help in locating a long lost friend (an Assumption alumnus) who was one of his attendants at his wedding 50 years ago. That friend is Charles Parent, class of '51. We informed Jim that we could not divulge personal information on our alumni but that we would act as intermediary. He was more than thrilled when his buddy Charles contacted him just a few days after the initial contact with us. Jim was very impressed that we would go to the trouble of helping him out. Edith and Jim will be renewing their vows this summer and wanted to have as many of the original wedding party present as possible. Even though Jim is not an alumnus, his children are – Jim Jr. 77, Mike, 78, Mary, 780, Thomas, 781, Stuart, 783 and Donna, 784. On behalf of the Assumption Alumni Association, we wish you both many more happy years. We love happy endings.

#### **BRANNAGAN NAMED DEPUTY CHIEF**



Veteran police officer, Jerome Brannagan, a Assumption graduate, has been appointed the new Deputy Chief of the Windsor' Police Service effective May 8,2008.

(The following excerpt from Don Lajoie, Windsor Star on May 08, 2008.)

"Brannagan, 51, who started with the Windsor Police as a constable in 1980,

has risen through the ranks to the position of Superintendent and was assigned to Administration in July 2006. The father of three adult children, Brannagan's father, Fred Brannagan, was a Windsor Police Inspector." "The only thing I ever wanted to be my whole life has been to be a police officer. For the first 17 years I enjoyed chasing bad guys, but over the years, I came to realize you need to have good managers to take care of the people who are doing that job." Brannagan states that he had those kind of managers looking out for him.

"Brannagan is a Windsor native who has served on the Windsor Police Association board and has also coached minor hockey and baseball in the area."

During a recent interview in his office at police headquarters, Brannagan recalls that in grade nine there were only male students. The next year, the females came, which was a "big transition" for the traditional school, staff and students. However, discipline was always very important and consistent. "The teaching, responsibility, and teamwork that I learned at Assumption have helped me in my police career." Jerome played baseball and hockey for Father Cullen. "Every person has a role - learn your role, and be good at it. This is the same at the professional level." A story was then told, but the contents were not suitable for publication. "That's the polite way to say there was discipline." The interview concluded as Deputy Chief Brannagan had a desk full of paperwork in front of him.

# LAST OF THE BASILIANS PRIEST'S RETIRE-**MENT MARKS END OF AN ERA** BY GRACE MACALUSO STAR STAFF REPORTER, AMHERSTBURG A fixture at St. John The

Baptist Church in Amherstburg since 1878, the Basilian order of priests will end its historic connection with the parish when pastor Rev. Michael Brand retires at the end of the month.

"It's the end of an era," said Mike Specht, chairman of the parish council. "We're still going to have priests here, but they're diocesesan priests. The Basilians were teaching priests." With 1,200 active" families, the parish is the sole town, said Specht. Brand said that one time, the Basilian priests who maintain ties with Assumption



LONG HISTORY: When Basilian priest, Rev. Michael Brand, retires Catholic church in the he'll be replaced by a diocesesan priest at St. John the Baptist Church in Amherstburg, marking the first time since 1878 that Basilians have not been been at the church.

University taught at have not been been at the church. A s s u m p t i o n h i g h school. "We have been here for 130 years," he said. "For many people at this here for 130 years," he said. "For many people at this parish, we're the only priests they've known. They've grown up with us. "This is a religious community that runs this parish. We are a group of priests that live together and share what we have together." Specht, a parishioner since 1967, said he was educated by the Basilians at Assumption high school, (1957 Grad). He was also married by a Basilian and all his children were baptized by priests with the order. "They've had a big influence on my life and that of my family." The order, named after St. Basil began in France almost two centuries ago. The priests take

France almost two centuries ago. The priests take three vows - chastity, obedience and poverty. They teach in schools both at the secondary and postsecondary levels as well as within the parish and mission areas. The plummeting number of men entering the priesthood including the Basilians is the reason for the change, said Brand, who became pastor eight years ago. As recently as 1975, the parish had five priests and a convent of nuns, he said. While the parish dates as far back as 1802, the current church building was constructed in 1844, said Brand. He said the "participation of the people in the parish is special, which means we have a lot of people committed to the Catholic community." The youth ministry "is fantastic," he added. "The youth ministry meets once a week during the school year; they have an annual 'fast-a-thon,' as well as a community outreach program. Around Easter, there are special services for young people." Though the Basilians will no longer run the parish, their influence won't be lost, said Specht. Rev. Brian Jane, 72, the new pastor, was taught by the Basilians at Assumption high school.

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#### STUCK FOR A GIFT IDEA FOR YOUR FAVOURITE ALUMNUS? READ ON...

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As Harold Rindlisbacher, class of '47 reached his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, his family struggled to think of a meaningful way to pay tribute. What gift would appropriately honour this Raider in such a milestone year? Our thoughts turned to his persistent gratitude to the Basilian Fathers and his experience at Assumption. So this year, a student in the graduating class of Assumption will be presented with the first ever 'Harold Rindlisbacher Award'. Its recipient, to be selected by the Assumption High



selected by the Assumption High awards committee, will (like H a r o l d) d e m o n s t r a t e determination, perseverance and effort. Dad proudly presented the award at convocation, satisfied that his fine example and character will be remembered through this lasting gift. Submitted by the family of Harold Rindlisbacher

TO ACH GRAD PAUL CLEMENT



Bill Schiller, '69, is the lead foreign correspondent for the Toronto Star. He is working in China covering the turmoil there. Look for an upcoming article by Bill in the Spring '09 issue of the Assumption Alumni Newsletter.



(far left) Mike Cooper, '79, of Bigg Wiggle provides music for all occasions to make people happy.



Joe Trocchi, '79, plays keyboard in concert at Cleary Auditorium on June 20, 2008.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

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**Rocco Tullio, '83**, on the acquisition of a 50 per cent stake in the Ontario Hockey League's Oshawa Generals. 'Rocco, who owns three Lifestyle Family Fitness Centres and Rock developments, admitted he has always dreamed of playing hockey or owning a team.'

Brendan Eagen, Riva Nissan, Priya Sharma and Sarina Turner, all 2003 Assumption Grads, who were honoured at the International Industrial Engineers' National Student Conference for their industry-sponsored project. The University of Windsor foursome submitted the work they completed last August '07, for Tecumseh-based Integram Seating. The system they designed manages quality control data that is collected during the manufacturing process. Software organizes the data and stores it for quality control managers, making it more readily available for line operators for continuous improvement. Way to go Raiders!!

Keith Rivard, '78 Congratulations to Keith who is now coowner of Fitness Together South Windsor.

**Dr. Gerry Cooper, '73** on his appointment as Associate Dean, Learner Affairs at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. Prior to joining the Northern Ontairo School of Medicine, Dr. Gerry Cooper, who has a Doctorate in Education, worked for over 30 years in a variety of roles within the mental health and addictions fields. Most recently, he has been based in Sudbury as the Manager (Northern Ontario) with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). As Assistant Professor, Clinical Education with NOSM, he has been an active teacher in Phase One of the MD program. He is also an Adjunct Professor, with the Laurentian University School of Social Work.

Jeremy Renaud, '96 has been n a m e d a s m a n a g e r o f sponsorship, marketing and sales with the Department of Sports and Recreation Services at The University of Western Ontario. "I am very excited to champion the Western Mustangs brand, while



representing an institution whose programs in both academics and athletics are synonymous with tradition and excellence," Renaud said. The Purple lives on!

HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Jane and Jack Hool '53 (foreground) celebrate 50 years of marital bliss. With them are Barb and Ray Renaud '63 & Carol and John Upham '59 (background)

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#### LETTERS

John Burford, '73 writes: "Dear ACH friends, yes I want... I, <u>need</u> to keep on receiving the ACH newsletter. It is one of the pieces of mail that I look forward to getting!! I love reading any articles about my teachers, mentors and classmates. The good old days of ACH - I love them dearly! Thank you for all your hard work. It is very much appreciated. I believe we need to share more deeply with one another to maintain connection, more than just what we're doing or where we live, so here's a story I've reflected upon and held dear many times over the years...

During my Assumption years, I was a small kid, immature in many ways, quiet and self-conscious, and because of this, taking the after-gym-classshower was always difficult and embarrassing. During one such episode, some of the guys were giving me the usual razzing when completely out of the blue, Kevin Block stepped in and "informed" the aggressors that they were wrong and to leave me alone - which they did - to my amazement! I never had another problem after that. What I didn't know at the time was that Kevin was working toward an amazing career in Karate. Kevin and I never became fast friends, nor did we ever talk about this or keep in touch. And, I never thanked him...'until now. Kevin, it may have been a small act of kindnéss, or you may have had to summon courage, in either case, and in no small way, you changed a life with your action. I thank you. The goodness, discipline and knowledge you displayed on my behalf have always been a fine example of what we can do for one another to make this world a better place. God bless you."



#### Greg Mailloux with Math contest winners Year 1981, Dave Lozinski, Dennis Beland, Randy Stofega, Jeff Charbonneau

#### Joe Younder writes to Fr. Cullen,

Dear Father,

Memory has it I once sat in front of you as a student at St. Mike's in the 50's. Time does pass. I returned to the school as a teacher for 25 years and now I am back as the Blue Banner editor. Fr. Joe Redican is, so to speak, my boss. Peter Fillman, an Assumption grad (1952, 1 think), has been getting the alumni paper and from time to time has passed news on to me. Sometimes I read of former students I once knew when I lived in Windsor. Carl Renda is one such personality. The Basilians have long been my mentors through high school, teaching and university (Assumption College). It's nice to keep in touch with them.

Dave Freeman, '62, writes: "While I still wish to receive the newsletter, I must admit that there is very little of interest within it. The only ones ever mentioned of whom I have any recollection are Frs. Cullen and Armstrong. No mention is ever made of Fr. Fournier, Br. Carruthers, Fr. Purcell, Fr. O'Neil or any teacher from that period. In all the years that I have been getting the newsletter, there has been no mention of the class of '62 or any of the graduates such as John Deneau, Hector Drouillard, Stan Bergeron, etc... It's as if we never existed and there is never any mention of missing grads of '62. In any event, please continue to send the newsletter by mail. Regards.

**Editor's note:** Well, class of 1962, we need to hear from you. Send us updates on what you've been doing since leaving Assumption. Your fellow grads love to hear what's going on. Look for the missing grads of 1962 on page 8. Please help us locate them so that we can keep in touch.

After receiving Dave's correspondence, I called Fr. Carruthers at O'Connor house in Windsor, where he is now residing. He graciously updated me on the following:

Fr. Fournier is living in Windsor after retiring from teaching.

Fr. O'Neill passed away Aug. 28, 1997.

Fr. Purcell became an assistant at St. Basil's Church in Toronto. He has since passed away.

Fr. Carruthers was actually a scholastic at Assumption from 1957-60. He continued to study until 1964 in Quebec, Paris and Toronto. He taught at St. Michael's in Toronto from 1964-76, and then taught at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto from 1977-92. He returned to Windsor to teach at Assumption University from 1992 until his retirement in 2001. He now resides in Windsor at O'Connor House.

#### Dear Friends,

The latest email edition of the Alumni Newsletter was most welcome and may I say, very well done. Yes, indeed please keep me on the electronic mailing list. I was especially interested in the new Basilian Memorial

Monument. We haven't been to Windsor in a while but on our next trip we will definitely stop by to see this magnificent work. This year will mark sixty years since graduation and, God willing, I will be there with the class of '48 to celebrate at this year's reunion. I look forward to seeing a lot of old friends. I remember with fondness our fiftieth reunion when we had a very large contingent on hand. These past sixty years have not dimmed the memory of good old Assumption. Those were wonderful times filled with so many activities which were the things of which memories are made, the kind that last a lifetime. Keep up your great work with the newsletter and thanks for all your efforts on behalf of the Alumni. Sincerely, T.A.P. Ryan '48



**Dear Assumption Alumni Association:** Enclosed is a donation to the postage costs that you incur on mailings to the newsletter.

Here is an update on the Haggarty clan: **Suzanne Haggarty, '74** is a medical laboratory supervisor at Gamma-Dynacare

**Barbara (Haggarty) Hebert, '76** is a registered nurse at University Hospital and Student Health in London

**Kathleen (Haggarty) Gorman, '78** is manager of Artifacts at Edmonton Military Museum

Jack M. Haggarty, M.D. FRCP, '80 is a psychiatrist at Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital and professor at Lakehead University Medical School

Jamie Haggarty, '83 is married to Lora Valoppi, '84 and he is Executive Vice-President at City TV, a division of Rogers Communication Inc.

Thank you very much. Theresa and I enjoy the newsletters as well. Say hello to Hunt Hool and the Dumouchelleswe knew Richard's parents well. Yours truly, **Jerry and Theresa Haggarty** 



#### 1957-1958

Student enrolment for the year totalled 952 students, with 156 of these being classified as boarders. Day student tuition was pegged at \$135; while resident students doled out \$1000 for tuition, room and board (109). Father George Thompson, returning as Principal for a second stint, could count on the hard work of the 28 Basilians on staff: 21 priests and 8 scholastics. There were a variety of successful championship teams on campus during the year. In the summer, the Assumption baseball team won the Class F Baseball championship in Windsor. In the spring, Mr. Snyder's swim team won both the senior and junior W.S.S.A. titles. But the story of the year was the Raiders' Senior Basketball team, which captured its second All-Ontario championship in three years. Father Sheedy and Fr. Donoher's cagers lost only once during the season, and on their way to the provincial title also captured the Assumption University Invitational, as well as the W.S.S.A. and W.O.S.S.A. crowns. The squad was led by the All-City brother combination of Ambrose and Bob Gardner. The usual selection of extra-curricular activities kept the Men of Assumption busy throughout the year. Father Phelan's Dramatic Club produced two plays: 'The Gorilla' and 'Arsenic and Old Lace'. The two Mothers' Clubs worked to finance the purchase and manufacture of linens and vestments for the new student chapel. Other groups included the Band, the Legion of Mary, the Pep Club, the St. John Bosco Club (Altar Boys), the Day Student Sodality (which visited the sick on a regular basis at the Essex County Sanatorium), and the Mission Society. For a second straight year, there was no yearbook published. During the year, there were some major projects around the school. At the end of September, the Sodality erected a shrine dedicated to Our Lady of the Assumption. The shrine was built on a large pillar, outside the gym....The most ambitious project of the year was undertaken by the Dads' Club, which aimed to pay 25% of the cost of building the new Boarders' Residence. To do this, they purchased a 50' x 350' lot on Lake Erie, two miles down river from Amherstburg, and upon it erected a three bedroom Sunnybuilt cottage, with a beach and boat facilities. This was to be raffled off in their annual raffle.

#### (The above memories are taken from John Kelly's history book called 'Assumption High School, 1870-1995'.)

**Dick Mulville, '58**, recounts, "I fondly remember Father Sheedy describing the golden ball games in great detail after the Purple Raiders won the all Ontario championship in Sudbury, Ontario".

**Gerry Nehra, '58,** "I was Father Armstrong's "Sparky" between 1952 and 1958, and was the student manager of the football and basketball teams. I was in the last grade 7 and the last grade 8. Imagine my shock when I learned there were other "Sparky's." Some highlights of my time at Assumption: Being the student manager of the 1956 basketball team that had three of its starters make "All-City" and win the All-Ontario championship by beating London Beck by the incredibly defense oriented score of 40-29. Being told by Father Army to arrange a pre-season basketball game in Detroit, which I did with Austin High School, and although we lost, we played against their high school All-American that year – Dave DeBusschere. Being at the assembly where Sammy Davis Jr. entertained us, and our standing ovation brought him to tears.

#### 1982-1983

The student population dropped this year to 1,790, with a breakdown of 940 boys and 850 girls. Senior tuition was \$670, with additional registration and activity fees totalling \$30. For the 140 students in residence, North American students had room and board totaling \$4000, while foreign students paid \$5500. Assumption opened its doors to a new Principal this year: Father Don McLeod C.S.B. A staff of one hundred professionals was present to help him complete the task of dispensing "goodness, discipline and knowledge". A very large graduating class of 381 students took their Assumption diplomas, and headed off to their post secondary careers. In sports, the school teams performed well during the year, with special note being made of the track and field, and cross country teams. The Cross Country squad gained S.W.O.S.S.A. championships in the Midget Girls', Junior Girls' and Junior Boys' classifications. The Track and Field team met with success on the following levels: Senior Girls, Junior Boys, Midget Boys and Midget Girls (S.W.O.S.S.A.), and the Junior Girls (O.F.S.A.A.). At the Sports Banquet, Rob Sartor and Sheila Ivan were Athletes of the Year. There were a variety of activities around the school. Student Council was active, supporting activities like the Talent Show, and Mike Mandel. Father Armstrong was honoured for attaining his golden anniversary as an ordained Basilian. There was a fall Blood Drive, an Academic Awards Assembly, and the Can Drive pulled in a record 81,333 cans. The Grade 13s beat the staff in a basketball game. The Reach for the Top team won the Tri-County championship for only the second time in the school's history. The Assumption Players staged a play entitled 'Carnival'. The Intermediate Band, Pep Band, Stage Band and Senior Band provided entertainment throughout the vear. The Mothers' Club, with its annual Spring Fair, and the Dads' Club continued to work for the benefit of the school. Other extracurriculars included the Chess Club, Mock Trials, an exchange of students from Belgium, a Grade 13 Dinner Dance, the Prom Committee, the school newspaper, The Grapevine and the Senior Prom. Throughout the year, the Basilians continued their efforts towards the formation of the Catholic High School Board of Windsor, which envisaged the closer working of the Windsor Separate School Board, Brennan and Assumption. The school mourned the loss of two of its members during the year: Sylvia Romano, a Language Arts teacher from 1972-1982 and student Robert Sanson.

#### (The above memories are taken from John Kelly's history book called 'Assumption High School, 1870-1995'.)

**Jim Raper, 1983** Grad, Principal of Msgr. Philip Coffey C.S., comments on 25<sup>th</sup> reunion, "I'll be there!"

**Kathy Fryer, '83**, shares a memorable moment: "Fr 'Q' took a group of us up north on a portaging adventure. My good friend, Sandy Whittal, had all of the essentials including her portable curling iron and make-up (such a girlie girl). She couldn't carry her own canoe, nor her backpack for the most part but she had the necessities---let's just say it was an eye-opening experience for her!!! I believe I still have pictures of how she looked by the end of the trip and it wasn't a pretty picture! We all had a good laugh and it makes me smile just to remember how she whined and complained for what she thought would be 3 days of fun and relaxation!! I just might have to dust off those pictures...."

#### **ATTENTION! CLASS OF 1975**

Don't forget Lilly Kazzilly's this year on Friday, Oct. 31st anytime after 8:00 p.m. (once the little goblins have stopped trick-or-treating). We'll even award a prize for the best Hallowe'en costume. See you there!!

**Donald Ouimet, '48** writes: "Nice to hear from ACH. I still remember it well after 60 years. Have been retired for 22 years from Ont. Hydro and spending our winters in Florida. I did attend our 50th in Windsor and met a lot of the guys although a lot were missing or had passed away. Did have a chat with Father Armstrong while there. Keep smiling...Don

John Dugal, '40 writes: "Assumption Alumni Staff, I enjoy receiving the Alumni letters. Please be advised that the Christian education and retreats helped my wife and I through life even with many setbacks. I lost Germaine, my wife of 60 years on November 9, 2006. Please remember her in your prayers. We have four children, 2 boys and 2 girls, all in their fifties." **Ray Souliere, '49** says he looks forward to each issue. "Thanks for being there."

**Tom Liddy, '52** says that he enjoys the information and the memories. Thanks!

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT WE SEND OUT about 7000 NEWSLETTERS TO OUR ALUMNI?

We could better serve you if we had your email address so we can get you connected to our on line newsletter. Just **email us at <u>achalumni@gmail.com</u>** and we will do the rest!





Ron Binks '76, Greg Billey '75, Mike Duchene '76, John Parent '88

#### CAN YOU HELP ME FIND MY OLD FRIEND?

CONTACT US BY E-MAIL, PHONE OR IN WRITING AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU FIND CLASSMATES. OUR DATABASE CURRENTLY CONTAINS OVER 13,000 LISTINGS AND IS CONSTANTLY UPDATED. TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF OTHERS WE WILL ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY AND HELP YOU GET REACQUAINTED. **Maurice Drouillard, '50** writes: "Please continue to send me the newsletter. I read it with great interest from front to back page. You people are doing a great job and I thank you for it. God Bless.

**Bob Kefgen, '53** writes: "Please keep me on your mailing list as I read it cover to cover. I now live in South Carolina. I also attended the University and graduated in '58."

Roland Ouellette, '56 writes: "My name is (Deacon) Roland A Ouellette, class of '56. I probably held the record as #1 problem of my academic years. It's ironic how our teenage life affects adult decisions in so many ways. Fr Cullen's 'Board of Education' certainly was an influence for those of us who insisted we knew it all. Today, I would vote to have that teaching aide placed in the Hall of Fame. I wrote to Fr. Cullen some time ago to let him know how I was doing. Perhaps I should do a short update here. I married Judith Menard and after serving 6 years in the RCAF, I joined the Detroit Police Department. The job was available when we had discovered that I was a USA citizen by birthright. I was a police paramedic until I was injured and forced to retire. After several back surgeries, my family and I moved here to Three Rivers, Texas. We have lived here for over 37 years, during which time I earned my degree and was ordained a Permanent Deacon. It also took that long for me to understand the meanings of 'yonder' and ya'lls. Another friend prodded me into working with him to start a clothing and food store for the poor. What a gift it is to help those who can't help themselves because of illness or being unable to find their niche in society. After serious thought, something I didn't cultivate during high school, Live Oak Outreach was formed and we served hundreds of needy over the years. I am now retired again and hope to keep it that way until all the fish are caught in our hill country lakes. I should also note that my wife and I are proud to have our eldest son as a priest in Premont, Texas. This short biography pretty well sums up my accomplishments and lack of same. I appreciate the newsletter from good old ACH. When the mail comes in, I put all the good reading materials (bills) aside until I have digested each and every word on the Alumni. Thank you again. "

**Clem St. Louis, '50** writes: "Thanks a million for the on-line newsletter. Please keep me on your e-mail list. Can't tell you how much I love my old school and truly enjoy reading the letters sent in by Alumni. I am looking forward to our class' 60th in 2010 and will be trying to get the 'old boys' to do something special."

Jerome Lauzon, '51 writes: "I always look forward to receiving the newsletter. It's nice to hear about my old classmates, and what they've done with their lives. The spring newsletter was especially interesting to me because there was news of three of them. They were, George McMahon, sad news re Tommy Coughlin's passing, and that of Clarence Fitzgerald, (Fr. Fitz) whom I didn't know had become a priest. I once created a poster for him as a promotion for when he was running for Student Council President (?). It's good to hear that Father Cullen is well. l'once played hockey with the Raiders with my 'Riverside' friends, Bernard Campeau, and the exceptionally talented Corriveau brothers, Gerry, George, and Eddie. It was short lived, however, due to my having to work after school. Those were, truly, the 'good old days' and I look back very fondly at my years at Assumption College High school. Every night, in my prayers, I always include a special request to the Holy Spirit to teach me 'Goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge'... like the Basilian Priests at Assumption did ".

**Max J. Plante, '50** writes: "Congratulations on your Newsletter via email. It is certainly comfortable and easy to read and the colour (particularly the photos) is a nice feature. You are right up to speed along with my Alumni emails from the University of Notre Dame, Class 1954 P.S. I would very much appreciate continuing to receive the Newsletter."

**Ed Pugh, '62** writes: "I appreciate reading about how people are doing and the many memories, fond and otherwise of my years at Assumption. Thanks and Best Wishes."

**Norm Sutter, '57** writes: "I was a boarding student at Assumption 1953-1957. We moved to Traverse City in 1955 and I went to junior college there. In 1960 we moved to San Diego and have been here ever since. I finished college at San Diego State with a degree in business. Then got married, had 2 children and divorced after 24 years. I am semi-retired, but still working at my leather business and taking care of my rentals."



Larry Reaume '82, Joe McMahon '82, Ritchie Coughlin '81, Paul Kristalovich '83, Rob Sartor '82 and Dan Keane '82

Harold Hanson '54 writes: "I look forward to receiving the semi-annual Assumption Alumni Newsletter via the magic of electronics. I continue to be a visitor to Windsor at least once a year as my mother remains alive and fairly well at the age of 98. Bothers and sister reside in Windsor as well. It is always good to stay in touch with I had an opportunity to play family. golf with some of the guys from the class of '54 this past May. It was the annual Assumption alumni golf event held at Roseland GC. Interesting; as I believe our class had the greatest number of players. It was a great day and I am looking forward to next year. As a matter of fact, some of the guys are meeting in Florida this coming October to raise a little h--- along with a day or two of golf. Lou Rainone is hosting the event. I believe some of the attendees will be "Digger" Durocher, Bud Murphy, Dominic DePalma, myself and hopefully others. As for me, 1 am pretty much retired from my career in banking. Went into politics 8 years ago and got elected as a city councilperson for Bakersfield, Ca. the 11th largest city in California with a population of over 325,000. Keeps me busy. Life has been good. Thanks to God, my family of 4 children are well including my grandchildren. Have one grandson in Iraq which gives me some heartburn as he is in the action area. Good health to all. God bless everyone."

**Frank Matos, '68** retired from Chrysler Canada in May, 2006 after working for 34 years in the finance and treasury departments.

**Dan Tymchyshyn, '65** says, "I've just received Newsletter #85 and it is simply awesome !!! Yes, I would still like to be on the mailing list in order to receive the newsletter as it comes out throughout the year. Keep up the great work!!!"

Ken Stephens, '65 writes: "I retired from teaching at St. Anne High in Tecumseh in June 2005 following 16 years at Assumption. I returned to the Naval Reserve after being in the Supplementary Reserve for 24 years. After one year as Boats Officer and Divisional Officer for the Deck and Engineering Departments, I was appointed to the Command Team as Executive Officer (XO) of HMCS HUNTER, the Naval Reserve Division in Windsor ON. On the 14th of October (the day before my 60th birthday) I was retired back to the Supplementary Reserve since the compulsory retirement age of the Primary Reserve is 60. I am currently in the process of transferring to the Air Cadets to give them a hand."

**Cliff Reaume, '63** writes: "I can still clearly remember my 1st day; arrival at the front door in 1960... looked up , on the cement/brick wall & read those bold & meaningful words, "Teach me, Goodness, Discipline & Knowledge"... words that can guide us through a life-time. These same words today mean the same, are spelled the same, but, are much more difficult to follow in these constantly changing times we live in. Anyway, thanks for this opportunity to express a few fond memories."

CLASS OF **′** 7 8 Our 30th Anniversary of Graduation, this Nov. 1st. We are open to offers and suggestions for our celebration. See contact into on page 2.

**Ken McRae, '66** writes: "I find the newsletter both enlightening and sad at the same time. It's good to see people you remember from school doing great things and sad when you hear about some of them passing away. Keep up the good work."

**Rick Scebba, '79..**.alive & kicking in the north Okanagan...married to the lovely Sue Miller in 1997...4 fabulous kids...1 incredible restaurant...Catholic school survivor.

**Paul Murray, '71** writes: "I have enjoyed keeping up to date with the school via the newsletter for years. Congratulations and thanks to all the volunteer efforts that go into carrying on this great tradition."

**Lt. Col Ret John Leperance**, '68 writes: "I retired from the Army in 2005. Since then I have been working on several different things: for Dept of Foreign Affairs helping to stand up the African Standby Force a structure to create a sustainable capabilty within Africa (supported by Canada, the EU, the US and others) to carry out peace support operations within the continent (for example Darfur). This has involved many meetings throughout Africa for PAE-(part of Lockheed Martin). PAE is a government services contractor. I helped to prepare contract proposal submissions to manage the N.A.T.O. Base in Kandahar, and lately a submission to build the airfield infrastructure in Kabul. I am married to my wife of 32 years, Brenda, and have three childrentwo daughters (26 and 23) and a son



Anthony Mariotti, Dave Paron, Al Gatti all 1955 Grads and Stu Millinoff '53: regulars at the Annual Golf Tournament

who is 15. When not doing 'consultant work', I am a 'gentleman farmer' on a farm in Harrowsmith, north of Kingston. I am also a member of the Knights of Columbus at St Patrick's Parish (Railton)".



Dr. Norbert Thibert '42 and his three daughters, Colette '76, Josette '79 and Yvette '81

**Joe Russo, '74** writes: "I have been receiving the Newsletter for 34 yrs now and enjoy the photos and stories. Thanks!"

**Cathy Manherz, '77**, loves receiving the newsletters and would like to continue receiving them. She owns a Primerica Financial Services Office in London, Ontario. Life is great!

Marilyn Bentley, former staff, writes: "Just received my Alumni Newsletter today and wanted to thank you for all the attention you've given to all the 'veterans' of St. Mary's. I enjoyed reading other items too and remembering names and faces. Those were the days!"

**Mike Assef, '74** is working at Chrysler as a truck driver and hopes to retire in about 8 years. Says Mike, "Can't wait! My wife Cathy and I will be celebrating our 25th this September. Wow, I'm feeling old. Active in Scouting for the last 20 years and currently as one of the team that takes care of Camp Cedarwin on Cedar Creek. I'm also big into 4 wheeling with the London Jeep Club as a trail leader.

Take care and keep up the great work on the newsletter. I love hearing about all our former classmates."

**Gerry Cooper, '73,** updates us: Gerry Cooper EdD Manager, Northern Ontario Area, Provincial Services, Policy, Education and Health Promotion Division, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Sudbury, ON.

Ada (Pallisco) Jones, '75 updates us: "I have been married 25 years to Doug Jones (Amherst '75) and we have 2 children, Cristina (22) and Mike (19). I have been a Special Education teacher for 27 years and currently I am a Special Education Consultant for the Greater Essex County District School Board." **Rosanne (Bornais) Dolan, '75** writes: "My 50<sup>th</sup> birthday present to myself was an early retirement from a career of 28 and a half years of teaching. I have been married 27 years (Aug. 2008) to David Dolan, principal of Holy Trinity High School in Courtice, Ontario. I am enjoying retirement with painting pictures and riding my horse."

**John Connor, '78-'81** writes: "I attended Assumption College High School from 1978 to 1981 for Grades 9 thru 11. I was a Border living in residence with Fr. Malo, Fr. Finke and Fr. Delaney.

I returned to Winnipeg for Grade 12 and graduated from St. Paul's High School. I attended the University of Manitoba and received a BSc in Civil Eng in 1991. I joined Chevron in 1991 and have been with them ever since working in Western Canada, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, West Africa and the Gulf of Mexico. I am currently a Deepwater Drilling Supt. working in Houston. I am married (1988) to Tiami Connor (Burnell) and have 3 sons (Donald 17, Thomas 12 and Michael 8)."

**Anne (Halloran) Cunha, '78** always enjoys reading about everyone. "Thank you!"

#### **CLASS OF 2003**

5 Years! Can you believe it?! Come hear what your classmates are up to this November 1st. Let us know of any address changes. Helpers are needed to contact your class. Call 519 256-7801 ext. 299

#### C H A T T E R



Some of the '75 Grads revisit '68 Tigers World Series Champs Tuesday, June 24, 2008 @ Comerica Park Top: Art Magri, Denis Dadalt, Sal Cimino & Dan Bornais Bottom: Dale Ziter, Paul Loebach & Mario Tramontozzi Left early: Alfons Bauer

Sonia (Buratto) Spriggs, '78 writes: "I always enjoy reading the Assumption Newsletter and thank you for your continued efforts....What have I been up to lately?..well, I just celebrated 25 years of service with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Windsor Probation and Parole Office and still continue to enjoy my work...I bump into some of mý fellow classmates now and then at the Police Station (by the way, they are Officers!) My husband John and I will be celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary this September 3, 2008 along with my sister Louann '75 and her husband Gary (October 29, 2008)...I have an 18 year old son Steve, who now attends the University of Windsor and keeps us very busy. We forget what 18 was like!!!! I have also enjoyed a friendship developed in grade 9´at Assumption with Carrie Vitale, my best friend, who currently resides in St. Petersburg, Florida.' Let me tell you, distance has not impeded our 'friendship....we "chat" daily on-line, we talk at least weekly on the telephone and when we get together, it seems like we were never apart...Thank you Assumption High!! Regards to all."

**Robin (Slattery) McNeill, '74** writes: "Life has been pretty constant here in Ohio for me for the last 20 years or so. I am a paralegal with a mid-size law firm here in town where I have spent almost my entire working career. My two kids are raised and on their own now, and life looks pretty good. I am actually contemplating moving back to Ontario within the next year or so, and would certainly welcome an opportunity to connect with any classmates who are still in the area." **Tracie Howson (Yascheshyn), '87** says,

"I love receiving the alumni newsletter,

it brightens my day!" Clarise (Cimer) Chauvin, '81 writes: "I appreciate your hard

work and great intentions. Well done." Scott Sylvestre, '87 is very thankful that the newsletter is now 'GREEN'.

Lydia (Sassine) Ardovini, '85 writes: "I am married to my wonderful husband, Tony Ardovini and we have been blessed with three amazing children! I am a teacher with the

Greater Essex County District School Board. I would love to continue to receive the newsletter and I thank you for all your hard work and dedication. Once again, thank you for all the effort you put forth to keep our special memories alive. God Bless!"

Luigi Albano, B.Sc., D.C., '86 - Dr. Albano graduated from Cleveland Chiropractic College in Kansas City, Missouri, in May 2000. He then practiced as an associate in Michigan for two years, returning to Windsor in 2002. He is a member of the Canadian Chiropractic Association, Ontario Chiropractic Association, and the Essex Chiropractic Society. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry from the University of Windsor. Dr. Albano regularly donates his time and services to IRIS House in Windsor, a non-profit charity providing residence for people who suffer from persistent serious mental illnesses. He also volunteers his services to the Dragon Boat Festival in support of breast cancer research. Dr. Albano is an avid football fan and works with the Holy Names Fighting Knights senior high school football team.

**Dave Deslippe, '83** says, "The newsletters are great. It brings back many memories. Please continue to send them to me."

**Chet Wydrzynski, '95** says, "I'm living in Toronto now with my wife, Stephanie, and 2 children. I'm working as a lawyer in insurance and personal injury litigation". **Christine (Blonde) Donaldson, '85** writes: "I was married at 22 yrs old and went to University to get my degree. We decided to start a family and I have a daughter 14 years and a son 12 years old. I stayed home with my children for 12 years and then decided to go back to school to get my Bachelor of Education. I am currently an occasional teacher for the Catholic board. I love the variety and flexibility of my position. My husband and I will be celebrating 19 yrs of marriage this year."

**Matt Rau, '91** writes: "With respect to the Alumni news ....l want to say THANK YOU!!! for all your hard work, devotion and dedication".

**Paul Kristalovich, '83** writes: "Hello everyone, the Father Sheedy's golf tournament was a successful day for all who attended. It was a blast to be golfing with Larry Reaume, Dan Keane & Joe McMahon. This was like old times without having a big hangover the next day. Jack, I swear you have not aged at all. My nose could tell that you were in close proximity with those so sweet smelling cigars- Ha, Ha. Lois, it was also good to see you again. Can't wait for next year's tournament, plus if you could, please send me copies of the pictures you took of our foursome. God Bless."

Editors Note: Paul, have a look at our website at achalumni.ca for the pics.



Laurie Browning, Carole Dywelska, Lucile Caron, Sherri Smith

Leanne Baker, '98 is currently a PhD student in Aquatic Ecology/Toxicology at the Canadian Rivers Institute of the University of New Brunswick Saint John Campus. Her research focuses on the effects and interactions of pesticides and fertilizers on wetland ecosystems. "I completed my Master of Science Degree in Biology at the University of Windsor in 2007, where I conducted studies on reclaimed wetlands in the Oil Sands area of Northern Alberta."



#### CLIFFORD, Ed (Edwin James) '39



passed away on April 11, 2008 at 86 years of age. Loving husband of over 57 years to his wife Eileen (nee Eagle), the love of his life. Loving father of Sheila Wilkinson (Walter), Sandra Potentier (Michael Schell), Kathleen Clifford, Heather Clifford-Schneider (Mark), Debbie Primeau (Michael), Pam Basil, Brenda Mackie (Robert), Wendy Clifford, Lori Clifford (Agnes), Connie Levasseur (Mark). Treasured Grandfather of 15 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Loved brotherin-law of Sister Elizabeth Therese. Ed retired from teaching after 42 years in the Education System. Ed taught at Assumption High School from 1945-1951, Essex District High School and Riverside High School. He ended his career as Head of Guidance at F.J. Brennan High School in 1975. Ed was an Alumnus of the University of Windsor. He was a founding member and on the Board of Directors with Habitat for Humanity. He was honoured with the President's Award for outstanding loyalty and commitment. Ed was a proud longtime member of the Barbershop Chapter of Windsor. Ed with his wife Eileen, were jointly passionate to the Essex Area Food Bank and the community. As we honour his life, Ed's spirit will continue to live in our hearts through his wife and daughters. He was a great teacher and mentor to many.

#### COHAN, Dr. George M. '48,

died Saturday, April 19, 2008. He was born on November 28, 1929 in Dr. Cohan retired from a Detroit. private dental practice in Roseville. A Korean War U.S. Marine Corps veteran, he graduated from University of Detroit Dental School. He was a member of Michigan Dental Association, Macomb County Dental Association, Knights of Columbus St. Paul Council, and Fraternal Order of Eagles St. Clair Shores. Dr. Cohan is survived by his children, Kathleen Cohan (Ken Burrell), George Jr. (Jayne), Kevin, Colleen, Sean (Michelle), and Kelley (Robert) Denk; former wife Joan Tourangeau Cohan; grandchildren Caitlin, Jennifer, Brian, Tom, Michael, Devin, Jesse, Jason, Patrick, Amber, Andrew, and Ethan; great-grandson Iko; siblings William D. (Mary) and Barbara Schowalter; and several nieces and nephews. The funeral mass was held at St. Philomena Church, Detroit, on April 23, 2008.

#### BROUGHTON, James S. '52,



passed away on June 22, 2008. Beloved husband of Donna. Loving father of Mary (Scott) Joseph, Michael (Sarah) and Paul (Jacquelyn). Also survived by his grandchildren Emily, Anna Grace and Cara; his brother David (Bernadette) and his sisters Margaret (John) McGrath and Rosemary Broughton. Jim will be remembered fondly by his family and friends.



WHELAN, Peter '64 Translator, Federal Government, Died peacefully in hospital on Wednesday, December 26, 2007 aged 59 years. Beloved husband of Mary (nee Pittman). Loving son of Jack and the late Catherine Whelan and dear son-in-law of Alphonsus and Winnifred Pittman of St. John's, Nfld. Cherished brother of Cathy Kerr (Bryan), Anne Whelan and the late Paul Whelan (Mary Katherine) all of Toronto. Peter will be fondly remembered by his family, many friends and colleagues. He was a man who enjoyed many facets of life, his work, travel, hunting and was a long time member of the Kanata Symphony Orchestra and Holy Redeemer Knights of Columbus Council 9544.





#### REYNOLDS, John G. "Bud" '42,

passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side on March 4, 2008 after a brief illness at 84 years of age. Beloved husband of 55 years to Julie "Sis" (nee Reaume). Cherished father of Robert & wife Mary, Charles & wife Gwen and Brian & wife Cathy. Predeceased by his loving daughter Martha. Treasured Papa of Erin, Meghan, Alissa, Shannah and Nicholas. Predeceased by his parents Edmund and Julia Reynolds. Loving brother of Ted & the late Helen, Margaret & the late Greg O'Neil, Judy & the late Gerry Rau, William & Sheila, and Rosemary Hall. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Bud retired from the American Broadcasting Company in Detroit, MI, after 33 years of service as the comptroller. He served in the RCAF during WWII as a flight navigator. Proud and devoted member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church for over 50 years. He was a member of the Windsor Goodfellows, the Air Force Association, RCL Branch #594, the M.S. Society, the Accounting Society and the Southfield Lions Club. Bud was a loving husband, a great father and an even better grandfather. He was an avid golfer and a diehard Lions Fan. Bud will be terribly missed for his kind and loving nature and wonderful sense of humour.

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#### **O B I T U A R I E S**

MILLER, Jack K. "Red", Class of 1951, died on May 19th, 2007 in The Villages, Florida. He was married to Carol (Rozic) for 52 years and had 4 children; Jack, Mark, Cheryl Mitchell from Michigan and David in Portland, Oregon. He is also survived by 10 He was a Navy grandchildren. Veteran of the Korean Conflicts. He was employed by Ford Motor Co, Alis Chalmers, Clark Equipment, Baker Perkins and APV Crepaco in several managerial positions in 7 states. In the three years he lived in Florida, he made many friends and his smile and humour is missed by all.



#### EASTLAKE, Larry '58,

passed away June 4, 2008. Husband of Margret (Reid) for 46 years. Father of Christine Eastlake, Moya Darling (Larry), Phyllis Eastlake, Eric & wife Tina. Proud Grandpa of Adrianne, Neil, Colin, Cameron, Zach, Mollie, Chloe, Caitlin, Caleb and the late Mitchell (2000). Larry was the son of Bill (1995) & Fidelis (1983) Eastlake. He leaves 3 sisters Pat Brideau (Paul), Sandy Major (Ken) and his 'Baby Sister' Audrey LaBute (Paul). He was the brother-in-law of Moya & Wayne Mantha, Mick & Lynne Reid, and Elaine Reid. Many nieces & nephews from the Eastlake & Reid families will remember him fondly. He was a proud member of the Windsor Police Service from 1965 to 1995 and enjoyed his 13 years of retirement. Larry the Cop will be missed by his early morning coffee friends at Timmie's (Tim Horton's) at Walker & Ypres and afternoons at Jerry & Jenny's. He was a proud & grateful participant in the Pulmonary Rehab Program at I.O.D.E. Campus of Windsor Western Hospital.

PASLAWSKY, Michael Edward, Class of 1975,



passed away on May 17, 2008 at the age of 51 years with his family by his side. Mike will be lovingly remembered by his wife Elly Paslawsky (Klemens), daughter Katie and son Steven, his parents, Dr. Edward and Mrs. Ann Paslawsky of Leamington, Ontario and a sister Lori Paslawsky of Toronto, Ontario. Mike will also be sadly missed by his brother-in-law John Klemens (Bonnie) and their children, Megan, Jordyn and Christopher, his sister-in-law Lori (George) Stasko and their children, Shawn and Ashley, and brother-in-law Gary Klemens (Cheryl) and their children, Joel and Brayden, as well as numerous other relatives and dear friends. Mike graduated from Assumption College High, also Sault St. Marie Aviation College. Mike was a former pilot with the Canadian Armed Forces, serving two peacekeeping tours in the Middle East. He received his Wings on Tudor Jet, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. He finished his career as a pilot with Transport Canada and Nav Canada.

## CLASS OF '93

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The Assumption Alumni Association thanks Debbie Draganits '87 for her inspiring address to the 2008 graduating člass. "I am able because I think I am able."



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Sport	Most Valuable Player	Most Dependable Player	Most Improved Player	Other		
Cross Country	John Paul Malette Gabrielle Malette Brennan Penrose MVP Offence	Dominic Pizzolitto Ava Droski	Danzell Jackson Andrea Docherty			
Jr Football				Ryan O'Neill Lineman of the Year		
Sr Football	Rob Tazzman MVP Defence Nick Baldassi MVP Offence Jesse Marcoux	Scott Kelly	Jake Allen	Dylan Reynolds		
Jr Boys Volleyball	MVP Defence R.J. Garant	Stavro Zura	Alexander Presello			
Sr Boys Volleyball	Shane Fryer	David Merritt	Aaron Evans			
Jr Girls Basketball	Natasha Nehmetallah		Katy Kobersi	Lisa Ternosky		
Sr Girls Basketball	Missy Sauro	Ashley Ripley	Abigail Dellosa	Best Defensive Player		
Swimming	Will Goudreau Gabrielle Malette	Keely Murdock	Alexander Presello			
Badminton	Kasia Frak Mariam Hamadani	Angus Lo Adrian Maciejewski	Jasmine Toufeili Katie Zajner			
Jr Girls Volleyball Jr. Boys Basketball	Mariam Hamadani R.J. Garant	Teneice Roberts Dallas Boow MVP Defence	Emily Harvie	Jake McAuly		
Sr Boys Basketball	Marquez Harris	MVF Defence	Mac Paulidor	Most Consistent Player		
Slo-Pitch	Lisa Ternosky	Kathryn Lauer	Randi Hood-Mills			
Baseball	Will Goudreau Cameron Goddard			Dallas Boow Rookie of the Year		
Wrestling	Melissa Taveirne	Mike Martinello	Alicia Trepanier	KOOKIE OI LITE TEAT		
Soccer (Girls)	Ryan O'Neill Missy Sauro	Holly Burkoski	Cory Cornish Jenna Bontorin			
Soccer (Boys) Junior Track & Field	Nolan Bernard Gabrielle Malette Dominic Pizzolitto	Matthew Gallant Julia Kulesza Reid Mitchell	Taylor Dagenais Zainab Ikpong Terry Scott			
Senior Track & Field Ultimate	John Paul Malette Will Goudreau Offensive MVP Chris Richards Defensive MVP	Mike Martinello	Spencer Kelly	Keely Murdock Girls Ultimate MVP		
MAJOR AWARD WINNERS						
Fr. Sheedy Award	Female Student-Athlete of	The Year	Melissa Sauro			
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St. Mary's Academy Award Fr. Cullen Award			Melissa Taveirne John Paul Malette			
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Fr. V. Pare Award			Dominic Pizzolitto Will Goudreau			

#### ASSUMPTION COLLEGE HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE

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#### S C H O O L N E W S

**The Senior Boys' Volleyball** team's season started out with high hopes for a successful playoffs return. With returning players such as middle hitter Shane Fryer (WECSSAA MVP), setter Kyle Peladeau, right side hitter Talal Hamadani (2nd team all star), left side hitter Will Goudreau, left side hitter Marquez Harris and left side hitter Justin Willson, the team was competitive. Through the season the boys maintained a position in the top four of the WECSSA AA league. Notable highlights include nearly beating provincially seeded Toronto St. Michael's at the All Catholic Tournament, and beating General Amherst in the SWOSSAA semi-final. Ms. Boyd and Mrs. Hackett would like to congratulate all players. Good luck to the graduating players in their future volleyball careers.



Junior Boys' Basketball The Jr Boys' Basketball had an outstanding year. With a great balance of veteran players sprinkled in with some eager newcomers the guys got off to a great start and went undefeated for the first part of the season (up to Christmas). After Christmas they continued their winning ways and by exam time they were in first place with an 8 win and 0 loss record. During this time they also participated in the Brennan tournament against AAA and AAAA teams. They captured the bronze medal only losing to Holy Names by 6 points (Holy Names went on to win the SWOSSA AAA championship). After exams the Jr. Raiders hit a little bump in the road, losing to Kingsville but they closed out the regular season with a 10 win and 1 loss record and easily captured first place. In their guarter-final playoff game they barely defeated a pesky Cardinal Carter Team. They then easily defeated Lajeunesse in the semi-finals. This put them up against their neighbouring rivals (Forster). In an exciting WECSSA championship game the Jr Raiders defeated Forster 48-38 and brought home the gold medals. In their final game, the Jr Raiders had to travel to Sarnia to take on an extremely tough St. Christopher's team, who had not lost a game in two years. The Jr. Raiders gave this team all they could handle and only trailed by 6 points early in the 4th quarter, but they eventually fell to this very talented team. Overall, the Jr. Boys' Basketball team had a fantastic 16 win and 3 loss season.

**The Junior Girls' Volleyball** team had a successful season placing 7th overall in the WECCSA AA volleyball league this year. With 19 players on the girls' team this year, the girls improved every game they played. Although the girls loved playing and practicing volleyball, the season ended after the first round of playoffs, when the girls were defeated by the Kingsville Cavaliers. Ms. Boyd and Mrs. Hackett would like to congratulate all players for their hard work and dedication this year. Good luck to the grade 10 students who will be moving up to senior ball next year.



Nancy Marlen Martinez, Au Quoc Bui Science Fair Winners 2008

Science Fair: 4 finalists were chosen from our local Windsor Regional Science, Technology and Engineering Fair to compete at the Canada Wide Science Fair (CWSF) which is held in a different place each year. The 2008 fair was held in Ottawa, Ontario (http://www.cwsf2008.ca/). At the CWSF, they competed against more than 400 finalists chosen from more than 20,000 students who participated in 107 regional fairs across the country. At the CWSF they have the chance to win a medal (which comes with a cash prize up to \$1500) and many different special awards (cash, research trips, scholarships). More than \$900,000 in cash, scholarships and trips is available to be won at the CWSF. The top winner of the fair will get at least \$16,500 in cash and more than \$20,000 in scholarships. The finalists and their awards : Nancy Marlen Martinez, Grade 12, Assumption, "Effects of Heavy Metals on Dugesia tigrina" - Honourable Mention, Earth & Environmental Science, \$100 cash, Ai Quoc Bui, Grade 12, Assumption, "Dying for a Sleep" - Silver Medal, Automotive, \$700 cash & certificate (includes scholarships University of Ottawa, \$3000, University of Western \$1500, University of British Columbia \$2000, Dalhousie University \$2000)-Manning Innovation Achievement Award Outstanding senior innovation projects selected on the basis of ingenuity, originality, development and potential benefits. Eight projects each receive a \$500 cash award. Ai Quoc was also selected as one of the \$4000 winners of the Manning Innovation Achievement Award - Ai Quoc won a total of \$5200 cash at the CWSF. A complete list of Canada Wide Science Fair winners will be available at www.ysf.ca.

#### S C H O O L N E W S



Mr. Chevalier, Danzell Jackson, Emeka Okwuokenye, Julie Huang, Alexandra Zygowska, Ryan Chan, Angus Lo, Serxho Selmani, Alex Tesolin and Mr. Bacic

ACS MATHLETES EXCEL - Results from February's University of Waterloo Math Contests were recently received. Once again Raider students proved themselves amongst the best in the province and across Canada. Approximately 65000 students from over 1300 schools across Canada participated in these contests. There were 15 ACS students who scored in the upper 25% of ALL students in Canada. In the GRADE 9 PASCAL Contest the following students scored in the upper 25% across Canada: Katrina Passador, Emeka Okwuokenye, Alexandra Zygowska and Alex Tesolin. Katrina had an outstanding performance as she also scored in the top 4% of over 11000 students in Ontario and was 14th among almost 500 students from the S. W. Ontario zone. In the GRADE 10 CAYLEY Contest the following students scored in the upper 25% across Canada: Aleksandra Cendecki, Jean Xu, Julie Huang, Ryan Chan, Angus Lo, Julia Kulesza, Erich Ofner, Tarina Chandak, Nils Lau, Jasmine Toufeili,



Junior Boys' WECSSA Player of the year as voted by the Referees Association. RJ Garant is the first Assumption player to ever win this award.

Serxho Selmani. Aleksandra had an outstanding performance as she scored in the top 2% from over 9000 students in Ontario. She was 13th out of over 300 students in the S.W. Ontario zone. In the GRADE 11 FERMAT Contest, Danzell Jackson received a medal of distinction as the top Grade 11 at ACS, as he just barely missed being in the top 25% in Canada.

The Windsor-Essex Catholic Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association is pleased to announce the <u>Kit Lacasse Award Recipient for high schools in</u> <u>2008</u> to Willy Tucker - Assumption High School. The Kit Lacasse Memorial Award was established in memory of Mr. Lucien (Kit) Lacasse, a former trustee, and awarded annually to exemplary graduating students with special needs, who have demonstrated strength to overcome their challenges. Each recipient will receive a bursary of \$50.00 plus a plaque presented by the school principal at the student's graduation ceremony, on behalf of the Windsor-Essex Catholic Principals' and Vice-Principals Association.

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