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"WILL THE GREEN MACHINE ROLL OVER EVERYONE?"

So all this "Going Green" is great and all, but where's my paper copy of the newsletter? Right here of course. The staff of the Assumption Alumni Newsletter wants all Alumni to receive the newsletter in the format of their choice. To be environmentally friendly but not friendly to our audience is, in a single word "crazy". If you want a paper copy, you must do two things. Contact us with your current information asking for electronic or paper copy and promise to recycle the paper when you're done with it. Well okay, you don't have to recycle it but it would be nice if you did.

Any time you make changes there are bound to be a few glitches. Here are a few examples of what we expect may happen and what to do about it.

An alumnus/a is receiving the newsletter electronically but wants a

paper copy or vice versa. Just contact us and we'll make the switch to your choice for the next edition.

You hear from someone who has stopped receiving the newsletter all together. They may even say that we cut them off intentionally. Could we be so cruel? Please don't take it personally. Have them contact us and we'll be glad to put things right and get them reconnected.

It would get pretty dull to keep droning on about how to get the newsletter in whatever format you desire. Needless to say that they are all answered by contacting us. Please pick the format that suits you best.

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While we're discussing change, check out the new format for the Annual Reunion. We feel it will bring more fun for everyone. See Pg. 2.



Trivia Anyone?
Where was this famous lot located?

Father Sheedy Memorial Golf Tournament

On Saturday, May 30, 2009, Assumption Alumni came from all over, Michigan, British Columbia, California, Texas and Florida, to swing the clubs at Roseland Golf Club for



28th Annual Fr. Sheedy Golf Tournament Winners!
Brad Fahringer '85, Frank Iatonna '75, Steve Norton '77 and
Joe Ivan '76
(You might notice that this is the same picture as 2005,
thanks to a computer meltdown at our end)

the 28th annual alumni golf tournament. The weather was perfect for once (Thank you Fathers Sheedy and Armstrong). The perennial powerhouse foursome of Joe Ivan, Frank Iatonna, Steve Norton, and Brad Fahringer, regained their title as champions. Laurie Browning, Lucile Caron, and Carol Dywelska also recaptured their title as highest scoring team, or most honest. Fahringer's drive of 312 yards on hole #18 won the Norb Rammler Longest Drive Award. Closest to the pin on hole #13 was Tim Springstead, while the farthest from the pin was Gary Ulicny. The last award, the Fr. Armstrong "Sparky" Spirit Award, was presented to the class of '54, led by Digger Durocher, Lido Sandre, Joe Matz, Marty Kubanek, Nish Mascarin, Bud Murphy, Willy Ulicny, and Louie Rainone. These guys travel long distances each year to attend. Amazing and inspiring. Congratulations!! The 50/50 draw was won by Louie Rainone. The balance was donated to the Goodfellows in honour of Fr. Armstrong's Mission Drive. It was very nice to see the Tom Mailloux clan, with Jeff, Todd and Jim golfing with their father. The tournament committee has decided not to conflict or compete with other tournaments, therefore, it will continue to be held on the last Saturday of May. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 29, 2010 for the 29th Fr. Sheedy Memorial Golf Tournament. See you next year. Purple and white, Assumption colours flying....

Alumni Homecoming Saturday, November 7th, 2009

All former students, friends of Assumption, their wives, husbands, etc., are invited to this gala evening. Mass at 7:00 p.m. in our very own chapel, then enjoy a cool cocktail in the Armstrong Gym along with incredibly delicious hors d'oeuvres/appetizers prepared by the students of the culinary Arts Department (led by Chef Diane Nehmetallah) who specialize in 'high skills' area. The appetizers are going to be a reflection of the multicultural diversity at Assumption. Connect with your classmates, other alumni and former staff members. Class pictures begin at 8:30 p.m. with the classes of 1944 and 1949. So far, the class of 1984 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 or email us at achalumni@gmail.com, Attn: Lil Dumouchelle.

So far, the following have generously volunteered to be a class contact for the following Grad Years:

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|------|--|--------------------------------|--|
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Lido Sandre | 1-519-542-3187
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Louann White
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| 1989 | PLEASE VOLUNTEER | | |
| 1994 | PLEASE VOLUNTEER | | |
| 1999 | PLEASE VOLUNTEER! YOUR TIME CAPSULE WILL BE OPENED.
COME AND SEE WHAT'S IN IT!! | | |

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. 7th, 2009!!

REUNION SCHEDULE

**7:00 P.M.
HOLY MASS**

(in school CHAPEL)
This will fulfill your Sunday obligation

We invite all Priests in Attendance to Concelebrate

7:45 p.m.
Cocktails in Armstrong Gym & featuring International Appetizers

8:30 p.m.
Class Pictures in Armstrong Gym
(Starting with classes of '44 & '49)

7:45 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.
Good Fellowship in Armstrong Gym

Cover Charge \$10.00 at the door

Attention Class of '84: This year marks your 25 year reunion.
Details are found on Classmates.com as well as a Facebook group called Class of 84 - 25 year reunion.
For more information, contact Susan McCrindle at susan.mccrindle@gmail.com.

Thank you to Alumni

On behalf of the Windsor Goodfellow Club we sincerely appreciate your monetary donation in the memory of Fr. Charles Armstrong. All donations go to help the underprivileged families and children of our community and the surrounding area.

God Bless,
Windsor Goodfellows Club

THANK YOU TO OUR PROOF READERS:
Pauline Kenney, Denis Malette, Brian Hogan and Mike Duchene

Our hard working President, Hunt Hool interviewed three Assumption Grads who all happen to be very successful in Windsor/ Essex County. Our thanks go to Mike, Ken and Steven for taking the time to share their unique perspectives with all Alumni. Look for more interviews in future issues.



Mike "Max" Girard '69

Q - First question asked had to be, "How did you get the nickname 'Max'?"

A - Denis Smith gave it to me. Back in our football playing days at Assumption, Bart Starr was the quarterback of the (Green Bay) Packers and Max Magee was his receiver. That's how I got it.

Q - Tell us about your Assumption days.

A - I grew up in a tough area, Campbell and Tecumseh Rd. When I went to Assumption, sports were very instrumental for me not to mention discipline, team work, and of course the education. I played baseball for Fr. Cullen and Reno Bertoia. I played basketball for Jack Hool, and football for Jack and Denis Deschamps. I learned many lessons and made many lasting friendships.

Q - How did you get started in the working world?

A - After graduating from grade 12, I had planned to return to Assumption for grade 13, but I started working as a delivery boy at the Leamington Dental Lab. I took night courses at the University of Detroit, and in 1975 I went to George Brown College where I became a Registered Dental Technologist.

Later that same year, I became the manager at the Leamington Dental Lab which later changed its name to the Tri County Dental Lab.

In 1995, I bought the lab from the Shaw Group in Toronto and I changed the name to the Quantum Dental Lab. In 1997, I worked on the side at the University of Michigan on a new scanning technology from a company named Nobel Biocare from Sweden. I joined this company, and became the general manager of marketing in North America which had tremendous growth to the tune of 30 million dollars within five years. In 2000, I moved to California as Vice-President of Marketing for Nobel.

In 2004, I left Nobel and started a new company called Brontes Technologies in Boston with two Harvard graduates. In 2006, this company was sold to 3M for \$100 million. I stayed with 3M for a couple years and in 2008 started Diadem Digital Solutions in Windsor and Troy, MI. (WWW.DIADEM-IDS.COM).

Q - What about family?

A - I live on Boblo Island with my wife, Tina. We have four children and three grandchildren. My two daughters, Stephanie and Jennifer, are both Assumption grads.

Q - What else do you wish to say?

A - Assumption provided me with discipline, the ability to play sports, leadership and friendships. I came from a rough neighbourhood and Assumption kept me on the straight and narrow path. The friends I made at school helped me formulate a path in life, like apples in a basket. People like Denis Smith, John Trinca, Vince Giannotti, and Rudy Heiser, just to name a few.



KEN KNAPP '69

Q - Tell me about your days at Assumption.

A - The discipline was tough. It was good, it didn't hurt me any. It wakes you up. I was in 9-5, 10-2, 11-1, 12-1 as homerooms. Used to drink at Mike's Holiday with (Greg) Horoky. I didn't play any sports. I was in classes with Denis Smith. (Ken calls "Smitty" and tells him about this interview.)

I grew up in McGregor on a farm and hitchhiked to school and back everyday for three years. In grade 12, I finally had a car. I liked Assumption. Denis has good memories of Assumption too. He remembers all kinds of stuff and reminds me of things.

Discipline is a good thing. The education was good. I learned how to deal with people, read people and teachers, the whole shoot'n match. Part of my job here is reading people. You have to read them fast. I was never accused of being too quiet at school.

My older brother went to Assumption for only one year. He worked for Ford. I went because it was a better school than Essex and had to pay tuition.

Fr. John Sullivan had an influence on me. He was a pretty good guy, an open guy. He had common sense and was a smart guy, and taught me how to use common sense. He's a down to earth guy.

Another guy, Alex McGravney, an English literature teacher, was best friends with Rod Serling, creator and writer for the Twilight Zone. He taught you to look at things from a different perspective. To look outside of the "box." Tough to do.

Q - How did you get started in the car business?

A - In 1970, I started working for Ford, plant 2, as a quality control supervisor. In 1973, I didn't get along with the superintendent. I stopped production because of inferior quality and this superintendent advised me not to stop the production, just to pass everything through. I decided to call Ford Headquarters about the inferior product. I spoke to Henry Ford II himself for about a half an hour. The next night I went back to work on midnights and they fired me. Two weeks later they hired me back, not because of the union, but because I hadn't done anything wrong. Regardless, I quit two weeks later as I wanted a more challenging job.

My father also worked at Ford and he sold cars separately at a lot on Drouillard Road. While I was working at Ford, I opened up my own auto-wrecking yard in McGregor, but I didn't have a business plan or the proper licensing and was forced to close down. After that, I acquired the finances to start buying and selling homes. I'd buy one at a time, fix it up, and then sell it making a profit of a few grand each time. I continued to do this until I had \$20 - \$30 grand.

I was always interested in cars. My father had a used car lot, so I got into that too, and in 1976 I bought my father out. I moved my lot to Tecumseh Rd and Parent, and stayed there til '84 when I sold the property to the Caboto Club where it remains to this day.

In 1981, I was accepted to open a dealership with GM in Simcoe but I decided not to go there, burning my bridge with GM. Later in '81, the Essex farmers went bankrupt. There was no dealer and I was asked to take this store. It was located in town (Essex) and I eventually moved to my present location of Ken Knapp Ford in 1983.

Q - Any last words of wisdom?

A - Use common sense. Customers are not always right. But they are always the customer, and they deserve respect, dignity, and never public humiliation.



Steven Reaume '69

Q – Tell us about your days at Assumption.

A – It's a great school and I liked it there. It was a good choice as far as I'm concerned. My family is Catholic and my father, Donald '45, went to Assumption. My brother, Rick is five years behind me. At that age I didn't make my own choice for school. It was assumed that I would

go there. I would get a ride to school and then hitch-hike home everyday to LaSalle. I really remember freezing while waiting to hitch a ride. That's my only bad memory of my Assumption days.

I have good memories of Assumption. I have gone to some class reunions, like the 25th. Some classes seem closer - like my brother's class, which could possibly be because girls came to the school. I remember you couldn't help but being called "Sparky" by Fr. Armstrong. Ken Knapp was in my class. In previous years, the family golfed in the annual golf tournament. Now and then, I run into some other alumnus in different places. Some remember me from school, or because of the car business and the advertising.

I credit meeting my wife to my Assumption days. That was the best part. I would walk past Forster (on Felix Av.) to Mill St. then to Sandwich to hitch-hike home after school. She was a student at Forster and that's how I met her. We have four children and seven grandchildren, with another on the way.

Q - How did you get started in the car business?

A - My great grandfather started selling Chevrolet's in 1931. My grandfather and his brother-in-law took over the business. Then my father got into it and after that, my brother-in-law and I bought into the business.

The business always intrigued me. After Assumption, I went to St. Clair College for business administration. After graduation, I went to my father about joining the business and he advised me to go get some experience first. So I worked at The Windsor Star for five years in advertising and actually, that was very good experience for me. It taught me how to deal with customers which was perfect for customer relations at the dealership. That was great advice my father gave me. Finally in 1977, I started with the business in the sales department. Originally, we tried to sell 100 cars in a year. Now, we try to sell 100 cars a month. As you know, times are difficult for staff and families. We've lost Buick, Pontiac and Oldsmobile. Now we're just Chevrolet. GM is scheduled to make an announcement.

It's been a good ride though. I'm not looking to retire yet but I will take a little more time in the winter to go where it's warm. I'll be here in the summer, let the kids take their vacations. I'll sneak in a little more golf.

My wife is in charge of customer relations, my one son is the sales manager, the other son is the service manager, and one daughter is selling cars. It's definitely a family business.

Q - Any final words or comments?

A - Use common sense and people skills. I like to satisfy people with the right car. Very rarely, but sometimes, you have to fire a customer when there's just nothing you can do to satisfy them. It's very challenging but always treat them (customers) with respect. As our slogan says, "A tradition of trust since 1931".



Dennis Hilton, Aldo Boniferro

Boni Memorial

The second annual Guy Boniferro golf outing was held on Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Kingsville Golf and Country Club. Eight foursomes teed it up on the competitive "gold" nine in very windy conditions. However, neither of these challenges deterred the camaraderie, and reminiscing in honour of our friend, "Boni". A great time was had by all.

Thanks to Dino Latella for hosting the event again. As well, a generous donation was made to the Shamrock Club, a local charity that helps needy individuals, on behalf of Boni. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 8th, 2010, because once again we will get together to golf and celebrate the memory of our amazing friend.



Dino Latella '82, Phil Hermanutz

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.

Raiders All Around

By Vanessa Shields (Beaulieu), '97

They call out the names of survivors in alphabetical order. This year, both my sister and I joined my mother on her survivor lap at The Relay for Life, the Canadian Cancer Society's annual fundraiser. It's one lap around a man-made pond hugged by luminaries, and people clapping - other survivors, other caregivers, families, and friends. My mother's last name starts with a B so we didn't wait long before we started our lap. Our victory lap - my mother victorious for having twice survived cancer, and my sister and I for having been her caregivers.

My sister's dark sunglasses almost hid her tears. My mother's eyes filled and released tears of pride, sadness, anger and other emotions that cancer makes us feel. I swallowed back my tears. Took a deep breath. I looked around and felt love. I looked in front of me at two women walking side by side. I knew these women. I knew that survivor. She was a Raider. And I was too. As if she could feel my recognition, she turned and looked back at us, and like she always did when I was a budding, young Raider, she raised her hand in a high-five. Of course, I raised mine and slapped her strong hand. I told her that I hoped I'd see her walking this lap every year. As a survivor. As a woman who beat a challenging opponent like a coach at a championship basketball game. Like the coach she was. And her skills reached far beyond the 'big gym'. She won her battle.

A Raider is a Raider young or old. As a caregiver and a survivor. As a teacher and a student. As a friend. Growing up means more than being able to call a teacher by her first name when you see her in the grocery store or at the bank or walking the survivor lap at The Relay for Life. Growing up means facing life with the goodness to trust that survival is a must. With the discipline to listen, learn, and make decisions that will meet any challenge. With the knowledge that purple blood runs deep, and Raiders fight to the end.

The Relay for Life comes once a year but being a survivor is for life. And so is being a Raider. It's amazing how the things we learn in high school stay with us as we push through life. The little things like a high-five or a pep-rally or a joke shared in the hallway. It's poetic, really, that at some point, we all end up walking the same lap - as a survivor, as a caregiver, as a friend.

Missy Sauro '08



Missy Sauro has often gone the extra mile to help with school or community projects. Now the 18-year-old social activist will go 8,000-plus extra miles — traveling to Uganda for a month to hand out life-saving mosquito nets. The first-year Carleton University student, who is studying public affairs and policy management, travelled to the far side of the globe May 9 to June 9, thanks to a \$2,500 grant through the Canadian-based Buy-A-Net Malaria Prevention Group. "The goal is to stop malaria, one village at a time," Sauro said. "So the focus right now is on Uganda." The country of 31 million in east Africa has for two decades been torn by strife between the government and the Lord's Resistance Army, that has killed thousands, displaced more than a million people, and claimed many children as child soldiers. "I'm pretty nervous," Sauro acknowledged. "I know there's quite a lot of tension in Uganda, especially northern Uganda, though I'm staying primarily in the south. "But there's still always the fear that you're not going to be properly protected." Sauro feels a calling to help, however. So she has been raising funds at her former Assumption high school — where she has collected \$500 to pay for bed nets — and will continue to raise funds elsewhere upon her return. "I don't want to just stop at handing out nets and gaining the experience," said Sauro, who hopes to one day live and work abroad with non-government organizations. "I'm really passionate about spreading awareness and bringing a level of consciousness to teenagers and trying to inspire them to get involved." How does she find time to help prevent the spread of disease around the world while toiling as a full-time university student? "I've always been somebody who is extremely involved in absolutely everything," said Sauro, who has a strong Catholic faith she feels will serve her well. "So managing everything wasn't a big deal. But this project is on a bigger scale." Her mother Jeanne Sauro (Menard '78), a religion teacher at Assumption, supports her daughter — despite the dangers — especially because it was the type of thing she always wanted to do herself. "I'm scared out of my mind," she said. "But I know this is what God is calling her to do. And I know that it's part of her growth, part of her journey. I'm really proud of her."

Eric

Dionne

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ALUMNI HOMECOMING

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ALL FRIENDS OF ASSUMPTION WELCOME

Eric Dionne '77



lives life to the fullest! Following his years at Assumption as a perpetual "A Club" member, Eric attended the University of Windsor and received his B. Comm. in 1981 and M.B.A. in 1986. Eric furthered his education at the University of Ottawa, graduating with his LL.B. in 1985 and was called to the Bar in 1987.

A dedicated husband and father, Eric has been married to Kim Kovar – who practices law as a municipal lawyer – for 21 years and they have two daughters (Marlee, 17 and Nicole, 13). The family resides in the Toronto area.

Eric is the managing partner of the Mississauga office of RZCD Law Firm LLP, the second largest law firm in Mississauga, and oversees a staff of 20 lawyers. The firm also has offices in Whitby and Kingston.

If one were to ask Eric what he does for a living, he would simply and humbly describe himself as being "a business lawyer". But, in reality, Eric's work is substantially more involved than is his own modest description of it.

Eric Dionne practices mainly in two areas of the law: Corporate/Commercial law and Real Estate law. Eric's work in Corporate/Commercial law is comprised of the purchase and sale of businesses, shareholders agreements, financing matters, commercial agreements and most legal issues affecting day-to-day business activity. Eric's practice in Real Estate law includes syndicated and residential real estate, with a primary focus on industrial, commercial and investment real estate. Eric also practices Trade-mark Law and is a Registered Trade-Mark Agent. In addition to all of his legal skills, Eric is additionally able to serve his clients in French and Spanish, as required.

So, what kinds of things does a high powered legal beagle like Eric do in his off-hours? Aside from being a "family man", Eric has always been a "hard core" Detroit Red Wings fan. He owns season tickets and attends as many home games as he possibly can, despite the considerable distance between his residence and downtown Detroit. Eric will also occasionally travel to watch his beloved Wings play and feels fortunate that he was able to be in Pittsburg in person, to watch the Wings capture the 2008 Stanley Cup.

The Red Wings are not Eric's only hockey passion. In 2003, Eric was part of an ownership group that brought an American Hockey League team, the Roadrunners, to Toronto's Ricoh Coliseum. Unfortunately poor attendance and a dispute with building officials resulted in the relocation of the franchise to Edmonton after only one year of play.

Hockey isn't Eric's only sporting interest; Eric also enjoys "the sport of kings" and is involved with several race horse ownership groups that own mostly thoroughbreds. One of the horses that Eric has a stake in is named *Cawaja Beach*. This horse was nominated (in the 2 year old filly thoroughbred classification) for the 2008 Sovereign Awards, an honour that is awarded annually to the top race horse competing in Canada. Interestingly, the horse that won the same award in the 2 year old male horse category was named *Mine That Bird* and he ended up winning the 2008 Kentucky Derby.

Golf is also a passion of Eric's, but with his busy schedule he doesn't get to play it anywhere near as much as he'd like to. Being the doting father that he is happy being, Eric was unable to participate in this year's Assumption Alumni golf tournament, an event he looks forward to each year, since this year's date conflicted with his daughter's thirteenth birthday.

Eric also enjoys leisure travel and was able to take his wife and daughters on a European vacation this summer.

'99 TIME CAPSULE TO BE OPENED

Jim Croce's *Time in a Bottle* was a number one hit song in 1973 and began with the lyrics "If I could save time in a bottle". Fast forward a generation to the class of '99, who "saved time" not in a bottle – but in a sealed box – by creating a time capsule of their very own. This time capsule has been securely stored in the alumni office at the school since its creation. Fast forward another ten years to the present when the time capsule was intended to be opened, at the class' ten year reunion.

What exactly is a time capsule? A time capsule can be defined as a historic cache of goods and/or information, usually intended as a method of communication with people in the future. Time capsules are sometimes created and buried during celebrations and the graduation of a class from high school certainly qualifies as such a celebration.

Several graduating classes of Purple Raiders have created time capsules that are stored in the alumni office and are to be opened on various dates in the future, but the one belonging to the class of '99 is the first to have reached its retrieval date.

1999... quite a year to remember. The end of a century and the dawn of a new one, yet like all years it was full of its own triumphs and tribulations. Some of the more newsworthy events of the year included the introduction of the Euro, Colombine, the impeachment of a United States president, the release of Windows 98 and *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace*, the debut of Napster, the birth of the iBook and MSN Messenger, Lance Armstrong winning his first Tour de France, the world's population reaching 6 billion people and NASA losing radio contact with the Mars Polar Lander moments before it enters the Martian atmosphere. Artists bursting onto the musical scene included Lauryn Hill and 'N Synch. Who remembers cargo pants, Furby, *Ally McBeal* and *Saving Private Ryan*? Of course 1999 was the end of one career and the beginning of another for some great ones, like Seinfeld and Wayne Gretzky.

Purple Raiders continued the long-standing Assumption traditions of school spirit and helping others by collecting over 33,000 cans to help the needy in Windsor, donating 112 units of blood to the Canadian Blood Services, helping out with the Lung Association's Chili Fest '99, raising over \$500 for the Kidney Foundation's *March Drive Campaign*, raising over \$1,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society's *The Great Ride and Stride to Beat Cancer* and of course raising over \$14,000 (Ed. Note: WOW!) throughout the school year for Fr. Armstrong's mission causes.

Existing traditions were continued and new traditions began with events like Fr. Johnson's annual "Q Trip" (joining forces with Brennan students), Departure Day, the Showcase of Talent, and staff versus student volleyball and soccer games.

Curious what is in the time capsule? Please consider joining us for the unsealing of the class of '99s time capsule at this year's reunion and relive the memories with your classmates.

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.

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"Thank you to all who continue to call or write. God bless you all. Please keep praying for me."

Due to renovations at Anglin House, Fr. Cullen and 10 other Basilian Fathers will be moving on Aug. 25th, 2009 to:
 St. Joseph's Morrow Park, 3377 Bayview Ave., North York, ON., M2M 3S4.

He would love to receive mail!

If you need to contact him by phone, call 416-222-1101, ext. 292.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
 ALUMNI REUNION SATURDAY NOV 7th, 2009**



"Thank You"
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NOTE: OTHER MISSING GRADS IN SPRING '09 EDITION



VITAL VISIT: Rev. William Kornacker, of Immaculate Heart parish in Windsor, returns to Peru to run a breakfast program.

Fr. Bill Kornacker '59 - Windsor priest still dedicated to Peruvian Poor

Excerpt from Marty Gervais, Windsor Star (March 23, 2009)

A woman was dying in a low adobe home, and the villagers saw the priest's truck on the road ahead, and someone ran out to wave him down. The priest spotted them ahead, and the truck slowed. Seconds later, he entered a darkened room of the house and came to rest at the edge of the bed, and spoke softly to the old woman. He blessed her, and she smiled -- her rheumy eyes brightening for a second as her family gathered in the gloom to watch this priest pray softly and give her last rites. This was 1984 in Peru. The priest was Rev. William Kornacker, now pastor of Immaculate Heart Parish in Windsor. He was a missionary then. I was with him that day when his Toyota four-wheeler rumbled through that village on the way to another small community tucked away in the foothills of the Andes. All along that route, people would catch sight of his truck and dash out to these dirt roads petitioning his help. Today, this 68-year-old priest, who grew up in LaSalle, is living the good life in a Windsor rectory with cable TV, high-speed Internet, comfortable sofas, a fridge full of food and drink, and rooms galore. It's almost sinful, he confesses. Maybe that's why he makes a point of returning to Peru each year to run a breakfast program for children and the elderly. He was stationed in that country from 1984 to 1997. But Kornacker has never forgotten those years or the people he served. He continues to return to Cayalti, at one time a flourishing sugar cane village, but now a community suffering from high unemployment and extreme poverty. His friend, a schoolteacher, collects him at the airport and takes him to the village. "The house he lives in is no bigger than my garage -- there are four in his family, all living there. The bathroom, kitchen and shower are in one room, divided by a plastic curtain," he said. "I bought them a fridge, but because they couldn't afford the electricity, they unplugged it, and now use it as a cupboard. But when I go there, they plug it in and stock it with beer." Kornacker's return is welcomed because he brings the resources necessary to pay for the breakfast program to operate. The funding for this comes from donations from individual parishioners, groups and schools all over the diocese. "I collect this and wire it down (to Peru) so they can keep this going, then I go down there myself, and help out," he said. The breakfast program provides a hot meal and bread to the villagers who line up with a plastic cup or bowl. These are filled with hot soup or porridge. "Some are so hungry, they'll sit right down on the dirt and eat," Kornacker said. The

women in the village build a large fire, fueled by scraps of wood, and place large metal pots, brimming with soup, over the coals. "I look at these people lining up and see the women scooping out food to these people who carry plastic bowls, and I think of their values, their joy and their innocence and know that somehow we don't always appreciate what we have (in Canada), and that's why I keep going back," Kornacker said. He figures his involvement and those of his fellow missionaries back in the 1980s -- though needed and well-intentioned-- wasn't entirely genuine. "No matter what we did, we were the 'Gringo' and they knew if we ran into a problem, or got sick, or had to leave, we had a (plane) ticket in our back pocket." The Peruvian priests who have replaced them don't have such options: "They can't leave. They cannot afford medical care, or anything really." By contrast, Kornacker said, the priests from the London diocese had it easy: "If we wanted something, we asked the diocese and got it. "When our Toyota broke down, a new Ford was shipped down to us ... Mind you, when it arrived, it was missing some parts -- they had been stolen along the way to Peru." On the walls of his rectory office, there are pictures of that life in Peru. My own memory of Kornacker in Peru is the night in a mountain town when he said mass in a darkened church lit only by kerosene lamps and candles. The villagers gathered in the stillness, and the message he brought them was one of hope. It was what they needed to hear.



**Fr. Larry Brunet
Clergyman's faith trumps
fastballs:** by Monica Wolfson,
Windsor Star April 8, 2009

For 25 years, rain or shine, Rev. Larry Brunet has religiously gone to the Detroit Tigers home opener. But this Friday, Brunet will be absent as fans pack

Comerica Park to cheer on the Tigers.

Instead, the 68-year-old Catholic priest will be leading Good Friday services at Holy Name of Jesus church in Essex as the afternoon game against the Texas Rangers wraps up. "(The home opener) was always an event, a happening, something special," said the River Canard native who grew up playing baseball with his brother. "I've always looked forward to it." Brunet, who normally goes to about eight Tigers games a year as a guest of season's ticket holders, has been a priest for more than 40 years at Catholic churches around Essex County. When the Major League Baseball schedule came out a year ago, Brunet saw the conflict with his other great passion -- his faith. "Obviously, I was very disappointed," said Brunet, who played baseball for Assumption high school. "There are certain groups I go to the game with. I immediately informed them I wasn't going because of my job. I have to be here. I want to be here. It's not a question for me. I wouldn't feel good going to the game on Good Friday. I would want to be home in the parish with my people." Easter and Good Friday are the "mother of all Christian celebrations," Brunet said. There's been lots of grumbling among Catholics about the home opener being scheduled on Good Friday. "It's poor planning and poor public relations," said Reno Bertoia, '52 a retired baseball player who was with the Tigers in the 1950s and 1960s. "They could have easily solved the whole thing by having the game at 3:30 or 4 p.m. Everyone could have gotten their religious practices in and gone to the game."

Professional of the Year

Dr. Leonardo Cortese

This year's CIBPA's Award of Excellence in the Professional category goes to Dr. Leonardo Cortese, BSc., MD, FRCPC. We are proud



Dr. Leonardo Cortese

to bestow this accolade upon Dr. Cortese, who is the Director of Clinical Services Specialized Mental Health Program at Windsor Regional Hospital. Dr. Cortese is a respected doctor, associate professor and dedicated member of our community.

Dr. Cortese has become a leader in his field with cross-appointments in psychiatry, pharmacology, toxicology, and family medicine. His expertise has led to worldwide speaking engagements on the topic of mental health.

Dr. Cortese has made many contributions to the Windsor/ Essex Community. His relentless efforts and dedication were instrumental in establishing Windsor's first medical school with its state-of-the-art technology, featuring virtual reality and video conferencing classes making it a premium educational facility. Dr. Cortese founded the BIG GALA fundraiser held annually at the Caboto Club. The annual event has raised over \$250,000.00 to date for the Schizophrenia and First Episode Psychosis Program (SEPP).

Dr. Cortese has given hundreds of lectures worldwide and has received more than \$1 million in research grants. He has authored numerous articles in a variety of magazines, journals and newspapers.

Dr. Cortese is an active member of CIBPA Windsor and various other associations and organizations in Canada.

Congratulations to Dr. Cortese '74



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A THANK YOU NOTE

We would like to express our thanks to the person (s) who sent such a thoughtful gift anonymously to my wife Lil and me. We plan to share it with the entire Alumni Committee.

Without a team effort, none of the Association activities would be possible.

From **Gerald Barbe, '69**: Most of the newsletter is only of passing interest to me but the Spring 2009 really hit hard. So I'll start on the happy side. I remember the '69 Basketball Champions quite well. Notice that Greg Horoky does not seem as tall as we felt he was back then, Dennis Smith is perhaps wider and Mr. Hoop has remained faithful to his hair style (the bald look was not in back then, he was way ahead of his time).

Thanks so much for Bill Schiller's tribute to Paul Whelan, and to the Alumni for publishing it. Although I had lost touch with Paul a number of years ago I was quite saddened to hear of his death. Paul was a good friend. It is hard to describe. Sure we'd go to every football or basketball game, but we'd also skip out because Pierre Trudeau was in Windsor. A great sense of play and humour, but an intellectual even at 17 who understood the truly important things in life.

I was sorry to read that Mr. St. Germain had died. I'm not sure if back when we were his students we realized how good a teacher he was. But it became obvious to me when I did my undergrad degree in Chemistry that he had given me an exceptional grounding in the subject. Okay I resented his snap 10-minute quizzes but we learned a lot. Then there was the dreaded test on chemical valences in which we continually rewrote the test and no one went home until the whole class got it perfect. He had high expectations and while it seemed other schools would accept a high failure rate in chemistry and rationalize it as being because chemistry is difficult to learn, he refused to accept that. So forty years later I could probably still give the valences of most elements and still go back to looking at chemical calculations as simple "egg problems".

There is one other lesson he taught unrelated to chemistry. At halftime at a Friday night football game we all decided to march around the track surrounding the football field. Flags waving, there were hundreds of us. Meanwhile the other schools (I think it was Walkerville) students started marching in the opposite direction. And then we met on the opposite side of the field, right in front of the stands where the teachers and visitors sat. There was a momentary standoff as each school expected the other to give way. And then both schools spontaneously charged at each other. For my part and most students, we just ran past each other but there was some pushing and shoving and to be honest quite a dangerous situation because if a fight had broken out it would have been a riot. But we were young and laughed it off. Next Monday Mr. St. Germain, my home-room teacher and normally a

happy and friendly person was just livid and proceeded to chew us out especially since we were upperclassmen and the students looked up and followed our lead. And finally he summed up his anger "You are men of Assumption. Wherever you go people will judge the school by your actions. Never, ever forget that!"

Gerry Barbe, '69
Dept. Physiology & Pharmacology
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Ontario
London, Ontario, CANADA

Peter Prete, '68 writes: I was a boarding student from 1964-69, graduated gr.12 in 1968, stayed for gr. 13 in 1969, one of a very few boarders, most were American and left for college...(lol)

fyi...I still have my thick purple wool letter sweater (male cheerleader, along with George McEvenue) the sweater looks like something out of the 30's or 40's, I don't think the style had changed for years. One thing I am very proud of along with my grad. ring, I chose the smooth stone face, I wear it more often than my San Jose State ring (too gaudy), come to think of it, I also have a purple-lined nylon windbreaker with printed crest out at my camp, all year books got wet, molded and I was forced to toss them. In my time 1964-69, there were only 2 other students from northern Ontario, John Dolcetti and Jim Servais, both ahead of me. I read some of the history, the memories came flooding back; Fr. Doherty my tennis coach, Steve Galambos (day dog), my doubles partner; Keeping stats for Fr. Cullen and the hockey team (got me out of residence more often) and most of all, bribing Fr. Cullen with our red seats to Maple Leaf Gardens so I could get extra weekends to visit my brother in Toronto, we were only allowed 2 a month, I averaged 3 during hockey season....lol; the huge crowds at dances in the gym admission 50 cents; Fr. Fullerton my Latin teacher who coughed so strongly, we all thought he would die in front of us in class; Reno Bertoia, Ed Petryshyn, Fr. Sheedy and of course my day dog friends, Bill Schiller, Bill Cherry and Bob Kamen ...; the girls of St. Mary's, still have a yellow and green SMA button, and the best looking girls in the city were from Massey! More memories....the Detroit riots lighting the sky at night; the audible roar heard across the river when the Tigers won the Series, wearing 3 shirts, 2 pair of jeans and new ski boots as I clopped my way back across the bridge from a Hudson's sale, WKNR, WABX, the Grandy Ballroom; the automated cafeteria somewhere near Crowleys Dept. store in Detroit, the son of the owner was a student and boarder, there was even a son of a mafia don from Buffalo, hanging out at the Detroit yacht club with my roommate Ed Gates (his Dad

was Fleet Surgeon, 47 foot Crisscraft)...it just goes on and on....one more....4 of us decided to go to Jay Peaks, Vermont to ski on a long weekend, loaded car with 3/2 beer in Ohio, 18 to buy beer, next state over, 21 legal age cops sit waiting with a smile, for guys like us to relieve us of it..and another, Frank Onesti from Chicago, would eat anything for money, cig. butts, dirt, pieces of baseballs and hockey pucks...I've got to stop or you may never want to hear from me again...ok, 1 more, I still have, in mint condition, a news project from my Gr. 12-2 class, I think the teacher was Bianco, it is written as if back in merry olde England, with each article or feature (sports, want ads, fashion, entertainment, food etc.) bi-lined by a student, my column was the pop scene by uncle McDuff alias Pete the Prete, the paper was called the Heat. which leads me to correct the spelling it was Bob Kamin, believe it or not he was only 1 of 2 Jewish boys attending, the other was a boarder from London On., his Dad was president of Jantzen swimwear. We also had the sons of the vice prez. of Ford from Oakville, I think McNaughton, Qb. Raiders, 2nd.string...I lost track....these are the classmates' names contained in our newspaper project...Konrad Reger, Robert Kamin, Kevin Hague, Kevin Nolan, Garry Reaume, Greg McMahon, Paul Bilorosek, Pat Fera, B. Smith, G. Barbe, Bill Check and me all from Gr.12-2....we must have been taking Shakespeare at the time, lots of references to characters in his plays...I'm stopping now. Good night

Vaya con Dios.

P.S. I did not mention that I came from Nipigon ON at that time. I also would like to add, my brother (now 73 years old) was a boarder and graduate of St. Mike's in Toronto and a graduate of U of T forestry program, retiring as a teacher from St. Ignatius here in Thunder Bay. I was to keep up the legacy but they discontinued boarders in 1963-64 so we were directed to ACH.



1953-1954

As the year began, there were 857 students enrolled in the High School Department, of whom 240 were boarders. Fees were \$105 (Grade 9) and \$115 for all other grades. Boarders had to pay out \$610 for room and board. Father Frank McCarty was the new Principal of the High School, having been the director of the band the previous year. There were 39 priests affiliated with the College/High School, 24 Basilian scholastics and seven lay men teaching at the school. There were five Grade 11 classes, five Grade 10s and seven Grade 9s, to go along with one Grade 8. The keynote championship sports team of the year was the Senior Boys Hockey team, which under the tutelage of Father Cullen, gathered an unprecedented fourth straight W.S.S.A. championship. As the school newspaper reported: History was made at the Windsor Arena Saturday, February 27, when the Assumption Purple Raiders defeated the Patterson Panthers for the second time in a row by a score of 4-2. The first game was 6-0 for the Purple and White. This is the first time that any school has ever won the W.S.S.A. championship for four consecutive years. Then they captured further honours by beating Medway to win their second W.O.S.S.A. title in four years. It was noted that during these four years, the squad had amassed a 56-5-3 record. As well, Assumption's baseball team in the Class D Division won their title, and Junior Track Team won the W.S.S.A. crown. School extra-curriculars included the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin, the St. John Bosco Club, the Missions (which raised \$4000, with \$2500 of that total going to the Mexican Missions), the Young Christian Students, the Band (which featured a new "Dance Band"), The Crusader, the Reporter, the Dads' Club (whose goals for the year were to raise funds to buy furniture for the chapel sanctuary, purchase 80 uniforms for the band and pay the architect's fees for the new high school building), the Canadian and American Mothers' Clubs, the Prom, the Hobby Club (Woodworking, Airplanes' Flying Models, Leathers, Boats and Cars), the Camera Club, and Fr. Phelan's Drama Club which staged "Tons of Money" and "The Ghost Train". An extracurricular victory for the year saw Ed Zelma win the W.S.S.A. Senior Oratorical Contest, the first time an Assumption student had so excelled at this level.

the start of the new school year, the boarders moved into their new quarters, named the "Richard S. Wood Boarders Residence"; and the correspondent for the Reporter was pleased with the results: "Truly it is one of the most modern and comfortable residences in the country. The entire school and especially the boarders have good reason to be proud of this structure." School extra-curriculars included the Mission Society, the Canadian and American Mothers' Club, the Dads' Club, the Reporter, the Dramatic Club (which staged a one act play "George Washington Slept Here"), the Altar Boy Society, the Sodality, the Band, the Cheerleaders, the Pep Club, and finally, the religious retreats. Unfortunately again this year, there was no yearbook published. During the previous summer, the Assumption baseball team won its second straight Class F championship. During the school year, the only Raiders squad to meet with success was the Senior Hockey team which won the W.S.S.A. title. Their success was illustrated during the regular season when they posted a 9-1-2 record, and outscored the opposition by a 68-15 count. Typical of the team's goal scoring prowess were identical 10-0 whitewashes of Forster and Herman.

1973-1974

Another new all time student population total was reached with 1,492 students enrolled for this year, a 9% increase over last year. Amongst those were 467 freshmen and 134 boarders. Senior tuition was levied at \$290 with an incidental fee of \$15. Boarder fees were \$1950. Father Pat Lalonde returned as Principal, with a staff of 86 lay people, nuns and Basilians to run the school. The graduating class numbered two hundred and twenty-four. The main problem facing the school this year was the issue of the size of the student population. In his annual report to the Superior General, Father Lalonde noted that there were 700 students in a cafeteria designed for 400; and that the projected enrolment for the following year was 1700, whereas the school could accommodate 1400. Since the Board had told the College to "accept all applicants", the Principal felt that the only solution would be to create "a satellite school with students commuting." This year, there were an unusually low number of sports championships in the school: only two. The Senior Boys' Basketball team won S.W.O.S.S.A., and were semi finalists in the All-Ontario. Coach Philp's Senior Football team repeated for a fourth straight year as W.S.S.A. champs. Angela MacDonald and Bruce Walker were named Athletes of the Year, for the second straight year. Bruce Walker also received the Royal Arcanum Award as the best athlete in Windsor for that year. Rita Pinazza and John Girard were also named Student Athletes of the Year. School extra-curriculars for the year included Student Council, drama productions of "Bye Bye Birdie" and "Under the Sycamore Tree", an Activity Day, a Poster Club, a Christmas Prom and a Senior Prom, the Outdoors Club, Ski Club, French Oratorical Club, The Crusader, the school paper the Concord, a Darkroom Club, Reach for the Top, an Entertainment Committee, Chess Club, Secretaries Club, Math Contestants. The Mothers' Club, Dads' Club, and Boarder Parents' Club also continued their essential fundraising activities for the school. There were a variety of bands in the school to suit your skill level and musical tastes: Concert Band, Beginners Band, Intermediate Band, Pep Band, and the bands held a "Trike-A-Thon" to raise monies. The Missions and the Can Drive continued their regular efforts, and another Canadian Constitutional Conference was sponsored by the History Department.

1958-1959

For this academic year, there were 935 students on the books, with 183 being boarders. Tuition for the year was \$135 for day scholars; while the boarders paid out \$1200 for their tuition, room



JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL
Back Row, left to right: Ed, Polozuk, J. Kuppert, J. Moxie, N. Durbach, J. Steis, L. Hermon, V. Morris, A. Gendreau
Front Row, left to right: T. Allen, L. Mousander, E. McEwen, W. Caspary, G. Fields, D. Skarr

and board. The statue of the Blessed Virgin, erected in September 1957, on its stand outside the gymnasium. The Principal, Father George Thompson, had a Basilian staff of 20 priests and 11 scholastics, with whom to run the school. At

MEMORIES

1978-1979

Some 1726 students were registered in the school for this year, among whom were scattered 100 boarders. Tuition for Grades 11-13 was set at \$475; while the boarder's fees were \$2500. Father Frank McCabe was the new Assumption Principal, heading up a staff of 100 dedicated professionals. The Class of '79 featured 290 new Assumption grads. More sports championships were added to the school's history this year. Father Cullen's Hockey team won W.S.S.A., and the Consolation round at the All Ontarios. The Wrestling team won S.W.O.S.S.A., with Peter Domarchuck taking gold at all three levels of competition. Freshmen Boys' Basketball, coached by Mr. Petryshyn and Mr. Minello won W.S.S.A., while Mr. Racine's Senior A Boys were league champs. The Senior Girls Cross Country squad won S.W.O.S.S.A., with Mary Jane Gaul picking up golds at both W.S.S.A. & S.W.O.S.S.A. levels. The team's win was duplicated by the Senior Boys' Track and Field squad. When awards were given out at year-end, Rob Murphy and Angie Eansor were the Athletes of the Year, while Gino Campigotto and Denise Tower were named Student Athletes of the Year. The success of Assumption's athletic program this year can be gauged by the fact that thirty-nine Raider athletes were named to the All City squads in their respective sports. In extra curricular news, The Crusader was published through the work of its photographers. As well, there was a Grade 13 Dinner Dance, the Prom, Reach for the Top, Missions, Can Drive, Student Council, Awards Assembly, a Canadian Constitutional Conference, a 50s Day, and Chess Club. Mr. Stephens' drama students staged two plays: "Godspell" and "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown". The band had another stellar year fielding a Stage Band, Intermediate Band, Concert Band, Glee Club, and Pep Band! Other clubs included a Horticultural Club, an Oratorical Club, and the continued efforts of the Mothers Club, with its Fashion Show and Spring Fair, and the Dads Club. The school mourned the death of one of its students during the year, sixteen year old Stephen St. Denis.



R1: Steve Lozinski, Mr. Gilbert, Len Tomolini R2: Paul Monforton, Ken MacKenzie R3: Richard Kraus MISSING: Helen Drake, Pete Doumani Special Thanks: Kevin Johnson, Gerry Monforton

1983-1984

Registrations for the year totalled 1,874, among whom were 110 boarders and 465 freshmen. Senior level tuition ranged from \$670 for students from the London diocese to \$1530 for students from outside the diocese. Incidental fees amounted to \$30. Room and board was set at \$3000. Father Don McLeod returned for his second year as Principal at Assumption. He was backed up by a staff of one hundred Basilians and lay people. A large graduating class of some 336 students received their graduation diplomas in June. In athletics, the school had a very successful year, winning four championships. The Senior Football Raiders, under the tutelage of Coaches Owen, Morencie, Limarzi and Hunt, took the W.S.S.A. title, knocking off previously undefeated Centennial 10-0. Mr. Hogan and Mr. Racine's Freshmen Basketball team won their fourth straight city crown. The Senior Boys Basketball won S.W.O.S.S.A., allowing Jack Hool to go out on a high note after 26 years of coaching Assumption basketball, and the Junior Girls Basketball team won city glory for Coaches Minello and Veronica Boretzky. Athletes of the Year were Carlo Boniferro and Donna Savage while the Student Athletes of the Year were Dave Collins and Sheila Ivan. Around the school, there was Student Council, with its variety of sponsored days the Talent Show, Tacky Day, Switch Day, the Mike Mandell Show. The Canned Food Drive pulled in a new record of 81,724 cans. There were two blood drives that obtained over 400 pints. The different bands (Senior Band, Junior Band, Pep Band, A.C.S. Singers) shared their gifts with the student body. The Assumption Players staged their eighteenth straight musical: "Little Me". Other groups included Reach for the Top, Chess Team, Computer Team, Mock Trials, the Prom Committee, and the continued efforts of the Mothers' Club (Spring Fair and Fashion Show) to help fund Catholic education. There were canoe trips and hiking trips organized by Father Q, a return trip by Assumption students to their friends in Belgium, Students for Peace and Justice, the Prom, the Dinner Dance, The Crusader and The Grapevine. As well radio station C.A.C.H. continued to operate. There were both male and female cheerleaders, and there was a Grade 9 track day. Two new portables were attached to the school during the year, and a second classroom dedicated to computer courses was also inaugurated. The room was loaded with twentyfive Commodore VIC-20 computers. As well, extra room was allocated for the Special Education Department, and a second full time teacher in that area was allocated. In addition to these changes, Assumption ratified the formation of the Catholic High School Board of Windsor.

ATTENTION! CLASS OF 1975

Don't forget to come out to Lilly Kazzilly's this year on Friday, Nov. 6th anytime after 8:00 p.m. It'll be great to catch up on news with everyone. See you there!!

1993-1994

The number of Basilian priests living in the Assumption College School residence totalled 13 this year. Some of the priests still played an active role in the school community. Fr. Armstrong continued to spearhead the mission drive in the school, a drive that secures annually \$15,000. Father Cullen continued his work with the Alumni Newsletter, where he is assisted by Father Jack Stortz; and with the organization of the Fr. Matt Sheedy golf day. Father Vince Pare helps with the school mail and assists in the school's Attendance Office each day. Father Q. Johnson, in the Science Department remains the sole teaching Basilian at the school. Father Joe Redican, C.S.B. continued into his sixth year as Principal, with a staff of eighty-two members. One hundred and fifty graduates received their Assumption diplomas at the school's 123rd Commencement Exercise. The school's sports teams had several successes this year. The Senior Girls' Volleyball team, coached by Mrs. Goble and Miss Hebert, won both the W.S.S.A. and S.W.O.S.S.A. championships before taking home a bronze medal at O.F.S.A.A. The Senior Boys' Cross Country team won the S.W.O.S.S.A. team championship. Mr. Stasso's Boys' Curling Team garnered the W.S.S.A. crown for a second straight year. Top student athletes of the year were Dave Michels (swimming, volleyball, soccer) and Jennifer Touma (track, basketball, volleyball), repeating their 1993 triumphs. MVP athletes were Ryan Perrotte (volleyball, basketball) and Mui Chan (volleyball). Academically, Adriana Lazarescu won a gold medal at the Windsor Regional Science Fair for her project on "Is Nuclear Radiation Harmful? An Experimental Study on Fruit Flies". Other hi-lites of the year included a special day to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Father Armstrong's ordination. Mayor Michael Hurst, in a letter to the Assumption community, wrote: "Celebration" is a most appropriate term for honouring a man such as Father Armstrong. His remarkable record of achievements as a member of the clergy, an educator, a coach of many sports, mentor, guide, and friend to so many people, old and young, is in no real danger of being surpassed anywhere. How many people are the better for having been influenced in some way by this man who has been part of Assumption for 70 years? How many young people who might have not done so, chose the right path in life because there was a Father Charles Armstrong there to help them know the way? Assumption is not simply lucky to have the man everyone affectionately calls "Army" on its side. It is blessed to have Father Armstrong, and so are all the rest of us in Windsor. I know I speak for all members of our City Council and all our citizens when I say "Congratulations, Father, for everything you've achieved and for always being there when we needed you." The Superior General of the Basilian Fathers, Father Bob Barringer C.S.B., added his expressions of congratulations as well. "Others will speak or will have spoken already of the impact of your ministry at Assumption College School and in the Windsor area and beyond. I and your Basilian brothers on the General Council wish to pay tribute more particularly the witness of faithfulness that you have shown every day of your life - 60 years as a priest and more - 63 years as a Basilian. To serve God and students whom God has sent into your life with devotion and cheerfulness with singleness of heart is a source of strength, encouragement and joy to all the rest of us in the community." At the alumni reunion in November, 500 members returned to celebrate with "Armie". On the final day of classes in December, Bishop Sherlock, along with 25 Diocesan and Basilian priests concelebrated Mass for the Assumption community in his honour, and this was

followed by a reception. Extracurricular events in the school year included the school drama club putting on the play "May The Farce Be With You", the Prom, the Awards Banquet, the Science Olympiad, Science Fair, Math Contests, English Writing Contests, French Speaking Contests, Co-Op, Student Representative Council, Debating Team, School Reach, Conflict Mediation, Raiders for Christ, Italian Club, Grapevine, The Crusader, Raider Radio, Campus Ministry, Retreats, Students for Global Awareness, O.S.A.I.D., Choir, Concert and Jazz Band. A variety of activities throughout the year ensured that the spirit of Assumption continued to permeate the school halls. These consisted of Student vs Staff Basketball Game, Cafe Chantant, Canned Food Drive, Blood Drive, Crazy Hair Day, Hippie Day, Grade 8 Day, Multicultural Week, Grade 10-11 Dinner Dance, Essex County Krazy Olympics, Christmas and Spring Concert, Father Q's Trips to Algonquin Park, and the work of the Parents' Club.



Front row: Sal Aibano and Timothy Wirag
Back row: Ezio Tartaro, Mr. Stasso (coach), Carmine Albano



Mary McNamara '77 and Linda (Lesperance) Presello '81 trying to keep score at the Windsor Police vs. Assumption Basketball game.

Frank Montolio '49 writes: "This month marks the 60th anniversary of my graduation from ACHS and it seems like it was only last week. My 4 years were most rewarding and memorable from an educational, social, and character building perspective. How the Basilian fathers like Armstrong, Cullen, O'Neill, Ruth, and so many others were able to dole out the love and discipline in the proper doses is truly a magical formula. I feel blessed to have been among those who were the recipients of their devotion to shaping the lives of so many young people. I am hopeful that their spirit and energy live on forever in the halls of Assumption.

As a side note, I cannot help but comment about the manner in which the newsletter is taped together. I can remember how I used to help assemble the newsletter 60+ years ago by applying the masking tape. My kudos to those who are now doing what I did. Keep up the good work.

Fr. Jim Chaseley '56 writes: "Hi Rick, this is a belated thank you for sending the Assumption newsletter by email. I always find it to be very interesting. I have retired now and am living in an apartment in my home town of Belle River, Ontario, helping out in nearby parishes as needed. Of course, I wish to continue receiving the newsletter as usual. Best wishes to all.

Michael L. Quenneville '50 "Thank you for keeping us 1950 grads up to date.

A special prayer for all who make it possible."

Gerald M. Craig, OFM Cap '56, writes: "Rick, Peace! Thanks for the latest edition of the Alumni Newsletter. Saw some familiar faces, even a classmate among the obituaries."



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 achalumni@gmail.com and we will do the rest!

John Dorner '65 writes: "Dear Hunt Hool, As much as it has always felt good to receive the hand-held alumni newsletter in the mail, I agree that it is best to 'go green' through the electronic format. Thank you for moving in that direction. I hope that all alumni activities have gone green or are going green (e.g. no longer using styrofoam cups/ plastic plates etc. that degrade the environment, buying fair trade coffee for events etc.). If not, I would encourage consideration of that direction as it would show authentic care for the environment. As a grandparent I am thinking very much of the planet we are leaving to those who follow and I am personally involved as a volunteer in the Archdiocese of Ottawa in promoting stewardship of creation. I recall Father Sheedy's encouragement of me as one of his Grade 13 English students. He pushed me to my potential with great faith in me. I fortunately had the opportunity to spend time with him shortly before his death to thank him for all he did for me, leading to not only academic success but also helping me develop the tools to be effective in the area of social justice, including *care for creation*."

Fr. Bill Kornacker '59 has enlisted the help of Assumption students in helping the brothers and sisters in Peru with their breakfast program. Peace and all goodness."

Greg Marchand '70, "Loved reading the newsletter. Please keep me on the list. I am looking forward to next year. It will be 40 yrs. since graduating. Wow!

Joanne Renaud (Bezaire) '77 writes: "Yes Rick - I did graduate in 1977 - over 30 years already (ouch)!! I am currently working for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency in Ottawa. Our two girls have just graduated (again)! Anna our oldest daughter received her BA last winter with a Major in Linguistics and a Minor in Psychology from the University of Ottawa. She is currently taking the TESOL course and is planning to teach English overseas before going back to school to obtain her Masters in Speech Pathology. Our second daughter Melissa has recently graduated from La Cité Collégiale as a Physiotherapist Assistant and is currently working at a clinic in Ottawa. My husband has retired and is taking good care of all of us! I would be interested to hear from anyone from the class of '77!

Bob Papineau '79; "Hi ACH Alumni: It's been almost 30 years since I've had contact with the ACH Alumni so here is a quick blurb on what I have been up to. Been married to wife Heidi for almost 25 years. Our kids Cory (20) and Michelle (17) are a blessing most of the time. I have had 3 careers; As an officer for Canada Customs 8 years, Ontario Ministry of Transport for 8 years, and lastly as a Firefighter with Windsor Fire and Rescue. Sort of a career HATRICK of all levels of government departments. I've continued to be active, still playing REC hockey, golf and cycling. Recently finished an awesome 32 day, 3,500 mile bicycle adventure from L.A. to Boston. Hopefully I have a few more adventures left in me. The newspaper version of the newspaper has been wonderful through the years. But, the full colour e-mail version blows it away. Thank you alumni."

Janet Tighe '74; "Hi - I received a copy of the spring newsletter from my sister Monica and noticed that I am on the 'missing' list! I am alive and well, living in Kitchener, Ontario, since 2006, completing my 29th year of working for the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB). Please add me to the e-mail list for newsletters.

Thanks!

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Our 50th Anniversary of
Graduation,
this Nov. 7th, 2009.
See contact info on page 2.

John Mullally '77; "Hi Rick. Once again the Alumni paper throws a curve at me. I grew up in Owosso MI. and I find out that another Owosso native, a Lawyer and Judge is an Assumption Student. That is the second Owossite that I have encountered. Kind of weird, at least 3 people from a 20k (at best) town. It was great to see a picture of Fr. Cullen. I wish I could see him just to give the man a hug. He really knew what makes young men tick and how to motivate them even if they were as stubborn as me. He taught my father at Detroit Catholic Central and then me at Assumption. I hope that his journey continues long and healthy and my prayers include him every day. Take care."

Miria Angileri (Fantin) '79 writes: "Hunt, I have no problem going "green" and you can send the newsletter to my home e-mail. That would be great!! Hope all is well and continue doing the great work. 30 years this November!!! WOW. Am getting a hold of some of the girls and talking them into it!!!!"

Alayne (Warwaruk) Main '80. "Hello – I love getting the Assumption Alumni Newsletter, and I do love holding a paper, but please don't send me any more. I would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail or on-line from now on. I hope this helps with your costs – especially since I am now living in Switzerland.

James (Jim) Birney '84 "I was listed as a missing grad in the most recent newsletter. I wanted to provide my contact info but opt to read the newsletter online in an effort to reduce paper usage and shipping costs. I am a father of three energetic boys. I have been living in Tampa Bay FL since 1991 and am currently employed by the County's Environmental Protection Commission.

Lisa Murray (Hughes) '87 is married to Steve Murray (Sandwich Secondary H.S.) and living in Windsor with their two children, Emma (10) and Alex (7). She is a teacher at L.A. Desmarais Elementary School.

Lena Walsh (Provenzano) '89 got married in 2008 to Corey Walsh and her brother Gary Provenzano, '93, got married in 2004 to Gordanna Soldat. They have 2 children, a boy and girl.

Darryl Casey '87 writes: "Hello all Assumption Grads from 1987. I am currently working as an Elementary School Principal for the Grand Erie District School Board. My school is Mt. Pleasant Elementary and life in Brantford is fantastic. I enjoy reading the Assumption Alumni Newsletter very much. Thank you for your hard work."

Diana Sarkis 2004; "I graduated from the University of Windsor through the Bachelor of Commerce program in 2008 and was able to secure a position at Chrysler Financial in Windsor as a Human Resources Generalist. I think my time at Assumption really benefited my future and also contributed to what I know will be a successful career."

Frank Favot, Parent Council Member and proud father of Mark '98, Tom '00, Heather '03 and Sarah '05 writes: "Believe it or not, I never attended Assumption! All of our kids went there however and my wife and I were always so impressed by the leadership and care of the teachers and administrators. In fact, several friends of mine attended Assumption in the late 60s and early 70s and I always regretted that I went to Brennan. The Basilians would have enjoyed the challenge. We lived halfway between Assumption and Brennan and my closest friends went to Brennan, so I followed suit. I became involved in Parent Councils at the outset of our kids' education and still remain involved to this day at Assumption, in the capacity of community representative. I know first hand of the work your alumni group does and the dedication you have for your Alma Mater. Thanks for the reply and looking forward to the newsletter. By the way, I know so many of the people in the reunion photos from my involvement and from sports and work, it's like I went to Assumption."

**The MacLeods:
Where Are They Now?**

ALEX '90 - age 37, is currently teaching English at St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia; his Master's degree is from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. He has a PhD. from McGill University in Montreal (and a degree from University of Windsor) Alex is married to Crystal Garrett; they have 3 children.

LEWIS '91 - age 36.
Lewis teaches English at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario. His undergraduate degree is from the U. of W.; he obtained his Master's degree in English from MacMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario and his PhD. from Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland. He is married to Meagan Dimmick and they have 4 children.

KENNETH '93 - age 34.
Kenneth is a musician and is single. He teaches music and the fiddle.

MARION '97 - age 30.
She also did her undergraduate studies at U. of W.. She received her M. A. in musicology from the University of Ottawa and her Doctorate in musicology from Memorial University, St. John's, Nfld. Marion teaches music and has recently received a very substantial grant from the Science and Humanities Research Council to pursue her work in music.

DANIEL '00 - age 28,
has a PhD. in History (Scottish Studies) and is currently teaching at Guelph University in Guelph, Ontario. Daniel also did his Master's program at Guelph and his undergraduate studies at the U. of W.. Daniel is married.

ANDREW '02 - age 26,
He is completing his B. A. in English studies at the University of Windsor. He will be attending the Faculty of Education in Windsor in the Fall of 2009. He is married to Jessica Lacasse.

**CLASS OF
'79**

Our 30th Anniversary of Graduation, this Nov. 7th. We are open to offers and suggestions for our celebration. See contact info on page 2.

OLDEST ALUMNUS PASSES AWAY



Fr. Michael Joseph Dalton '26, a decorated Second World War chaplain and for more than 75 years an inspiration to his human flock, passed away April 6, 2009 just a month shy of his 107th birthday. To the very end, living at the Caressant Care nursing home in Courtland, Ont., Fr. Dalton was not a resident, he was still a chaplain, said Mary Louise Dalton, who was married to Fr. Dalton's nephew, Clete. When her husband died in September, staff at the home told Fr. Dalton he was too frail to attend the funeral — so he held a Mass for him at Caressant Care. Fr. Dalton was born in Kingsbridge Ont., May 5, 1902. He was ordained to the priesthood for the London diocese 30 years later at St. Peter's Cathedral in London. He served as Chaplain (Emeritus) of Sacred Heart Villa in Courtland from 1970 onward. Fr. Dalton enlisted with the Windsor-Essex Scottish Regiment during the Second World War. He is well known for having heard Confessions and saying Mass on the field of battle across Europe, under makeshift conditions, like on the hood of army vehicles. "When he enlisted, he was told 'you're very thin — a bullet will go right through you,' and he said, 'I'll slow it down so it won't hurt the next person,'" said Fr. Chris Quinlan, a retired priest who found his own calling to the priesthood through Fr. Dalton's example. While he never took a bullet, Fr. Dalton did come close to shrapnel more than once. Often ignoring orders to stay behind the advancing troops, he continued to give last rites on the battlefield. And when morale and energy were low, Fr. Dalton would offer encouragement and break into song. Earlier in the war, rough seas kept him from joining troops on the shores of France Aug. 19, 1942, where 900 Canadians in his regiment died in the battle at Dieppe. But he consoled the survivors and wrote letters to the fallen soldiers' families and friends. King George VI awarded Fr. Dalton a "Most Excellent Member of the British Empire" medal at Buckingham Palace in 1943, making him the first Catholic priest inducted into the Order of the British

Empire. Fr. Dalton was a man of few material possessions, so little that when he moved he could fit it all in the back seat of a car, Quinlan said. He was also a man who fasted regularly and walked surprisingly long distances to visit everyone, Catholic or not. Despite the gruesome circumstances he had witnessed on the battlefield, Fr. Dalton remained a man of great humour and had a knack for remembering everyone's name. He is survived by nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins. The funeral was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Tillsonburg, Ont., on April 8th, 2009.

by Carolyn Girard, reporter and youth editor for The Catholic Register

FR. MIKE DALTON, '26

By Marty Gervais, Windsor Star

He was a soldier to the end. His threadbare army tunic hung on the wall, and his room was filled with religious icons, rosaries and holy pictures. And when you spoke to him, his words were about the men he knew on the battlefields of France when he rigged up a makeshift altar on the hood of his jeep and said mass for them. The photos from the Second World War show these anxious men kneeling, their heads bowed, silent in the muddy fields just hours before they were sent into battle. And when age finally wore him down — long after the war and years of serving parishes all over the London diocese including Windsor, Woodslee and Kingsville — this old priest told me it wouldn't stop him from saying mass in his bed at the nursing home. It would never stop him from being a priest. And there was no way he would ever lose his faith in his religion or people. I'm speaking about an old friend, Rev. Mike Dalton, who passed away Monday afternoon at Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Courtland, Ont. He was 106, a month shy of his 107th birthday. This son of a Goderich farmer is the most decorated padre who ever served in the Canadian Army. He marched at the front lines with his fellow soldiers, often carrying their weapons when they tired of battle. Besides the Military Cross for bravery, Father Dalton was the first Catholic priest to receive the Member of the British Empire. The day King George VI pinned the decoration on his tunic at Buckingham Palace, he dug deep into his pockets and handed the monarch a Catholic religious medal.

When I met Father Dalton in the mid-1990s, this legendary padre with the Essex Scottish, who landed at Normandy in 1944, complained of sitting in a wheelchair. His legs had

given out on him. He prayed for God to give him back his strength, so he could stand up again and say mass.

TWINKLE IN HIS EYES

Deep down, he knew better. He told me so.

The day I met him, Father Dalton wore the Roman collar, and had a twinkle in those slate-grey eyes and a wit and a humour that bubbled out in the stories he spun for me. He loved to talk. He loved people. He loved life. He loved God. He loved being a soldier. He loved being a priest. If there was anything he didn't like, it was losing those fathers and sons to war. He had sensed their inner fears. It didn't matter if the orders were to stay clear of the front lines — he listened instead to his own heart, and drove his jeep to the brink of battle. And he would sit there in the open jeep — its windshield festooned with flowers — and hear the laboured, disturbed confessions of terrified soldiers. Or sometimes he would join a soldier on a road to a battle and try to ease their woes and lift their spirits. Somehow Father Dalton believed he was invincible. He said he feared nothing. He figured he had a purpose, a reason to be. He felt lucky. He felt destined and blessed for some higher purpose. How else, he asked, do you explain how twice his truck was hit with shrapnel, and men died all around him? "I didn't have a scratch. I couldn't even get a cold," he said. And sometimes he was so lost in the reverie of saying mass on the hood of his jeep that he would suddenly turn to give a blessing, "and there was no one there ... I was all alone. The soldiers had jumped for cover, and shrapnel was flying everywhere. I hadn't heard a thing."

Rev. Matthew George, a longtime friend of Father Dalton, in hearing of his death, said the biggest regret of this priest's life was discovering too late the botched Dieppe invasion. "He had been at a chaplain's meeting and when he found out, he wanted to be put ashore, but they wouldn't let him. "He cared about those men — and never forgot them," said George. It reminded me of what Dalton told me years ago when I asked why he joined the army. He said that when he served at St. Alphonsus in downtown Windsor, he realized those same kids who had made their First Communion in that church were now running off to war. "I had to go with them," he said. Now with his passing, I'm speculating the old padre is catching up to them, once again.



PARCO, John '60 died peacefully, at home, following recent successful surgery for cancer, on Monday, December 1, 2008, at the age of 67. Loving husband of the late Donna Parco. Adored father to Karen and her husband James. Cherished son to Lucille and the late Eugene. Dear brother to Frank '59 (Josie) and the late Dennis (Marlene). John will be lovingly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, friends and family. Funeral Mass was held on Friday, December 5, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Dominic's Church, 625 Atwater Ave., Mississauga.



Dear Assumption Alumni,

Today your Alumni newsletter arrived in the mail. My husband, **Jim Peltier** was a student at Assumption for two years, 1945 and 1946. In the 54 years that we were married, Jim reminisced about those two years, time and time again, about "the best pie ever, settling a problem in the ring, ice skating and hockey, good friends", just to name a few. He spent the next two years at U of D Jesuit, graduating in 1948.

I met Jim at U of D College and we were married in 1954. We have three beautiful children and eight wonderful grandchildren who loved him dearly. I just want you to know that those two years were the foundation of the rest of his life. Jim retired from G.M. as the Personnel Director of the 3 Pontiac Plants in Auburn Heights, Michigan at the end of his career. Though he enjoyed tennis, golf, ice-skating, running, travel, etc. his family and his faith were most important in his life, and all who knew him loved him. Jim passed away August 16, 2008 of pancreatic cancer, and as he told us all, "I am ready to go", and "I have no regrets". More than 200 friends and family attended his funeral mass at St. Hugo of the Hill Chapel in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. I just wanted you to know how much those two years meant to him. Thank you; thank you from both of us. **Ginney Peltier**

Editor's Note: Thank you, Ginney for sharing this with the Alumni. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.

Dear Sirs:

The Assumption Alumni Newsletter Issue 87 reports the passing of Coleman Taylor on page 18. The picture with the notice is not that of Mr. Taylor. Having worked with Mr. Taylor at Ford of Canada for many years and having gone to school with Cole, I am sure that the person in the notice is not Cole. Thank you.

Frank Burns, '49

Ed. note: We apologize for this error.



Arnott, George William '45

The family of George William Arnott sadly announce his passing on Monday, December 15, 2008 at his beloved cottage at Bruce Beach in his 83rd year. George was born in Windsor, Ontario and was the son of the late Ira and Charlotte Arnott. He is predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Kathleen Arnott (Game) and his sister, Margaret MacLean. Loving father and father-in-law of Elizabeth and Wayne "Boris" Harloff of Guelph, Catherine Arnott and Brian Jones of Ottawa, Tom and Heather Arnott of Hanover and Carol Arnott of Stratford. Dearly loved Papa of Laura Turner (Jack), Emily Harloff and Quinn Dyer. Sadly missed by his sister Joan Ryan and nephew, John Ryan of Windsor and Birger and Hilda Ekblad of Kincardine, and many other loved nieces and nephews.

George lived a long and wonderful life. He came to Assumption in '42. He did well with his studies and was a member of the Student Council for two years. He starred in both Senior Football and Basketball for two years and was chosen unanimously for the All City Football Team in 1945 (the Arnott division in our high school sports is named after him). He was one of the first graduates of the Physical Education program at the University of Western Ontario. After an outstanding university football and basketball career with the Western Mustangs, he went on to play a year of professional football with the Toronto Argonauts. George happily settled into a 33-year career teaching and coaching at Windsor schools, mostly at Kennedy Collegiate Institute. He also found time to coach AKO junior football. He inspired many young athletes in football, track and field and basketball during these years. In 1983, George was inducted into the University of Western Ontario Sports Hall of Fame.

Special Awards

Basilian Fathers Of Assumption Bursary
 Fr. Vincent Guinan C.S.B. Bursary
 Fr. "Jakie" Donlon C.S.B. Bursary
 Sylvia Romano Award
 W. Fred Jordan Memorial Award
 Mike Lori Memorial Award
 Frank Mascarin Memorial Award
 Frank Mascarin Bursary
 Freed's Bursary
 Archbishop Denis O'Connor C.S.B. Award
 Aramark Bursary
 Assumption College School Council Bursary
 Lorraine & Louis Merlo Award
 Cliff Krete Memorial Award
 Camille Reaume Christian Fellowship Bursary
 Joe MacMillan Award
 Norbert Armstrong Award
 Fr. Charles Armstrong C.S.B. Award
 Joe Siddall Award
 Fr. Leon Hart C.S.B. Award
 Sisters of St. Joseph Bursary
 Jack Murphy, Class of '45 Award
 Fr. Vincent Pare C.S.B. Award
 Fr. Steve O'Neill C.S.B. Award
 Sisters of the Holy Names Bursary
 Joseph Pelletier Scholarship
 Fr. Q. Johnson Award
 The Crowley Brothers Award for Most Improved Graduating Student
 The Crowley Brothers Award for Overall Excellence
 James Molnar Bursary
 Gerard Hebert Scholarship
 Logan Delisle Community Scholarship
 Laura Girimonte Memorial Bursary
 Paul Whelan Prize
 Fr. Cullen & Mr. St. Germain Academic Scholarship

Special Awards

Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus & Mary Bursary
 Harold Rindlisbacher Award
 Fr. Cullen C.S.B. Alumni Scholarship
 Polonia Centre Academic Award
 Byrne Bursary Foundation Award

Academic Excellence Awards

Arts
 Business Studies
 Catholic Studies
 Experiential Learning
 English
 Mathematics
 Modern Languages
 Physical and Health Education
 Science
 Social Science
 Technology Studies
 IB Theory of Knowledge
 IB Creativity, Action and Service
 IB Extended Essay
 IB Learner Profile
 Principal's Scholars

Juliette Rondot, College/Workplace Proficiency
 Dr. J. Coyle Award, University Level Proficiency

Outstanding Achievement Awards

The Catholic Student Award
 of the Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario
 Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award
 Governor General's Academic Medal

Acknowledgements

Siro Martinello Memorial Bursary
 University of Windsor Human Kinetics Book Award
 Hadre Cup
 Royal Arcanum Award

Dr. Phyllis A. Bradshaw Foundation Bursary Winners

Zeenat Aurangzeb	Joyoty Dasgupta
Valerie Beneteau	Vlora Dervishi
Jarrold Broderick	Randi Dunn

Probable Ontario Scholars (Average of at least 80%)

Mohammad Akbar	Cristina Franco
Zeenat Aurangzeb	Kyle Godden
Jacqueline Bergeron	Alexandra Heade
Holly Burkoski	Richard Holland
Bianca Civiero	Hara Hordofa
Michella Civiero	Shelby Hudon
Hoa Dao	Danzell Jackson
Joyoty Dasgupta	Spencer Kelly
Julian Dragos	Brandon Lago
Ava Droski	Erica Lam
Kyle Duff	Andrew Magri

Julian Dragos, Cristina Franco
 Hoa Dao
 Erica Lam
 Sand Moshi, Alicia Trepanier
 Spencer Kelly, Jake Merritt
 Hara Hordofa, J. P. Malette
 Michael Sauro
 Cristina Franco, Spencer Kelly
 Zeenat Aurangzeb, Hoa Dao
 Holly Burkoski
 Kyle Duff, Erica Lam, Monica Nowak, Tabassum Qureshi
 Ava Droski, Shelby Hudon, Andrew Magri
 Jarrod Broderick
 Kyle Godden
 Ava Droski
 Jessica Hodgins
 Celia Brownlie
 Hara Hordofa
 Andrew Magri, Sand Moshi
 Jake Merritt
 Kyle Duff
 Jacqueline Bergeron, Corey Friesen, Cathy Tran
 Jarrod Broderick
 J. P. Malette
 Kyle Godden
 Spencer Kelly, Erica Lam
 Danzell Jackson
 Jerry Bell
 Kyle Godden
 Kyle Godden
 Shelby Hudon
 Ava Droski, Spencer Kelly
 Bianca Civiero, Michella Civiero, Caitlyn Ramirez
 Ioana Vacaru
 Kyle Godden

Alexandra Heade, Dominika Zygowska
 J. P. Malette
 Valerie Beneteau
 Monica Nowak, Dominika Zygowska
 Danzell Jackson

Celia Brownlie
 Spencer Kelly
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 Richie Holland, Ann Garcia-Mina
 Kyle Godden, Jake Levesque, Lindsay Woodman
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 Caitlyn Ramirez
 Michael Sauro
 Talha Shaikh

Ashley Ripley



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 Courtney Sutton
 Stephanie Thompson
 Cathy Tran
 Alicia Trepanier
 Ioana Vacaru
 Domenika Zygowska

ATHLETIC AWARDS 2009

ATHLETIC AWARDS - YEAR 2008-2009 STUDENT ATHLETES

The Fr. Armstrong Award (Male Student-Athlete).....John Paul Malette
The Fr. Sheedy Award (Female Student-Athlete).....Mariam Hamadani
The Fr. Pare AwardAndrew Magri
The Mary Kulyk AwardFrank Jeney
Athlete of the Year - Sr. Male (Fr. Cullen).....Jake Merritt
Athlete of the Year - Sr. Female (St Mary's Academy).....Kasia Frak
Jr. Student Athlete of the Year – FemaleGabrielle Malette
Jr. Student Athlete of the Year – MaleReid Mitchell

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - (MVP) GIRLS (Sr)

Volleyball.....Kasia Frak, Cristina Franco
Soccer.....Mariam Hamadani
BasketballTanisha Elliott, Mariam Hamadani
Slo-Pitch.....Lisa Ternosky

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - (MVP) BOYS (Sr)

Baseball.....Jeff Walker
Football (Offence).....Dylan Reynolds
Football (Defence)Kyle Ternosky
Volleyball.....Aaron Evans, David Merritt
BasketballAaron Evans
Hockey.....John Paul Malette
WrestlingMike Martinello
SoccerEric Silva

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - (MVP) GIRLS (Jr)

BasketballLaura Limarzi
VolleyballTanisha Elliott

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - (MVP) BOYS (Jr)

BasketballDallas Boow, DeAnthony Coates-Owens
Football.....Dallas Boow, DeAnthony Coates-Owens
VolleyballSteven Kulesza

CO-ED SPORTS (MVP)

Track & Field

Girls.....Gabrielle Malette, Charlotte Marcotte-Toale
BoysDominic Pizzolitto, John Paul Malette

Cross Country

GirlsGabrielle Malette (JR), Charlotte Marcotte-Toale (SR)
BoysReid Mitchell (JR), John Paul Malette (SR)

SwimmingGabrielle Malette

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**Remember your fifteen year reunion is
November 7th, 2009.**

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Assumption Hockey Team

Our Assumption Junior Raider Hockey Team (gr 9 and 10s) won the Belle River Junior Invitational Tournament in April 2009.

The team was outstanding in round robin play with wins in the first two games over Belle River and Massey to clinch a spot in the championship game. In the finals, the team had a balanced attack in route to a 5-3 victory over Lajeunesse. Other Highlights: 9-0 win over Massey (an AAAA school) Goaltender Will Verberg was team MVP Chris Hebert scored 7 goals and Matt Martinello scored 6 No penalties in championship game, and the team was very well behaved and courteous throughout the entire tournament.

from Coach J. Bracken

G O R A I D E R S ! ! !



Assumption Debate Team

The Assumption Debate Team competed in the 3rd Annual Odette School of Business High School Debate. This tournament featured nearly 130 of the region's brightest students.

We sent six teams to debate a variety of social, political and economic issues. As usual, ASSUMPTION TOOK HOME THE GOLD MEDAL. Our team of Alex Tingle, Ryan Chan, Amani Abdul and Aliya Samsair were awarded the top overall team in the tournament.

Beyond the amazing team success, three members took home individual recognition. Dominic Pizzolitto won Best Individual Rebuttal.

The tournament also recognized the top 4 individual debaters and had them debate against a team of the university's profs. Kaitlyn Meloche (gr 9) and Alex Tingle (gr 11) were both chosen for this honour. (And they won!)

About half of our team was grade 9 students. They did an amazing job and all posted winning records against opponents that were predominantly senior students.

Congratulations to all members who've been practicing 3-4 times a week- it was truly a team effort.



ACH vs Windsor Police

What a game! What a victory for the Purple and White basketball team comprised of senior boys and girls players against the Windsor Police Team.

On February 13, 2009, the Raiders were blazing the net in the first half with their outside shooting. The Police team fought back to take the lead late in the game, despite continuous hot outside shooting in the second half by the Raiders. At the final buzzer, the Raiders prevailed with a one point victory. The packed gym full of excited and boisterous students made the difference, cheering their team to victory and showing an excellent display of talent and sportsmanship. A re-match is to be scheduled next year. Above all, \$800 was raised to be donated to the Gelinas family. Thank you to everyone. ACH once again showed its true colours, purple and white, and that it is the best school. ACH is #1!!!!

'DREAM' SCORE AT SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

NICK BRANCACCIO/The Windsor Star

A group of students from Assumption College Catholic High School placed first at the annual Great Lakes Science Olympiad. The team, calling itself the Dream Team, achieved the highest score ever obtained at the science olympiad with 756 points out of a possible 800. Six students in Grade 12 made up the Dream Team, one of two Assumption teams in the competition. They are, from left, Mike Martinello, Kyle Godden, John Paul Malette, Spencer Kelly, Sand Moshl, and Kyle Duff, front. The science olympiad, hosted by the faculty of education at the University of Windsor, challenges high school students to test their knowledge in biology, chemistry and physics.



Assumption Raiders Hockey
2008-2009 Season



PLAYERS

#	Name	Pos	Games	Goals	Assists	Points	PIMS
18	Steffan Samson	C	10	13	5	18	40
11	JP Malette	C	8	7	4	11	8
4	Chris Hebert	C	6	7	3	10	8
21	Erich Ofner	LW	10	4	6	10	2
17	Reid Mitchell	C	9	8	1	9	8
55	Jake Merritt	D	10	2	7	9	12
8	Jeremy Wigle	F/D	10	4	4	8	26
10	Austin Hogan	D	9	1	6	7	4
6	Graham Tyrell	RW	10	0	7	7	0
7	Austin Faulkner	RW	10	4	2	6	34
5	Ryan O'Neil	F/D	9	1	5	6	0
9	Adam Bergeron	LW	9	1	5	6	0
88	Alex Tesolin	LW	8	2	2	4	2
19	Russell Boglitch	RW	10	2	2	4	10
16	Andre Ladoucer	D	10	1	3	4	8
91	Adam Drouillard	D	9	0	3	3	2
3	Andrew Magri	D	9	0	2	2	12
20	Matt Martinello	RW	2	1	0	1	0
29	Drake Bailey	D	10	0	1	1	0
TOTAL			168	58	68	126	176

GOALIES

#	Name	G	W	L	T	GA	GAA
30	Will Verberg	8	5	1	1	18	2.76
4	Chris Hebert	3	1	1	0	6	3.00
-	Cortnee Burgess	1	1	0	0	2	2.86
-	Andrew Pillon	2	0	0	0	3	6.00
TOTAL		10	7	2	1	29	2.90

MALETTE TO RUN WITH FIGHTING IRISH

(excerpt of Windsor Star article by Jim Parker)

Assumption's **John Paul Malette '09** will take his running south this fall. The 17 yr old Malette, who had eight OFSAA medals to his credit, has accepted a cross-country and track and field scholarship at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind. "We're very excited about him," Notre Dame head coach Joe Piane said. "He's got a lot of talent".

His sister Jackie Malette attended the University of Windsor before moving on to the University of Ottawa. His sister Rachele Malette is at Wayne State University.

"I went there twice and no other school combined academics, athletics and a spiritual aspect," Malette said. "All three are of great importance and it's just three hours away".

Malette is a three-time OFSAA gold medalist in the 3,000 metres and also won a silver medal in the 1,500 metres. He's also won silver medals in cross-country.

"I want to take this as far as I can and develop to the fullest," Malette said. "The ultimate dream for everyone is to go to the Olympics and represent your country."

HUGE HONOURS FOR J.P. (JEAN PAUL) MALETTE '09

Not so long ago, Austin Kennedy and J.P. Malette were teammates on the same youth soccer team. Fate threw them together again for a historic moment in local high school athletics. Massey's Kennedy and Assumption's Malette swept the two biggest awards available to athletes in the Windsor Essex County Secondary Schools Athletic Association. In a vote of school athletic directors, Kennedy and Malette won the 2009 Royal Arcanum Award for the outstanding male athlete in their respective divisions. Kennedy won from a field of candidates from AAA/AAAA schools and Malette was in the class of the A/AA pool. Then the pair headed into uncharted waters when a further vote at the Caboto Club declared them the winners of the Hadre Cup, given annually to the top student-athlete. Never before have two athletes swept the awards in the same year. Herman's O.J. Atogwe was a double winner of the Arcanum and Hadre for AAA/AAAA schools in 1999-00 and Essex's Dave Binder turned a double play for A/AA schools in 2005-06. As well, Massey and Assumption have never before had a Hadre Cup winner. Kennedy becomes the fourth Mustang to win the prestigious Arcanum Award and the first since Don Douglas in 1986-87. Malette is the sixth Purple Raider to be honoured and the first since Dave Delduca in 1997-98. "He's so sportsmanlike and he works really hard," Kennedy said of his former teammate in Malette. "Whenever we'd go on those long training runs, J.P. with his track background was always leading the pack." While Malette was team captain and MVP of Assumption's hockey team, he made an indelible mark in cross-country and track, so much so that next year he'll run for the Notre Dame Fighting Irish on a scholarship. The 18-year-old leaves high school having won a gold medal every time he ran the 3,000 metres at OFSAA (in Grade 9, 10, 11). In Grade 12, he took silver at the OFSAA cross-country championships. When he won another silver in the 1,500 metres at the recent OFSAA track and field championships, it was the ninth OFSAA medal of a four-year high school

career. Malette carved out time during the school year to compete for Canada in the North American/Central American/Caribbean junior cross-country championships in Florida and at the IAAF World championships in Amman, Jordan, all the while maintaining a 92.3 per cent average in the demanding International Baccalaureate program. "It's definitely been a juggling act at times," Malette said. Of all the OFSAA medals draped around his neck, Malette eyes the gold he earned in the 3,000 metres as a Grade nine student as a favourite. He was headed down the stretch with two other runners when he was tripped up and fell to the ground with just over 200 metres to go. "I pulled out a kick from somewhere to win," he said. "I really don't know how."



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