



Newsletter

Summer 2016

We Are Going Paperless!

Because of rising costs of printing and the cost of postage, the alumni newsletter will be going paperless in the very near future.

The newsletter will still be published, but it will only be distributed through email and will continue to be available online at:

<http://alumni.stsebastian.org>

If you would like to continue to receive the newsletter please send your email address to:

alumni@stsebastian.org

Thank you for your help!

Alumni Parents

Are you receiving your child's alumni newsletter? Please let us know their email address so we can update our records! Thanks!

Third Generation Graduates

We all know that St. Sebastian Parish School is a special place. But did you know we have four students in the 2016 graduating class that can claim they are a third generation graduates from St. Sebastian Parish School? They are **Lucy Stiller, James Thomas, Natalie Tobin, and Isabella Vesco**. There are not many schools that can boast that they have had three generations graduate from the same school.

When the families were asked why they chose to send their children to St. Sebastian Parish School, **Julie Bachmann Vesco '86** said "There are so many great traditions. I feel like it is truly a parish school. The whole parish is so supportive of the school that the kids feel like they have a whole community behind them wishing them success."

Jim Thomas '82 told us that "St. Sebastian has always been a special place for my family. Each of my kids has left St. Sebastian well prepared to take on the many challenges of high school. At St. Sebastian, they began to form the habits that students need to be suc-



Lucy Stiller '16
 Michael Stiller '79
 William Stiller '44
 Pat Snyder Stiller '48



James Thomas '16
 James Thomas '82
 Marie Ann Wright
 Thomas '52



Natalie Tobin '16
 Amy DeBarr Tobin '84
 Kathy McGuckin
 DeBarr '55



Isabella Vesco '16
 Julie Bachmann
 Vesco '86
 John Bachmann '49

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We Will Remember

The Alumni Association extends our sincerest sympathy to the families and friends of the alumni, parents and spouses of alumni who have passed. If you learn of the passing of a St. Sebastian Alumni, please contact us by phone at 330.836.2233 x119 or by email at alumni@stsebastian.org.

✠ Please keep these friends in your prayers ✠

Walter Henry Cahill, Jr., '34, April 13, 2016

Robert E. Wolf, '35, May 16, 2016

Ralph Witt, '39, April 24, 2016

Ann Fernbach Reusch, '41, January 9, 2015

Helen Markel, '44, March 1, 2016

Barbara Yost, '47, May 8, 2016

Joseph (Tom) Healy, '53, February 11, 2016

William Clements, '64, May 23, 2016

Host A Reunion

The foundation offers assistance to any class that wants to **host a reunion**. We can provide addresses, make copies, send out flyers and add your event to our social media sites. Just let us know how we can help you at alumni@stsebastian.org.

Alumni Updates

CLASS OF 1952

Jim Roberts wrote an original poem to honor the St. Sebastian Class of '52. To read the poem please visit <http://alumni.stsebastian.org>.

CLASS OF 1976

The class of 1976's 40th reunion will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at the O'Neil House in Akron. Please go to the "St. Sebastian Class of 1976" Facebook page or e-mail **Sue Preston Barry '76** at Suereunion2016@comcast.net for more information.

CLASS OF 2012

Sidney Huckabee '12, has committed to play soccer and continue her academic career at Assumption College.

Tyler Gilchrist '12, has committed to play football and continue his academic career at the University of Akron.

CLASS OF 2013

Frank Williams '13 and **Kasey Williams '13** have been inducted into the Archbishop Hoban National Honor Society.

Class of 2014

The University of Akron held the first Power of the Pen high school competition. For the Junior Varsity division, Our Lady of the Elms High School student **Claire Heinle '14** received the top score and came in 1st place! With this accolade, she received a Kent State University Golden Pen scholarship.

Class of 2015

Our Lady of the Elms High School student **Marina Hershberger '15** has won 3rd place in the City of Akron Holocaust Arts & Writing Contest.

Please use the contact form on the next page or email us your updates and stories to alumni@stsebastian.org.

Alumni Scholarship Endowment

Thank you again to everyone who gave to the annual appeal! We are over whelmed by your generosity to support St. Sebastian Parish School. Being able to have a fund that helps support our students and future alumni is important in keeping the parish and school strong. If you would like to continue to build the Alumni Scholarship Endowment to help even more students, please send your tax deductible gift to:

*St. Sebastian Parish Foundation, Alumni Association
476 Mull Avenue • Akron, OH 44320*



St. Sebastian Parish hosted a Catholic High School Choir Festival on Sunday May 1, 2016. All of our local Catholic high schools performed: Archbishop Hoban High School, Our Lady of the Elms High School, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, and Walsh Jesuit High School. Some of the choir members were St. Sebastian Parish Alumni.

Thank you to the alumni who recently have given to the alumni scholarship endowment:

1946

J. Philip O'Neil

1957

John Reichart

1952

Julie Randall in memory of David Meeker

Alumni Updates

Please keep us up-to-date on what you are doing... graduations, marriages, births, awards, new jobs, etc.*

Your Name: _____ Class of: _____

Spouse: _____ Class of: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Children's Names and Ages: _____

Occupation: _____ Employed by: _____

What's New?: _____

email to: alumni@stsebastian.org or mail to: St. Sebastian Alumni Association, 476 Mull Ave., Akron, OH 44320

*This information will be printed in the alumni newsletter.

Congratulations Foundation Scholarship Winners for 2016-17

BSA Troop 96 Scholarship

Andrew Powell

Frances L. Sharp Scholarship

Sydney Borges

Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship

Claire Kinkelaar

Suzana Borges

GOAL Scholarship

Nicholas Senko

Claire Kinkelaar

Mia Ross

Megan Williams

St. Anthony Scholarship

Megan Williams

Cassia Chivers

Tyler Fram

Lola Hall

Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship

Katie Horgan '16

George Zografakis '16



Front Row: Claire Kinkelaar, Sydney Borges, Suzana Borges, Lola Hall

Middle Row: Mia Ross, Megan Williams, Andrew Powell, Tyler Fram, Cassia Chivers

Back Row: Fr. Valencheck, Nick Senko, Principal Mrs. Isabella

If your family would like to start a scholarship or contribute to an existing fund to support St. Sebastian Parish School students, please contact scholarships@stsebastian.org.

High School Freshman! Welcome to the Alumni Association!

Congratulations to the 2016 graduates of St. Sebastian Parish School! Below are where the 2016 alumni will be attending high school. The students collectively earned \$375,000 in scholarships for the next four years to assist them in furthering their education. See the picture of the graduating class on the back page of the newsletter.

Archbishop Hoban High School

Kolby Adams

Daniel Bordenkircher

Robert Bordenkircher

Lucy Choken

Maxwell Ciarlariello

Aiden Goostree

Mason Jenkins

Hunter Jones

Brooke Nagel

Jonathon Owen

Madeline Owen

John Petit

Katherine Reeves

Erica Reymann

Audrey Ruscak

Logann Saus

Samuel Stahl

Lucy Stiller

Spencer Wikel

Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy

Caleigh Gorcoff

Firestone High School

Megan Beitko

Our Lady of the Elms High School

Grace Hamilton

Isabella Vesco

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School

Connor Brown

Nora Dekemper

Remi Gisentaner

Camille Horrigan

Kaylan Liggins

London Mathurin

Jacob Pentasuglio

Eugene Puglia

Benjamin Rosenfeld

Kevin Rybka

Nicholas Steel

James Thomas

Gabriella Thompson

Natalie Tobin

Walsh Jesuit High School

Kathleen Horgan

Marie Pfeiffer

Noah Salyers

George Zografakis

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successful. They've also been eager to build on their faith foundation begun at home and at St. Sebastian School."

The four students featured here are not the only students from St. Sebastian Parish School that are third generation graduates. They all have siblings that have graduated from or are currently attending St. Sebastian Parish School. Lucy's two brothers **Christopher '14** and **Benjamin '13**, James's siblings **Julia '13**, **MaryBeth '11**, and **Amanda '09**, and Natalie's sister **Kelly '13** have all graduated from St. Sebastian Parish School and Isabella's brothers **Xavier '18** and **Jackson '21** will soon graduate. In addition, James has had a dozen cousins graduate from our school.

Also there are five students in the graduating class of 2016 that are second generation families attending St. Sebastian Parish School (which could be a parent or grandparent). Those students include **Dan Bordenkircher**, **Bob Bordenkircher**, **John Petit**, **Erica Reymann**, and **Nick Steel**.

We know there are many more third generation

graduates in our school's alumni. While we have attendance records on most alumni, we don't always know how people are related. Let us know if your family is a multi-generation St. Sebastian Parish School family! Email us at alumni@stsebastian.org and give us the names and approximate graduation dates of three or more generations of your family. We would love to hear why St. Sebastian Parish School is important to your family! We will publish the names in an upcoming issue of the Alumni Newsletter.

THANK YOU:

Mrs. Patty Smith is retiring. In 2001 she had a dream to begin a preschool at St. Sebastian. For fifteen years she was steady at the helm, building it into the high quality educational institution that it is today.

Also retiring this year is **Mrs. Denise Finely** who has been inspiring students in our 3rd grade since 1993. Thank you both for all of your hard work and dedication for the benefit of our students.



Archbishop Hoban Steel Drum Band came to St. Sebastian Parish School to perform for our students during Catholic Schools Week. The following St. Sebastian alumni performed:

Amy Gersten '13
Ryan Huber '14

Jerry Reeves '13
Greg Klamert '14

Caymen Goosetree '13

Alex Thomas '13

Our Newest Alumni

8th Grade Graduating Class of 2016

Congratulations to our St. Sebastian Parish School who graduated 41 students with 93% of our graduates continuing on to a local Catholic High School (*see list on page 4*). Welcome to our newest alumni!



Grandparents Day was held April 28, 2016. Grandparents attended Mass with their student and had coffee and donuts with Principal Isabella. Two 8th grade students, **Bella Vesco '16** and **Jacob Pentasuglio '16**, spoke to the visitors about their experiences at St. Sebastian Parish School. Then the grandparents visited the classroom of their grandchildren. Grandparents learned how to program robots, drive solar powered cars and use a microscope. Over 350 guests attended and classrooms were overflowing with pride and grandparents!!!



September Spectacular 2016

Save the Date of Saturday, September 24, 2016 for the school's most important fundraiser!

<http://www.stsebastian.org/school/sept-spectacular.html>