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Join us on
Sunday,
Sept. 15th
for Mount
Michael's
Fall Festival!



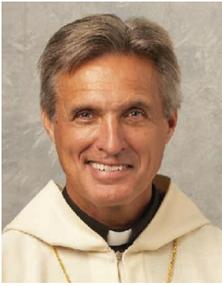
Voted Omaha's Choice in the
Recreation & Entertainment category of the World-Herald's
2019 Omaha's Choice Awards for the third year in a row, you don't want to miss it!

Enjoy Mount Michael's 400 acre campus and all that the Festival has to offer. The Fall Festival will again partner with Special Olympics Nebraska to host the Flag Football Invitational. Activities include delicious food provided by food trucks, horseback and hayrack rides, giant inflatables and midway games presented by Fun Services! Fun for the whole family and admission is free.



NEW THIS YEAR!

For the very first time the Fall Festival will feature a Beer Garden!



Letter from the Abbot

Disaster can result from the failure of a small, seemingly innocuous component. A recent example: on two occasions, a Boeing 737 Max aircraft crashed when a sensor relayed wrong information to the flight computer about the angle of “attack,” the angle of flight. Transmitted incorrect information, the flight computer forced the nose of the airplane down causing it to fly into the ground. There is a corollary to that proposition about failure. Brilliant achievement can stem from the contributions of apparently insignificant individuals. To my mind, a case would be Br. Francis Schmitz. Br. Francis became a member of the Mount Michael community when he first professed vows in 1962. He was an invaluable member of the community until his death this year.

Small of stature but blessed with boundless energy and an enormous heart, there was no task that Br. Francis would refuse. It is impossible to list all the roles Br. Francis filled in the abbey and the school. In early years, he worked as a meat cutter in the kitchen. He headed up the intramural programs for students during the days of St. John Seminary. He and Br. Andrew planted, watered, and shaped trees for a Christmas tree farm. He served as the equipment manager for the athletic teams. He spent hours washing, folding and storing uniforms after football games and basketball games. The Knights never had a more loyal fan. Whenever one of the teams seemed to be struggling, Br. Francis would remark that “it is darkest before dawn.” Many students learned that during his prime, Br. Francis was untouchable in table tennis. It was skill that he picked up during his days as a student at Wayne State college. He could give a ping pong ball a baffling array of spins.

Br. Francis hailed from Osmond. On one occasion, a local got into a dispute with Br. Francis about how far he could walk. The bet was on. Br. Francis walked nearly 50 miles in one night from near Wynot to Osmond. He never cared about the wager. He just wanted to prove that he could do it. On another occasion, Br. Francis was unloading some debris with

a tractor and trailer in the gullies north of the school. While emptying the trailer, Br. Francis was thrown from the tractor. The trailer ran over his leg badly gashing his thigh. Br. Francis crawled over a half mile back towards the school building before someone finally spotted him and rushed him to the hospital. As you might guess, he recovered from his serious wounds in a heartbeat. Our long-time coach at Mount Michael, James Kane, used to say of Br. Francis that “he was tougher than a day in jail.”

When age began to catch up with Br. Francis, he would sometimes have an appointment with a doctor who was an alumnus. This alumnus would have Br. Francis see interns who were in various stages of their education. Invariably when an intern asked Br. Francis what the problem might be, Br. Francis would reply, “the only thing wrong with me is that I don’t have anything wrong with me.”

Br. Francis devoted himself heart and soul to God and to his religious community. He was unfailingly faithful to prayer. He sang in the monastic schola. Every day in his company was a delight because there was a smile on his face and glint in his eye. An easily overlooked cog in an organization blessed with success. There would be no success at all without a monk like Br. Francis.

We are just around the corner from our annual Fall Festival. If you can find it, there is a short video clip of Br. Francis at a Fall Festival a few years ago. He is dancing by himself to some honkytonk music. If you are having a bad day, watch that clip. It will bring a smile to your face. A small touch of the divine intervening in human affairs.

Michael Siebl, OSB



Announcements

MARRIAGES

William Denton '10 married Kathleen Kendall on Saturday, June 22nd, 2019. Fellow Knights in the wedding party included **Joshua Charvat '10**, **Joshua Devereaux '10**, **Brendan Walsh '10**, **Matthew Denton '12**, **Gunhee Park '10**, **Michael O'Donnell '10**, **Nathaniel Evans '10**, **Sean Murphy '10**.



Left to right: Todd Hatcher, Tate Bornhoft, Joshua Charvat '10, Joshua Devereaux '10, Brendan Walsh '10, Robert Denton, William Denton '10, Matthew Denton '12, Sean Kendall, Gunhee Park '10, Michael O'Donnell '10, Collin Monzon, Nathaniel Evans '10, Sean Murphy '10.

BIRTHS

Jack Pritchard '07 and his wife Amanda welcomed their son, James William, on August 20th, 2019.



If you would like to include an announcement in an upcoming issue of the *Michaeleen*, please contact

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Alvaro Cervera-Jaureguizar, former student

Louis T "Pat" Jodlowski, friend of Mount Michael

Rita Hasiak, mother of Dennis Hasiak '72

Sylvia Schrader, grandmother of Joseph '12 and David '13 Bastian

Ron Traggiai, father of Tony Traggiai '20

Anderson Cousin, Jr., grandfather of Addison Cousin-Hardrick '20

Br. Francis Schmitz, O.S.B.

Melvin Kluthe '60

Duane Starman, grandfather of Zach '15 and Colton Starman '16

Upcoming Mount Michael Alumni Association Events

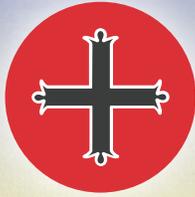
FOOTBALL 5TH QUARTER
September 20th, 2019

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
December 15th, 2019

BASKETBALL 5TH QUARTER
January 17th, 2020

ALUMNI BREAKFAST
October 30th, 2019

**ALUMNI BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT**
December 28th, 2019



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FALL FESTIVAL

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MIDWAY GAMES

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PUMPKIN PATCH

HORSEBACK RIDES

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SUNDAY

SEPT. 15TH

2019

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to **6:00 P.M.**

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Nebraska



11:00 A.M.
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& Opening Ceremonies

Flag Football Invitational

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Head of School



This August, for the fiftieth year in a row, Mount Michael Benedictine School opened its doors to begin a new school year. The enthusiasm, optimism, and hope that accompanies the start of something new was contagious. We welcomed over 240 students and thirty-one teachers onto campus. I remember what many of our alumni noted when they attended our reunion weekend this summer; how fantastic the building and grounds look when you come onto campus.

I always enjoy time with our alumni. They have strong attachments with Mount Michael, and it is truly through the relationships and friendships they formed while here as students. The monks, with their guidance, teaching and expectations, set the foundation that formed these alumni. These values and expectations continue to this day. We are blessed to still have the following monastic members working in the school with our young men: Abbot Michael (Calculus, Honors Physics), Fr. John (Campus Ministry), Fr. Stephen (French), Br. Luke (Librarian), Br. August (Theology) Fr. Dan (Art) and Br. Roger (Theater, Drama). Through their example, devotion and leadership our Benedictine foundation is alive and well as we enter this fiftieth year.

While our teachers have been planning for the start of school, so many others around the campus have been working hard too. I want to thank our tremendous facilities and grounds staff under the direction of Mr. Jim Lewis. I want to thank our business office under the direction of Fr. Louis and I want to thank our advancement and development staff, under the direction of Mrs. Francesca

Donovan for all their work this summer. I also do not want to forget the office staff in our school, who have put in countless hours this summer, getting ready for 2019-2020!

This year, two big projects will be taking place for our staff and teachers. First, we will be going through our five-year re-accreditation process through AdvancEd. Our site visit by the accreditation team will take place this upcoming February of 2020. The team will be on-site for three days. During that time, they will be visiting with staff and students and also making observations. I want to thank Mr. Jason Mackeprang, our curriculum director for all his work in getting us ready for this process.

Second, beginning this month and continuing through February, is the process to compose a new Five-year Strategic Plan. We will finish our current strategic plan, which began back in 2014, this school year. The new plan will be set to begin upon the end of this school year, starting in the summer of 2020. I do request, that if you are asked to serve on a focus group, or complete a survey, that you take the time and be thoughtful in your input. After the conclusion of our capital campaign and the construction of the DJ Sokol Learning For Life Building, we are in a position to assess where we are and where we plan to go. Your help in this process will help us direct future goals and resources.

Thank you for your continued support of Mount Michael Benedictine School!

Mount Michael Benedictine School is a Catholic college preparatory residential/day high school rooted in Benedictine values for young men committed to excellence. Students develop spiritually, intellectually, and socially through the comprehensive curriculum and communal experience to become future leaders.

God bless and take care,

David J. Peters, Ed.D.
Head of School

Bro. Francis Schmitz, O.S.B. (Richard “Richie”)

February 18, 1930 - July 25, 2019

“I’ll tell you one thing!” This line was one of Br. Francis’ often-used expressions. And one could be certain that Br. Francis had more than one thing to tell you as he would begin a lively conversation or story with a beaming smile, punctuated throughout with his trademark laughter.

Br. Francis died at the age of 89 following a year and one-half residence at a nursing home. Br. Francis hailed from Osmond, Nebraska. Richard – Br. Francis’ baptismal name – was born on February 18, 1930 to the late Benedict and Lillian (Kratochvil Stanosheck) Schmitz. He attended Saint Mary’s Catholic Grade School. Following graduation from Osmond High School, Br. Francis studied at Wayne State Teachers College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education and in physical education. After continuing his education at Conception Seminary College, Br. Francis worked in Omaha in construction and in meat-packing jobs prior to entering the novitiate at Mount Michael Benedictine Abbey. Br. Francis professed vows on the feast of Saint Joseph, March 19, 1962. He and Br. Andrew were the first lay brothers to profess vows at Mount Michael.

Since his profession, Br. Francis shared his talents in a number of ways to the Abbey and to the School. He was initially meat cutter and school kitchen worker, the school’s Director of Inter-school Athletics, Athletic Director, baseball coach, groundskeeper, athletic equipment manager and custodian of the house. Br. Francis and Br. Andrew were responsible for establishing the Christmas tree farms on campus.

Br. Francis exuded grit, tenacity, dedication and faith. Here another of his colloquialism’s comes to mind: “One step at a time!”

Grit and tenacity? Br. Francis would doggedly see a project or task to its ultimate completion. Working on a road construction crew just after high school, a co-worker quipped to this somewhat diminutive man that if he wanted to join the Osmond Tigers baseball team for their game then he would have to walk home. Not to be outdone, Br. Francis replied that this feat could be done in under fifteen hours. So immediately after work on Saturday Br. Francis set off for home, covering the fifty-two miles from Wynot to Osmond in about thirteen hours. Or who could forget his tenacity in the late 80’s when out in the far north gullies doing some work the tractor rolled over him. Br. Francis commando-crawled back as far as the track where someone discovered him and called for help.

Dedication? Br. Francis had a very strong passion for sports. In baseball, it was the Saint Louis Cardinals and in football he kept up with the Nebraska Cornhuskers. His special love was Mount



Michael athletics. Br. Francis had unwavering loyalty to all Mount Michael athletic teams and was not afraid to challenge friend or foe to find a better athlete or team than a Mount Michael one. He was well-known for his famous “predictions” of the game’s outcome. As equipment manager, Br. Francis was found on the field or on the basketball court tending to equipment or to players. Sometimes his zealous game time enthusiasm would find him next to Coach Jim Kane after a big play or an official’s call giving the business to player or to official. And after the lights were dimmed on the field or on the court one could find Br. Francis washing, drying and repairing the uniforms in the Abbey laundry room into the wee hours.

Faith? Br. Francis never missed monastic prayer or daily Mass. His voice was a long-time staple in the monastic schola. At a Nebraska football game, Br. Francis would wear his heavy parka and his over-sized radio headphones cheering on his team, but when the internal bell tolled mid-game he would remove the headphones, pull out his well-worn breviary from his parka pocket and sit amidst the screaming fans to pray the Office.

It was Br. Francis who in one of our vocational videos said with a chuckle, “I came here and I plan to die here!” He accomplished what he set out to do and the monastic community is better for it and grateful for his monastic witness.

Br. Francis is survived by his monastic community as well as nieces, nephews, and numerous cousins. Preceding him in death were his parents, brothers Percy Stanosheck, Benedict “Dick” Schmitz, Ralph Schmitz, Leonard “Lenny” Schmitz and sisters Lucille Apple, Mary Lillian Born and Edith Bittner. Vigil service for Br. Francis was held on Tuesday, July 30th in the David “D.J.” Sokol Memorial Chapel on the Mount Michael campus. The Mass of Christian Burial was held in the David “D.J.” Sokol Memorial Chapel on the Mount Michael campus on Wednesday, July 31st.



POPPERS BEER FESTIVAL FUN

Spanning the years I have been at Mount Michael, (now 56 years), the Fall Festival has always been an occasion that I have anticipated with fun and excitement. Granted, it has also brought with it lots of hard work and an overwhelming realization of the many people who support Mount Michael. There have been many years when I admit that I am happy to have it behind me, rather than in front of me; but truly I must also admit, there is no other occasion when there are so many people who genuinely wish only the best for Mount Michael.

In this issue of the Michaeleen, we are trying to promote some new features of the festival that we hope will draw more people, especially alumni. As many of you know, there have been many monastic communities throughout the world which have been involved in beer brewing or wine making. We have not decided to brew beer or make wine, but we have decided to have a beer garden this year. It will be located in the courtyard, north of the chapel, where the Kiddie Korral used to be.

You will also be able to feast on some jalapeño poppers from Mount Michael's garden. A number of alums will be serving the poppers throughout the day. However, there will be a limited amount. So come early, enjoy a beer and a popper and some festival fun.

Admissions



The Class of 2023 has begun their journey at Mount Michael! Like so many freshmen classes before them, these 57 students are undoubtedly unique and wide-ranging.

They come to us from

all over the world, including China, South Korea, Indonesia, Singapore, Mexico, Japan, California, and Nebraska. Despite these different backgrounds, they all enter Mount Michael with one thing in common: hearts and minds that are ready to learn and grow. These young knights enter Mount Michael after graduating from 29 different grade/middle schools. Furthermore, this class brings many talents and experiences to the Mount, including accomplished musicians, athletes, altar servers, numerous academic achievements, and even a National Spelling Bee participant! As an alumnus of Mount Michael, I could not be prouder of the quality of young men that have entered this special brotherhood!

Proud to be a Knight,
Tom Maliszewski '13
Director of Admissions



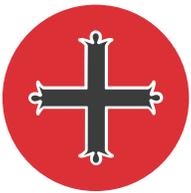
SAVE THE DATE

YOUTH WARBALL TOURNAMENT
September 15th, 2019

FOOTBALL KNIGHT AT THE MOUNT
September 20th, 2019

ALL-KNIGHTER
November 2nd, 2019

OPEN HOUSE
November 17th, 2019



MOUNT MICHAEL CLASS OF 2023



Tom Maliszewski '13 and Aaron-Jed "AJ" Atayi '23



Aiden Brink '23, Will Brewster '23, and Dave Cormier

Aaron-Jed "AJ" Atayi of St. James/Seton School, son of Luther and Anastasia Atayi of Omaha, NE. AJ was part of St. James/Seton's first ever engineering club, which won the 2018 Middle School Grand Prix. He was an honor roll student in seventh and eighth grade.

John Balch of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Eric and Jayne Balch of Elkhorn, NE. John is a black belt in Taekwondo and has a 1500+ chess rating. He is a state medalist in wrestling and state champion of the Nebraska Punt, Pass, Kick contest.

Andrew Becker of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Matthew and Andrea Becker of Elkhorn, NE.

Nolan Beller of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Dale Beller of Bennington and Shumain Beller of Elkhorn, NE. Nolan was on the honor roll at St. Patrick's and was active in school and club football, basketball, and soccer teams.

Will Benson of St. Wenceslaus School, son of John and Gena Benson of Omaha, NE. Will was a four-time recipient of the Chivalry Award in middle school. He made first or second honors every quarter in junior high. Will served one year on campus ministry and as a student ambassador. Additionally, he was the host/emcee for the 2019 St. Wenceslaus Talent Show and has played 4 years of basketball, 3 years of football, and 3 years of track for St. Wenceslaus.

***Will Brewster** of St. Pius X/St. Leo School, son of Joel and Lisa Brewster of Omaha, NE. Will was a state champion in baseball. He received many math awards during grade school at St. Pius X/St. Leo School through participation in the Archdiocesan Math Contest, Creighton Prep Math Individual, Math

Counts, and the National Catholic School Math League Contest. He participated in the Duke TIP program in seventh grade and was recognized at the state recognition ceremony.

***Aiden Brink** of St. Pius X/St. Leo School, son of Jason and Jacque Brink of Omaha, NE. The Rotary Club of Omaha recognized Aiden as an honor roll recipient. He was on First Honor Roll his seventh and eighth grade years at St. Pius X/St. Leo School, where he participated in basketball and soccer. He was awarded a St. Pius X Scholarship for excellence in academics.

Theodore Bunawan of Permai Plus School, son of Toni Bunawan and Bermadette Hartini-Bunawan of Jakarta, Indonesia.

Jose Luis Castillo of Instituto Andes Y Colegio del Bosque, son of Alfonso Castillo and Leticia Ivon of San Luis Potosi, Mexico. Jose won the first place Excellence Award at the end of his seventh and eighth grade years and was one of three nominees for the Integer Homo award at his middle school. He also earned Kumon's J-6 award.

Tae Hyeon Choi, son of Dosuk Choi and Jeong Hye Bang of Seoul, South Korea.

Trevor Christ of Grandview Middle School, son of Randall Christ and Paula Moser of Omaha, NE. Trevor has performed in chorus and school plays throughout middle school. He enjoyed playing lacrosse, skateboarding, and waterskiing at his grandparents' lake in upstate New York every summer. Trevor earned his boating license in the state of New York this past summer.



Sam Kleinschmit '23, Conor Connealy '23, Jack Dustin '23, Harper Held '23, Ryan Tillotson '23, Brock Wamsley '23, Sebastian Santa-Maria '23, and Tom Maliszewski '13



Dr. David Peters, Dr. Barbara Marchese, Jacob Goertz '23, Taggart Crouse '23, and Fr. Dan Kampschneider '71

***Conor Connealy** of St. Wenceslaus School, son of Terry and Lisa Connealy of Omaha, NE. Conor was awarded the Chivalry Award, First Honors, was an eighth grade Rotary Club of Omaha Honor Roll recipient and voted a captain on his PAL football team during his eighth-grade year at St. Wenceslaus.

***Taggart Crouse** of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of JJ Crouse and Leslie Brandt of Omaha, NE. Taggart was the starting second baseman for the 14U AAA Nebraska baseball state championship team.

Alejandro Cueli Icazuriaga of Colegio Miraflores, son of Alejandro Cueli and Maite Icazuriaga of Huixquilucan, Mexico.

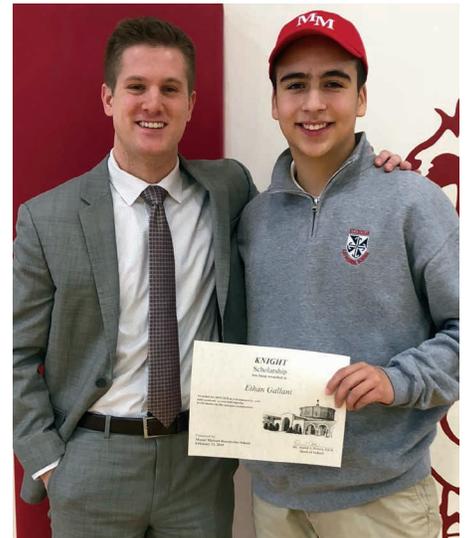
John Davis of Mary Our Queen School, son of Richard and Jane Davis of Omaha, NE. John earned an orange belt in Taekwondo. He was on the honor roll at Mary Our Queen and won a scholarship from the Men's Club and Catholic Daughters. John was a member of the robotics team, speech team, and chess club.

Sebastian Duran of Scotus Central Catholic, son of Viridiana Duran of Columbus, NE. Sebastian earned first place for a poem and third place for an essay in the Catholic Daughters of America Writing Competition. He is a student ambassador for the Schuyler Is Home program and a 2019 participant in the National Public Radio's StoryCorps Stories of the Midwest.

***Jack Dustin** of St. Wenceslaus, son of John ('97) and Colleen Dustin of Omaha, NE. During eighth grade, Jack received the Serra Club Altar Server Award from the Serra Club of Omaha and a Chivalry Award at St. Wenceslaus. His eighth-grade basketball team won the PAL championship in his division. Jack set a record in the 110-meter hurdles during track his seventh-grade year. His soccer team won first place in the Okoboji Soccer Classic and won the CYSL Division Championships.

Griffin Dyche of Westwood Middle School, son of Gregory and Katherine Dyche of Omaha, NE. During his eighth-grade year at Westwood Middle School, Griffin participated in football, track, archery, and wrestling, and he biked over 350 miles. Griffin volunteered at the local fire department and in the community. Griffin spent last summer hiking in Spain and working on a farm in Normandy, France.

Andrew Fink of St. Philip Neri School, son of Edward and Mary Fink of Omaha, NE. Andrew was on the student council at St. Philip Neri, serving as treasurer for the 2017-2018 school year and president for the 2018-2019 school year. Andrew received the Serra Club Altar Server award in 2017, 2018, and 2019. He is currently a Star Scout working toward his Eagle Scout rank and was a Senior Patrol Leader for 2018-2019. Andrew received the Fr. Fitzgerald/Timothy Slattery Memorial Scholarship from St. Philip Neri.



Tom Maliszewski '13 and Ethan Gallant '23

Jack Flott of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Tim and Kristin Flott of Omaha, NE. Jack was invited to participate in the PAL state track meet and received a scholarship to Mount Michael.

***Ethan Gallant** of St. Cecilia School, son of Derrick and Alicia Gallant of Omaha, NE. Ethan was part of the Duke TIP Program and is a Serra Club Medal recipient. He received the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence Silver Seal Award.

Jacob Goertz of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of John and Kelly Goertz of Omaha, NE. Jake received academic honors from St. Vincent de Paul, the Knights of Columbus Scholarship to Mount Michael, and won third place at last year's NJGT tour championship.

Cole Gustafson of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of John and Deb Gustafson of Omaha, NE.

***Benjamin Harris** of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Brent and Jenny Harris of Omaha, NE. Benjamin earned a Serra Mass Server Award.

Jake Harris of Scott Middle School, son of Justin and Kirsten Harris of Lincoln, NE. Jake was awarded the President's Award for Educational Excellence as an eighth grader. He also qualified for the Duke TIP Program. He was voted "Top Hawk" for the junior high division of his wrestling club and was named team captain.



Jake Harris '23 and Tom Maliszewski '13

Harper Held of St. Wenceslaus School, son of Stephen and Felicia Held of Elkhorn, NE. Harper was awarded the Disciple of Christ award at St. Wenceslaus and an award at Elkhorn Ridge Middle School for his honesty and responsibility. Harper also has been rewarded honor roll for his academic success and the player of the year for his club soccer team after winning a tournament and going undefeated in the season.

Shengkun "Eric" Hu, son of Wei Hu and Lili Huang of Shanghai, China. Shengkun was the 2016 champion of the Asia-Pacific VEX Robotics EDR Middle School Championship, the 2017 Champion of the VEX Robotics EDR Middle School Create U. S. Open Robotics Championship, and the 2018 Champion of VEX Robotics EDR Middle

School World Championship. Shengkun was awarded second place in the NEBS School League.

Jack Huber of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Bret Huber and Elizabeth Lowndes of Omaha, NE. Jack received the St. Patrick's 2017 Catholic School Sportsmanship Award as well as achieving runner-up in the 2018 PAL league football championship. Jack is also active in select basketball.

Farhan Kakish of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Eyad and Carol Kakish of Waterloo, NE.

Andrew Kirklin of Elkhorn Ridge Middle School, son of Ned Kirklin of Omaha and Jennifer Kirklin of Elkhorn, NE.

***Sam Kleinschmit** of St. Wenceslaus School, son of Ty and Lori Kleinschmit of Omaha, NE. Sam was awarded a Chivalry Award and First Honors during his eighth-grade year at St. Wenceslaus. Sam received state recognition for his ACT score as part of the Duke TIP program. He was a 2018 and 2019 finalist in the Duchesne Art Show and earned Nebraska Academic Achievement on his Middle School Trap team. Sam was named MVP on his CYSL soccer team.

Landon Knobbe of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Mike and Shelly Knobbe of Elkhorn, NE.

Maxwell McCoy of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Stephen and Sandra McCoy of Bennington, NE.

Hunter Miller of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Rob and Brenda Miller of Valley, NE. Hunter moved to Elkhorn

from Hartington Cedar Catholic. Hunter loves to play and compete in basketball and golf. Hunter was awarded the history award while attending St. Patrick's. Hunter also loves watersports and spending time with his nieces and nephews.

Charlie Neary of Christ the King School, son of Jeff and Kathy Neary of Omaha, NE. Charlie was awarded the Presidential Fitness Award and set the school records at Christ the King for sit ups and pullup during his eighth-grade year.

Shintaro Oda of Greengates School Mexico, son of Shigeru and Kinuyo Oda of Mexico City, Mexico.

***Nathaniel Oehler** of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Tom and Jaymie Oehler of Waterloo, NE. Nathaniel participated in the Duke TIP program. He is active in football, robotics and band.

Chop Paljor of All Saints School, son of Mayang Bakam of Omaha, NE. Chop was selected as a 2019 Rising Star by the Children's Scholarship Fund, being the recipient of a C.U.E.S. scholarship. Chop also represented All Saints on the CYO All Star basketball team and played the role of the Genie in the school production of Aladdin.

Ryan Quinlan of St. Wenceslaus School, son of Mark and Jennifer Quinlan of Omaha, NE. Ryan received the Chivalry Award and First Honors at St. Wenceslaus his eighth-grade year. As part of the Duke TIP program, he achieved a 24 on his ACT. Ryan was also the captain of his soccer team.

Ethan Rapoza, son of Guy and Bridget Rapoza of Hawaii and Omaha, NE. Ethan was homeschooled through eighth grade, serving as an altar server at St. Robert Bellarmine and playing soccer and basketball. He also mentors each summer at the Hawaii Island Robotics Academy and has won awards in FLL Robotics and the Newbery Quiz Bowl.

Matthew Rodgers of Severance Middle School, son of Michael and Shelly Rodgers. Matthew is relocating to Elkhorn, NE this summer from Severance, CO. At Severance Middle School, Matthew won the school spelling bee all three years, the district spelling bee twice, and attend the National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC, in 2018.



Back: Landon Knobbe '23, John Balch '23, Cole Gustafson '23, Tom Maliszewski '13, Fr. Tom Fangman; Front: Farhan Kakish '23, Jack Flott '23, Ryan Stumpff '23, Nathaniel Ohler '23, Elliot Simpson '23, Ben Harris '23

***Sebastian Santa-Maria**, of St. Wenceslaus School, son of Rafael and Mariana Santa-Maria of Omaha, NE. Sebastian participated in the Duchesne art show and was awarded First Honors and the Chivalry Award at St. Wenceslaus. Sebastian also won the Okoboji soccer tournament with his St. Wenceslaus team.

Lane Schroeder of Elkhorn Middle School, son of Cody and Christina Schroder of Elkhorn, NE. Lane was awarded Honor Roll in middle school. He was a member of the youth council at Elkhorn Hills United Methodist Church and attended their senior-high mission trip to help rebuild homes caused by flooding. Lane was also a Heartland Hope volunteer.

Andrew Shotbolt of Elkhorn Valley View Middle School, son of Jack Shotbolt and Hope Shotbolt of Omaha, NE.

***Elliott Simpson** of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Andy and Jody Simpson of Omaha, NE. Elliot participated in baseball, basketball, and football. He participated in Quiz Bowl and the geography bee in eighth grade.

Jude Storch, of Kaiserslautern Middle School, Germany, son of Lt Col. Steven and Michelle Storch of Hohenecken, Germany. Jude was awarded the Presidential Academic Award, was a Student Council Class Representative for three years at KMS, is a member of NJHS, Robotics Club Team Leader, STEM Student Mentor, Star Scout, Mini-Model UN Representative for 2 years, gold-medal 800/1600 runner Kaiserslautern Bolts Track Team member, and member of Queidersbach German Cycling Club. Jude has been an altar server at various parishes over the last 5 years. He previously attended St. Mary's School in Bellevue.

***Ryan Stumpff** of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig and Wanda Stumpff of Omaha, NE. Ryan played football and soccer at St. Patrick's. He likes to read in his free time.

Jacob Sykora of Mary our Queen School, son of Paul and Toni Sykora of Omaha, NE. Jacob was a founding member and head chair of Mary our Queen's Water for South Sudan charity organization. Jacob participated in the Duke TIP program and was a member of the Honor Roll.

Joseph Szatko of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Jerry and Judi Szatko of Omaha, NE. Joseph was awarded Honor Roll his eighth-grade year at St. Vincent de Paul. He participates on an elite club soccer team and is also part of a select tennis league.

Andrew Tagel of St. Columbkille School, son of Michelle Tagel of Papillion, NE. Drew graduated from the DARE program, served for the church for four years, and has received every sacrament up to and including confirmation. Drew was also awarded the Saint Columbkille award, which is given to one boy of the class.

***Ryan Tillotson** of St. Wenceslaus School, son of Greg Tillotson and Kaye Fellows of Omaha, NE. Ryan is active in Boy Scouts and is currently a Life Scout working toward the rank of Eagle Scout. He received the Chivalry Award and First Honors during all four quarters of his eighth-grade year at St. Wenceslaus.

Drew Van Haute of St. Columbkille School, son of Bob and Cathy Van Haute of La Vista, NE. Drew was awarded the Rotary Club of Omaha Honor Roll Award, the St. Joseph the Worker Award and the Shepherds Scholarship from Saint Columbkille. Drew received first honors for both seventh and eighth grade. He was selected captain of his soccer team. Drew will be following his four older brothers' footsteps when he begins his own legacy at Mount Michael this Fall.

Brock Wamsley of St. Wenceslaus School, son of Mark Wamsley and Kathy Wamsley of Omaha, NE. Brock was a member of Social Justice and a student ambassador at St. Wenceslaus. He plays basketball and football and runs track.

Brody Wigdahl of Elkhorn Ridge Middle School, son of Nate and Julie Wigdahl of Elkhorn, NE. Brody received the President's Award for Educational Excellence for his academic performance throughout middle school. Brody participates in basketball, baseball and track and field, and was selected to participate in the last invitational meet of the year for being one of the top long jumpers at Elkhorn Ridge Middle School.

Andrew Wooden of Carmel Valley Middle School, son of Scott and Victoria Wooden of San Diego, CA. Andrew has participated in the San Diego Science Olympiad for three years. He has won four medals in the San Diego Regionals and a 3rd place in the Hovercraft event at the 2017 Southern California State competition at Caltech.

Zijin "Luke" Wu of Camden Military Academy South Carolina, son of Kaizhi Wu and Ying Haan of Chongqing, China. Staff Sergeant Luke was awarded 27 military achievements, and 2 gold stars. He was the middle school president of the chess and key club. Luke skipped third grade and sixth grade and will be entering Mount Michael at age 12.

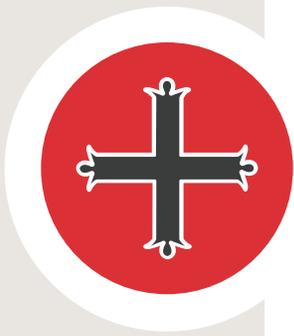


Chris Segrell, Eamon Youngblood '23, and Dr. David Peters

***Eamon Youngblood** of Christ the King School, son of Charles ('87) and Collette Youngblood of Omaha, NE. Eamon was on the honor roll at Christ the King.

Chenghan "John" Yu, son of Hui Yu and Yushuang Lin of Shanghai, China. Chenghan was the champion of the VEX Robotics EDR Middle School Asian Championship in 2014 and the champion of the 2018 Create China Cup, open division. He received second place in the 2015 VEX Robotics EDR Middle School World Championship and second place at the 2018 Create U. S. Open Robotics Championship, open division.

*indicates a recipient of a scholarship from Mount Michael



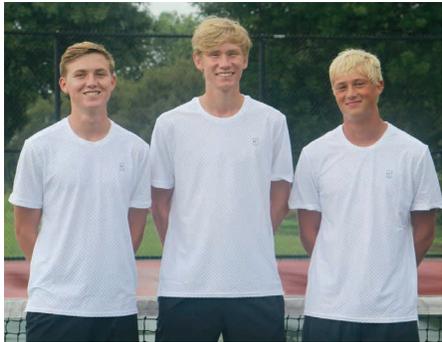
ATHLETICS

FALL SENIOR ATHLETES



FOOTBALL

Back left to right: Ethan Meduna, Andree Kakish, Jackson Ramold, Sean Stumpff, Mike Kremer, Kolton Koubsky, John Ackerman, Seth Carpenter-manager; Middle Left to right: Keaton Stec, Greg Gonzalez, Drew Thornton, Addison Cousin-Hardrick, Ben Goetz, Maximo Gaytan, Jack Gottschalk; Front Left to right: Ben deMayo, Cliff Roekpe, Joe Bazata, Will Janecek, Ian Miller, Evan Schroder, Max Kaster, Calvin Benson



TENNIS

Logan Hock, Peyton Rosenfels, Alex Payne



CROSS COUNTRY

Left to right: Tony Traggi, Cole McNally, Joseph Johansen, Mason Matukewicz, John Schroll, Jacob Gathje, Maxwell Berens, Samuel Wooten



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HIGHLIGHTS

from the Athletic Director

We're excited to expand our Junior Knights programs for middle school students with a new robotics program. These young men come to campus twice a week to work with their teammates and

Coach Michael Williams. It's great to have them and their parents at the Mount with us.

It's more than a training space! Remember the stage area in The Palace? With theatre moving to their own dedicated space, this area has been transformed into a multi-use space for the wrestling team. Coach Sullivan has worked to turn an old storage room into the new locker room for the wrestling team and the once stage area is perfect for the mats. It should be done by the start of the season.

Mount Michael is initiating an Athletic Hall of Fame. The inaugural member will be announced this winter. This Hall of Fame recognition will maintain and foster spirit, pride, and sense of community as well as serving as a historical account of the great athletic tradition that is Mount Michael Benedictine School Athletics.

Very thankful for the Mount Michael alumni. We currently have 18 alumni as assistant coaches! Grateful to be around people who love where they come from!

Mount Michael fall sports are underway! We have 145 Knights out for a Fall Sport this year.

Work has begun in the Armory to better recognize athletic accomplishments throughout the years. With the new Hall of Fame, we're collecting memorabilia from championship seasons and performances. Please send in any memorabilia that you would be willing to donate for the Hall of Fame section in the Armory.

Derrick Spooner
Athletic Director



New Wrestling locker room in progress.



Michael Pecha '99



John Roshone '99



Eric Crawford '00



Tom Swanson '01



Matt Luettel '03



Jordan Dorsey '04



Cole Bunner '06



Kyle Bradshaw '06



Riley Lebbert '07



Bobby Thomas '11



Michael Bohnhoff '11



John Von Dollen '12



Michael Collins '12



Tom Maliszewski '13



J.T. Cronin '13



Scott Townsend '14



Matt Coghill '16



Alex Miklas '16



CROSS COUNTRY

2019 VARSITY SCHEDULE

 PLATTSBURGH 9/3/19	 WAHOO 9/12/19	 WAVERLY 9/20/19	 CRETE 9/24/19	 NEBRASKA-KEARNEY 9/30/19
 SYRACUSE 10/4/19	 RCC CONFERENCE 10/10/19	 DISTRICTS 10/17/19	 STATE 10/25/19	



HOME **AWAY**

FOOTBALL

2019 VARSITY SCHEDULE

 RALSTON 8/30/19	 GROSS CATHOLIC 9/6/19	 CONCORDIA 9/13/19	 PLATTSBURGH 9/20/19	 SCHUYLER 9/27/19
 RONCALLI 10/4/19	 BLAIR 10/11/19	 SOUTH SIOUX CITY 10/17/19	 BENNINGTON 10/25/19	



TENNIS

2019 VARSITY SCHEDULE

 ELKHORN 8/31/19	 WAVERLY 9/5/19	 LINCOLN CHRISTIAN 9/6/19	 FREMONT 9/10/19	 ELKHORN 9/12/19	 FREMONT 9/14/19
 LINCOLN PIUS X 9/18/19	 TRIANGULAR 9/19/19	 SKUTT CATHOLIC 9/21/19	 WAVERLY 9/26/19	 GICC 9/28/19	 YORK 10/4/19
 RALSTON 10/7/19	 RCC TOURNAMENT 10/8/19	 GROSS CATHOLIC 10/10/19	 STATE TOURNAMENT 10/17/19 - 10/18/19		

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If you find that your pastor is unable to conveniently take care of Masses you wish to have celebrated for your particular intentions, Mount Michael Abbey welcomes the requests for such intentions. We will see to it that the Masses are celebrated as promptly as possible.

The offering you make should correspond with that suggested by the diocese in which you reside. Your pastor will be able to inform you of what the stipend of a particular diocese may be.

Mass Intentions: \$10.00

Please address such requests to:

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The suggested offering for this memorial enrollment is:

INDIVIDUAL

One Year \$50
Five Years \$100
Lifetime \$250

FAMILY

One Year \$100
Five Years \$200
Lifetime \$500



In Memoriam & Honor

June 2nd, 2019 - August 2nd, 2019

Mount Michael Benedictine keeps all those in memoriam and honor in our prayers.

In Honor of The Class of 2012

Graham Jewell '12

In Honor of the Monks of Mount Michael Benedictine

Leonard E. Sagenbrecht

In Memory of Jean Brockhaus

John G. Sullivan

In Memory of Susan Watson Kealy

Earl P. Kealy

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Tim Schmaderer

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Michael Sorensen

In Memory of Elvira L. Lujano

Michael Sorensen

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In Memory of Br. Francis Schmitz, O.S.B.

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Frank Dowd
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Jerry and Mary Hendrickson
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