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West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association's 89th Annual Communion Breakfast

Come and celebrate with your friends and classmates at our 89th Annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at Drexelbrook, 4700 Drexelbrook Drive, Drexel Hill, PA 19026. Cost is \$30.00. Coffee will be available in the lobby from 9:45 AM and doors will open at 10:30. Mass will be celebrated at 11AM followed by a luncheon of Chicken Picatta, salad, rolls and butter, with Profiteroles for dessert. Vegetarian and Gluten Free are available, please note this on the reservation form when mailing your check.

Checks made payable to West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association (WCGAA) should be mailed no later than October 16, 2017 to Bette McGrath Diedrich, 870 Springhill Road, Secane, PA 19018. Please remember to include with whom you would like to be seated.

This year's mass will be celebrated by Father Maximilian Maxwell, OSB. Father Maxwell is a Benedictine monk and priest of St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, PA, where he serves as Monastic and Executive Assistant to the Archabbot, Archabbey Vocation Director of Liturgy and Associate Director of Campus Ministry. He is a proud graduate of West Catholic Boys', class of 1996.

Chances are included with this newspaper. You may return them with your reservation form (located on page 4) or if you are unable to attend, you may mail a check payable to WCGAA to West Catholic Alumnae, PO Box 805, Broomall, PA 19008.

West Catholic Girls' gift items will be available for sale. WC Bracelets \$18.00, Combination Ballpoint pen and Stylus \$3.00, 2 for \$5.00, Note Cards designed by WCP Art Students packs of 6 cards \$6.00, and Lucite Ornament with picture of school, \$10.00.

West Catholic Welcomes New Principal



Kelly Lanza

Mrs. Kelly Lanza accepted the position of Principal at West Catholic Preparatory High School on July 1, 2017. Mrs. Lanza comes to West from Cardinal O'Hara, Springfield, Delaware County, PA, where she served as Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs. She succeeds Mr. Jim Gallagher who left West to pursue other opportunities

after serving in that role for the past two years. We wish Mr. Gallagher success in his future endeavors.

Mrs. Lanza was at Cardinal O'Hara from 2013 to 2017. In addition to her last position, she also served as Assistant Principal of Student Affairs and Interim Principal for a short period of time. While at Cardinal O'Hara she was responsible for designing and implementing new academic initiatives, overseeing the creation and rollout of academic programming geared for student success, supervising all aspects of the Athletic Program, and organizing all formal school events. Mrs. Lanza also held positions at Cardinal Dougherty High School, Little Flower High School, and Belmont Charter School in Philadelphia.

Welcome Mrs. Lanza, and congratulations on your new position.

West Catholic Prep's Century of Excellence Gala



Rose Ann Frank, Mary Maguin Small, Mary Flynn, Pat McLaughlin, Betsy Gleason Cunningham, Cass Coakley, Rose McNeff, Elizabeth McGrath Diedrich, Barb Raimondo Britton and Peggy Rhoades were some of the WCGAA in attendance at West Catholic's Centennial Gala.

Many Alums and Friends of West Catholic celebrated the 100th Anniversary on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at the Springfield Country Club. What a wonderful evening with over 350 in attendance. School President, Paul Colistra kicked off the evening by welcoming all and thanking them for their support of West Catholic. There was a silent auction of school memorabilia, spirit wear for sale, and a live auction which raised over \$50,000 for the school. Everyone was given a beautiful Tribute Book, compiled by Lisa Verna Hibberd, '87 and a WC coaster carved and made by the Engineering students as souvenirs of the evening. Congratulations to the Chairwomen Jessica Wolf Dasher, Tia Noelle Pratt, '95 and Kay Kidwell, '02 for a well-planned and successful event.

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- 1974 Kirsti Flemming Bradford**, PO Box 432, Secane, PA 19018
- *Carol Caratura Cavallo**, 38 Colonial Drive, Havertown, PA 19083 - (610) 446-7452

*Class Representative

School Seal



In the Spring *Harvester* we published an article announcing that an original drawing of the school seal had been found on Ebay. We purchased the seal, had it framed and presented it to the school. The framed seal is now hanging in the Administrative Suite at the school.

Alumnae extends sympathy to families of the following of our class mates who have passed away

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| Mary Napoli Hanna, '34 | Mary Fowler, '54 |
| Alice Barry Flynn, '36 | Rita Parente Harrigan, '54 |
| Margaret Mary Hoffmeister Orr, '36 | Suzanne Reilly Harkins, '54 |
| Dorothy Dietzler Leaf, '37 | Grace Parisi Massucci, '55 |
| Claire Smith Shields, '39 | Barbara Burns Ford, '55 |
| Mary McMullen Matkoski, '40 | Margie Reynolds Kelly, '55 |
| Sr. Margaret Songster, RSM, '40 | Mary Jane McCabe Gilmartin, '55 |
| Marie M. Barr Hoey, '40 | Barbara McNichol Daly, '56 |
| Josephine Strollo Morroney, '40 | Carol Nelson McGowan, '56 |
| Margaret Fennessy Trevehan, '41 | Irene Pastorius Piermatteo, '56 |
| Mary Jardine Russo, '42 | Marie Iacavoni Mariziano, '56 |
| Sabina Buehler Conway, '42 | Theresa McCloskey Marucci, '56 |
| Marguerite Stesky Marinacci, '43 | Jacqueline O'Brien MacEntee, '56 |
| Kathleen Curran McCormick, '44 | Kay Mc Sorley Roche, '57 |
| Sr. Marie Fidelis (Alice Donnelly), RSM, '44 | Joan Cardarelli Calabrese, '57 |
| Regina Martin Chapman, 44 | Yvonne Casey Otto, '57 |
| Norine McHugh Jarrett, '45 | Eileen Marie Commons, '58 |
| Alice Burke Callahan, 46 | Kathryn Craig Sweeney, '58 |
| Kathleen Egan McMenamin, '46 | Sherrinnetta (Sherri) Reid, '58 |
| Mary Elliott Carroll, '46 | Sr. Anne DeConcini, RSM, '60 |
| Margella Connell Houck, '47 | Joan Doyle Carbo, '60 |
| Margaret Janice McMonigle Rafferty, '48 | Barbara Dawn O'Donnell Tecce, '60 |
| Theresa Marlyn Bacus Manidis, '48 | Maureen Gorman Carleo, '60 |
| Catherine (Kitty) Wood Murtha, '48 | Margaret (Peggy) Hoban Lippincott, '60 |
| Josephine McHugh Milligan, '48 | Marianne Lobis Stewart, '61 |
| Sr. Miriam Fidelis (Margarite Tobin), SSJ, '49 | Marie Maguire Dengler, '62 |
| Marie Massa Edmonds, '49 | Elaine Caruso, '63 |
| Evelyn Curtis Clancy, '49 | Joan Allen DeVita, '64 |
| Margaret (Marge) Hoban O'Toole, '50 | Pamela Ann McLeod, '64 |
| Regina (Jean) Donnelly Bross, '50 | Anne (Nancy) Hamm Stewart, '65 |
| Eleanor (Ellie) McCloskey Cummings, '50 | Susan T. Schast Kriss-Dougherty, '66 |
| Patricia Pennington Wilson, '51 | Marie Baltzell Austin, '66 |
| Carol Pennington Restivo, '53 | Jacqueline Chapman, '73 |
| Mary Ann Burns Kennedy, '53 | Lois Totaro Gatta, '73 |
| | Mary Leach, '73 |
| | Lois Albert, '74 |
| | Jacalyn Piper, '87 |

Among us girls

1932 – Congratulations to **Marie Teti** on celebrating her 104th birthday.

1955 – Congratulations to **Helen Sheridan** on receiving the Margaret Porter Blue and Gold Award at the Alumni Communion Breakfast on April 23, 2017. Condolences to **Peg Henry Gancey** on the death of her husband, Dennis this past July.

1956 – Condolences to **Kathleen Fee Barrett**, on the death of her husband, Francis.

1961 – Our sincere apologies to **Helen Lerro Sargent**, who was incorrectly listed in the In Memoriam list in our Spring *Harvester*. We are happy to report that Helen is still very much with us.

1964 – Congratulations to **Alicia Pennington** who received her PhD in Education in 2015.

1967 – Congratulations to **Josephine Pasquarello Delaney** on publishing her book *Love and Loyalty*.

1971 – **Deidra Shelton Broughton** recently wrote to tell us she and her husband, Wayde have 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

1971 – **Eleanor Gallagher Armstrong** wrote to say that she and 11 friends from the Classes of 1970 and 1971 are taking a trip to Hilton Head, SC, in October to celebrate 55 years of friendship.

1995 – Congratulations to **Tia Noelle Pratt, PhD** on receiving the Brother Martin Strickland Award at the Alumni Communion Breakfast on April 23, 2017.

Spring Luncheon



Our annual Spring Luncheon and fundraiser was held on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at the Heritage Ballroom in Holmes, PA. As announced the theme was "In Your Easter Bonnet". Seventy-six alums and guests attended. There was a contest for the Easter Bonnets. Three attendees volunteered to be Judges, and they selected 6 winners in the categories of Most Patriotic, Comical, Prettiest, and

Special. Pictures of the winners along with others from The Parade of Hats are posted on the Alumnae website on the Gallery page.

Special thanks to the Committee: Chairperson Peggy Ford Rhoades '71, Hannah Dougherty Campbell '69, Rosalie Dugan McNeff '61, Betsy Gleason Cunningham '61, and Kirsti Flemming Bradford '74 for a job well done.

Alumnae Gifts for Sale



Our popular West Catholic bracelets are \$18.00 and \$3.00 postage. To order your bracelet, send your check made payable to WCGAA to Mrs. Rosalie McNeff, 5 Park Ave., Norwood, PA 19074. Rosalie can be reached on 610-532-1827 or 484-467-0918. Her email is mcneffr@yahoo.com.

We have pens with WEST CATHOLIC ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION imprinted on them. The pens are blue metal and are a combination ball point pen and stylus. They are \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. Postage is \$3.00. The pens can be ordered from Rose McNeff, see her information above.



Note cards designed by Art Students at WCP are available in packs of 6 for \$6.00 plus \$3.00 postage. Each card is a different design and the cards are blank on the inside. The back of each card is marked "Created by



West Catholic Prep Students". To order send a check for \$9.00 payable to WCGAA and mail to Mrs. Hannah Campbell, 1325 Robinson Ave., Havertown, PA 19083.



All of these items will be sold at the Communion Breakfast along with our newest item, a lucite ornament of the school, see next page.

CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1957 60th Reunion – October 15, 2017, Noon to 4PM, at the Concordville Hotel and Conference Center, Concordville PA. To order tickets contact Eleanor Deaver Walsh, 610-543-2987

Class of 1962 55th Reunion – October 22, 2017 at the Alumnae Communion Breakfast at Drexelbrook from 10AM to 2PM. Contact Maria Petolicchio at mariapeto@verizon.net

Class of 1967 Combined 50th Reunion – October 14, 2017 at Springfield Country Club from 6PM to 11PM. Cost is \$85.00 per person, contact Kathy Morella Falgi, 610-299-4729

Class of 1969 50th Reunion – SAVE THE DATE – September 15, 2019, Contact Jeanne Hughes Milligan, 610-764-3429

Class of 1972 Combined 45th Reunion – September 29, 2017, Combined WC Girls, WC Boys, and St. Tommy More reunion. Springfield Country Club from 7PM to 11PM. Cost is \$75.00 per person. Contacts Kathleen Mulvihill Lunn and Patty Maiorano Cranage. Email: wc.class72@gmail.com

Class of 1977 Combined 40th Reunion – November 10, 2017, Springfield Country Club from 7PM to 11PM. Cost is \$65.00 per person. Contact Bobbi Lang Mazza at Westcatholic1977@gmail.com. Facebook page Class of 77 West Catholic

Class of 1982 35th Reunion – October 7, 2017 – J. D. Raulston’s, Morton, PA from 8PM to 11PM Contact Maryann Zanoi Thomas

Class of 1987 Combined 30th Reunion – November 4, 2017, Clarion Hotel, Philadelphia, PA from 7PM to Midnight. Cost \$60 pp and \$110 per couple.

Class of 1997 20th Reunion – October 7, 2017 at the Heritage Ball Room, Holmes, PA. Cost is \$75.00 per person and can be purchased at www.paypal.me/wc97reunion

Lucite Christmas Ornament



We have added another item to our Alumnae Gifts. A clear lucite ornament with a picture of the school and engraved with the words “West Catholic Girls High School” is now available for \$10.00. We will be selling them at the Communion Breakfast on October 22, 2017 and through the mail. For mail order, send a check in the amount of \$13.00 (includes \$3.00 shipping) payable to West Catholic Girls’ Alumnae Association (WCGAA) to Mrs. Rosalie McNeff, 5 Park Ave., Norwood, PA 19074.

Class of 2017

Congratulations to the West Catholic Prep Class of 2017 on their Graduation on June 5, 2017. 100 % of this class of 93 students were accepted to college. They were offered scholarships totaling \$13,403,992. This class has continued the tradition of “West is Best”.

Dues

Thank you to all members who have paid their 2017 dues. If you have not yet done so, please use the form below and mail your check to our PO Box.

RESERVATION FORM
ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST
Sunday, October 22, 2017

Name _____
(first) (maiden) (last)

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Class _____

Chicken Picatta Gluten Free Vegetarian

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
 WEST CATHOLIC GIRLS’ ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
 c/o BETTE MCGRATH DIEDRICH,
 870 SPRINGHILL ROAD, SECANE, PA 19018
 \$30.00 per ticket

Please enclose the names of those you want to sit with. No tickets will be sent. If requested, a confirmation will be sent by email.

ANNUAL DUES STATEMENT
 AMOUNT: \$10.00

Name _____
(if married, please include maiden name)

Address _____
(include City, Town, State)

Zip _____ Phone _____

Class _____ Email _____

Please mail your check for \$10.00 payable to WCGAA along with this form to:

West Catholic Girls’ Alumnae Association
P.O. Box 805, Broomall, PA 19008
To receive a Dues Card, you must include
a stamped, self-addressed envelope