



# Connections

## Newsletter of Springfield Catholic Schools

A publication of SCS Development Board for and about SCS students, parents, alumni and friends

### Season Four of Dancing With OUR Stars Left Audience On Their Feet

Dancing With OUR Stars – Season Four was held Saturday, August 27 at the Ramada Oasis Convention Center. A sold-out crowd of 670 took their seats as explosions of spotlights waved over the crowd marking the anticipation of the event.

The evening was kicked off by the dance group, “In Too Deep”. This group of 24 performers made up of parents, faculty and administrators performed to *Dive In The Pool*. “It was action-packed, full of fun and the perfect performance to set the tone for the evening,” said Kelly Layman and Erin Sanders, event co-chairs. The six dance teams followed, each showing off their perfected

dance steps after practicing with a professional dance instructor throughout the spring and summer months. The dance teams, in the order of performance at the event: Michele Tyson (3) performing an eclectic mix of Jazz, Tap, and Musical Theatre with Josh Inmon of *Springfield Little Theatre*; Mark Skrade (1) performing a Night Club Sway and Two-Step with Anne Walls of *Dance With Me Studio* and *Savoy Ballroom*; Christine Wester (5) performing the American Tango with Jim Criger of *Savoy Ballroom*; Chan Rogge (6) performing a modern Jazz Freestyle with Danae Colvin of *Ozark Dance Academy*, Laura Dannegger (2) performing an energetic West Coast Swing with Andy Walls of *Dance With Me Studio* and *Savoy Ballroom*; Keith George (4) performing the Paso Doble’ with Erin Garner of *Dance Mission* and *Red Door Dance Company*.

The event emcees, John Ghirardelli, Season Three winner and Bertie Rader, Season Three Runner Up, kept the huge crowd on track as each dance team made their way to the stage while a short film clip of their practice session was viewed by all. “The audience had so much energy and excitement they jumped to their feet after each dance team performed,” said Bertie Rader.

The top three vote earners performed once again with a final vote earning Laura Dannegger and Andy Walls the honor of being named winners of Season Four-Dancing With OUR Stars. Runners up were Chan Rogge and Danae Colvin. Each vote was \$10 and all six dance teams brought a significant number of supporters to the event. “These six dance teams all worked very hard”, said Jean Gruetzemacher, Dir. Of Development for Springfield Catholic Schools. “They each brought a sizeable ‘war chest’ of votes with them to the event and their supporters rewarded each of them for a spectacular performance.”

“Last year, during Season Three, we set a new record high of net proceeds of \$106,000, so when I announced net proceeds for Season Four of \$139,000, the entire convention center exploded into cheers and applause,” Ghirardelli stated.

“This event is a unique and fun way to raise money for our school system and our kids,” Dr. Amy DeMelo, Director of Schools and Principal of SCHS commented.



**Desk of the Director**

Denny DeMelo



It has been an incredibly busy summer and early fall at Springfield Catholic Schools. The summer of 2011 saw the advent of a 3 year old preschool program at St. Agnes and Immaculate Conception elementary schools, as well as a summer preschool program at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. According to NIEER, (National Institute for Early Education Research) preschool education is increasingly seen as a middle income essential. In 2005, two-thirds of 4-year-olds and more than 40 percent of 3-year-olds were enrolled in a preschool education program nationwide. This represents a substantial increase over earlier decades. Springfield Catholic Schools has witnessed the same trend. Bringing 3 year old preschool back to Springfield Catholic Schools has been remarkably successful. This is not only an important program for our families, but also an important program for our preschool students. There is growing awareness that early learning

impacts a child's life, affecting educational achievement, and even adult learning. Of course, these programs would not have been possible without the support of Fr. Mike, the pastor of St. Agnes School, Fr. Reidy, the pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Fr. Lewis, the pastor of Immaculate Conception School, and all of their parishioners who continually support Catholic education.

Springfield Catholic High School received a significant parking lot renovation this past summer. This renovation is part of the first steps in the overall site and facility improvements planned for Springfield Catholic High School. The new parking lot has dramatically changed the look and feel of SCHS. The renovation has greatly enhanced student safety as well as pick up and drop off procedures. On behalf of the students, faculty, and families of SCHS, a grateful thank you to those who helped to make this renovation a reality. I know our entire school community is anxiously awaiting the next steps in facility and site improvements.



## Development Highlights

With the change in the Fall colors, also comes the excitement and dedication of all Development Board members to continue their work for the benefit of the students attending Springfield Catholic Schools.

**The Annual Fund Campaign kickoff was a huge success.** Thanks to John and Beth Raidel for hosting the major donor party in their beautiful home. This year the goal is \$150,000 and it will take everyone's help to reach that goal. Those dollars will directly affect the operating budget for next school year and will help keep tuition manageable for all families. The annual phone-a-thon will again take place the end of January. All donations are tax deductible. All pledges are due before June 30, 2012.

**Dancing With OUR Stars – Season 4** ...Net Proceeds of \$139,000. Be sure to read the entire story in this issue. Every dancer this year is a STAR for Springfield Catholic Schools.

**Emerald Evening XVIII** is the constant topic of conversation for "Tri-Chairs" Ellen Hammock, Jann Holland and Brooke Griesemer. March 24, 2012 is the date and University Plaza Hotel has been selected for the venue. Destination Emerald Evening is the theme and the fantastic live and silent auction packages planned will peak everyone's attention. Some distinct changes will be planned as you pack your bags and get your passports ready to come aboard this exciting evening of entertainment. Be on the lookout for your Save the Date postcard and get this evening on your calendars now. Due to the popularity of the Early Bird Raffle Drawing, it's coming back for EE 18. Cash you can use for those Christmas purchases. For every raffle ticket you purchase, you get 4 chances to win CASH. Also, learn about the Super Silent Auction on line prior to March 24.

**The SCS Alumni Association** is happy to welcome Evan Haley, SCHS Senior, Class of 2012 to the Board of Directors as the Senior Class Liaison. Evan will bring his suggestions on how the Alumni Association can best assist his classmates and will also disseminate information from the Alumni Board to students of SCHS. Every alum of St. Agnes and Springfield Catholic High School is welcome and encouraged to belong to the SCS Alumni

Association. As our numbers continue to grow, we become a stronger organization. Please support your high school alma mater. A membership drive is currently underway. Go to [www.scsalumniassociation.com](http://www.scsalumniassociation.com) and join today.

**The Pot of Gold Coupon Book** competition was completed on September 16. Thanks to all the students who energetically went out and sold coupon books. There are more Pot of Gold coupon books available for sale. Contact the Development Office at 865-5567, ext. 33.

The classroom that sold the most books in each elementary school is awarded \$100 for the teacher and students to decide how to spend for the benefit of their classroom. Additionally, the family at each school that sold the most books will receive \$50 and the students at each school with top sales will have a special lunch planned with their principal. Winners include:

Immaculate Conception School: Winning Classroom Sales – 5b, Mrs. Elaine Huckstep; Top Selling Family – Harper Thompson Family; Lunch with Principal, Paula Baird – Harper Thompson (5b), Cooper Croley (5a), and Jessie Hicks (5b).

St. Agnes School: Winning Classroom Sales-5th Grade, Mr. Tom Gray; Top Selling Family- Hunter Clouse Family; Lunch with Principal, Jeanne Skahan – Hunter Clouse (6th), Hailey Collins (5th) and Ian Jared (5th)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School: Winning Classroom Sales -5th grade, Mrs. Knapp; Top Selling Family – Katie Gregg Family; Lunch with Principal, Cheryl Hall – Katie Gregg (5th), Grace Bailey (3rd) and Nicholas Danegger (2nd).

**70% of Americans die without a will.** Be informed and let your wishes be known and carried out at the time of your death. Hear an expert explain everything you want to know about Wills, Trusts and Probate. The SCS Development Board will host one or two FREE Estate Planning Sessions to benefit the parishioners of the Springfield and metro area. There is no charge and there is no solicitation for gifts. Make YOUR own decisions about YOUR estate.

## Following The Alumni Trail...

Nicole R. "Shirato" Bonds from the Class of 1989 has fond memories of SCHS. She loved speech with Mrs. Jeffries and business classes with Ms. Pinnell and continues some of her friendships made in the halls of SCHS. Nicole was a cheerleader and served on student council and many other extracurricular activities. Nicole says, "I believe that because of my education at St. Agnes and subsequently at SCHS, I was prepared and much better equipped to handle both college and law school than friends who did not attend the Springfield Catholic Schools. Believe it or not, I remember every one of my teachers names from 1st grade to 8th grade because they were all such amazing, wonderful teachers. I treasure the friendships that I made throughout my years at Springfield Catholic and always look forward to seeing old friends."



After graduating from SCHS she attended the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville where she graduated with a degree in Communications. Following college, she moved to Kansas City to attend Rockhurst University to work on a teaching certificate, but then decided to attend UMKS School of Law where she graduated in 1998.

Nicole currently works at Sprint United Management Company located in Overland Park, Kansas where she has been for over 10 years. In her current role, she manages a team within the Supply Chain organization and negotiates contracts for wireless services. During her tenure at Sprint, she has received numerous honors and awards, however, in 2010, Nicole was honored with one of the highest awards given at Sprint, the Circle of Excellence Award. This award is given annually to only 100 Sprint employees for outstanding achievements and contributions to the company. At the time of her award, there were approximately 50,000 employees at Sprint.

Additionally, Nicole has recently been recognized by the Department of Defense for her ongoing support of the United State Military National Guard and received the Patriotic Employer certificate.

Nicole is married to Derrick Bonds and has two step children ages 20 and 18 and also has twins age 4. Nicole shares, "Ultimately, all of my success and accomplishments I attribute to my loving parents (Jim and Virginia Shirato) who provided the example, structure, guidance, and support that I needed to become the person that I am today."

## Class of 2011 Offered Sweet Deal

The parents who planned and hosted Project Graduation for the Class of 2011 contacted SCS Alumni Association with news of a special gift for the students of the Class of 2011. After all the bills were paid, Project Graduation had additional funds of \$890. The committee of parents for Project Graduation have decided to offer the 89 students from the Class of 2011 each a \$10 discount to immediately become lifetime members of the SCS Alumni Association.

Any SCHS Class of 2011 graduate who joins on line (at [www.scsalumniassociation.com](http://www.scsalumniassociation.com)) before December 31, 2011 will be able to join for just \$15 (Lifetime membership is usually \$25). All Seniors from the Class of 2011 will be notified by mail in the next couple of weeks and given a special promo code to use. Please watch your mail. Parents are encouraged to advise their graduates of this special gift so they can take advantage of it.

Parent's Night Out!

Enjoy a Parent's Night Out

with SCS! Your very own  
Springfield Catholic  
Celebrity Bartenders will  
be tending bar from 5-  
9pm—all tips will benefit  
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Please call Metro Grill to  
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October 8 5-9 p.m.

Metropolitan Grill Bar

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Benefits the Springfield Catholic Alumni Association

## SCHS Women's Choir and Concert Choir Prepare For Big Competitions

Music is a part of every aspect in all levels of the Springfield Catholic School System... in our academics, in our masses, in our athletic events and in our extra-curricular activities.

The SCHS choir has been showcased over the last couple of years, and is continuing to grow their reputation as seven students; Hannah



Mullen, Noah Boggs, Megan Pinney, Sharon Witt, Grace Huckfeldt, Stuart Jump and Garrett Weskamp

auditioned, and were chosen for All District Choir. "Over 800 students auditioned for this prestigious event and it is a huge accomplishment to be accepted," stated teacher Alicia Lyons.

Of the seven students, Garrett Weskamp was chosen as one of the top six basses in the entire district to represent Southwest Missouri in the Missouri All State Choir.

This year, because of the gold medal rankings won last year by the Women's Choir and Concert Choir in Orlando, Florida at the Heritage Music Festival, the SCHS choirs have been invited to both compete and perform at the New York Festival of Gold in New York City in April 2012.

The New York Festival of Gold offers elite choirs the opportunity to perform on the world's greatest stages. As a part of the Elite Performance Series, Festival of Gold is specifically designed to demonstrate and celebrate the musical talent of choral ensembles. Selected ensembles must meet the highest standards to participate in Festival of Gold, and will be adjudicated by the world's top choral conductors and musicians. Both the Women's Choir and Concert Choir will compete against top choral ensembles from across the country

performing at St. Bartholomew's Church in Manhattan.

To help supplement the cost of the trip to New York, the Music Boosters are working extra hard this fall and winter. Throughout the year, Music Boosters sponsor several fundraising events and works to promote and recognize the performances and accomplishments of the talented student musicians. "Funds raised by the Music Boosters have been used in a variety of ways—from purchasing music and instruments for all our school music programs, and now to help defray a few of the extra expenses associated with exciting opportunities like this year's New York Festival of Gold," stated Music Boosters President, Cindy Curtis.

Last year, the Music Boosters launched a successful coffee bar, which this year was expanded to include iced tea, hot tea and hot cocoa, to be sold at athletic events. This year's fundraisers will include the popular Innisbrook wrapping paper fundraiser, the sale of custom-created Irish necklaces and a spring plant sale.

The Music Boosters not only lend a hand to the schools, but also use the student involvement to help out the surrounding community. "Because music feeds our souls, we are currently working on a holiday fundraiser that will help feed the hungry in our community," Curtis said. "Watch our school websites for more details about all our exciting fundraising opportunities, as well as information about SCS musical performances and accomplishments. The dedicated Music Boosters link on the SCHS website is located under the 'Parents' tab."

Music Boosters is open to anyone who would like to support music in SCS by sharing their time, talent and treasure. Donations to the Music Boosters are always welcome! If you would like more information about Springfield Catholic School Music Boosters, contact any of the music teachers or Music Boosters' President Cindy Curtis at dcurtis4@sbcglobal.net or 417-889-2463. (Insert Picture is the 2010-11 Show Choir as they were touring, performing at the SCS Elementary Schools.)

## Student Athletes Help Out A City of Devastation After Tornadoes

Football Coach Bobby Cornelison and Volleyball Coach Marci Johnson are both Missouri Southern graduates. When tragedy hit Joplin, they felt the urge to get together some of their players, and go to Joplin this summer to assist in tornado relief work. The two coaches took a group of 24 student athletes to work with Catholic relief services at McAuley. Their duties ranged from organizing and distributing food and clothing, to cleaning out the warehouse that would become the temporary home to St Mary's Elementary School. They also assisted in passing out water & other supplies to relief workers throughout the city.

Senior football player, JonAlan Schnidler, was among the 24 students who volunteered. Schnideler's family was relocated to the area from New Orleans after hurricane Katrina. "It was pretty eerie to see all those X's on all the buildings again," he commented. "Out of tragedy, good things can come. I've had so many wonderful opportunities since we have come to Springfield."

"I remember driving into town, passing all kinds of destruction," stated volleyball player Taylor Lower. "We were all overwhelmed... Seeing the people who live through the disaster, and the people who came to help was incredibly inspiring."

## Meet Mr. Scott Guilkey, Springfield Catholic High School's Academic Advisor

Mr. Scott Guilkey is in his third year at SCHS. Prior to the 2011-12 school year, Mr. Guilkey taught Social Studies (mainly American History and Economics), and has now moved into the role of SCHS Academic Advisor. Over the past two years he has coached football (assistant for two years), basketball (assistant and freshman boys coach 2 years), and tennis (assistant coach one year head coach one year). With his new



responsibilities at SCHS, he will continue to coach basketball and tennis, and help with the football team when needed.

Mr. Guilkey has high goals as the new Academic Advisor for each grade level in order to help keep the students focused on their dreams post high school. "My primary goals for the 2011-2012 school year are: 1) For Seniors: to be a constant resource to students and parents helping Seniors transition into college freshman as easily as possible; 2) For other students: to help students develop a 4 year plan that includes not only academic, but also extra-curricular activities. I will aid students in seeing this plan through so that they can achieve their post high school goals; 3) For our

school: Through research and data analysis, identify ways in which Springfield Catholic can improve their education in an attempt to increase test scores and give our students a greater edge as they pursue highly competitive colleges and/or career fields after high school."

Not only has Mr. Guilkey taken on the role as Academic Advisor, but he has also played a key role in the SCHS courtyard clean-up. "I always thought that the courtyard was a cool area, but it seemed to be a little neglected. I suggested that we kill off the grass that was back there because there was too much shade for it to really do well and just mulch everything. Between that suggestion, other's imagination, and my willingness to tackle just about any task, I was in charge of 'updating' the courtyard."

"Springfield Catholic is a great place to work, because of the emphasis they place on academics, their success in both academics and athletics, and the community feel of the school. I like being able to live and teach in a larger area like Springfield, and still be at a school that is a small, close knit community, where you are able to get to know everyone in the system. I love the students, parents, and faculty, and feel very blessed to be part of such a great organization," explained Mr. Guilkey.

If you have any questions for Mr. Guilkey, he can be reach by email at [sguilkey@scspk12.org](mailto:sguilkey@scspk12.org).

## IC Students Show Patriotism

9/11 was a day many people around the United States took time to bow their heads to pray, and remember the people whose lives were taken during the terrorists actions of that tragic day 10 years ago. Students at Immaculate Conception were no different. Student Council officers lined the school drive with American Flags to commemorate Patriots Day. Students, teachers, staff, and parents wore patriotic shirts, and scouts wore Scout uniforms, to the all-school Mass on Friday, September 9. 8th grader, Isaac Zimmerman played "taps" on a trumpet in memory of those who lost their lives in 9/11. Following Mass, students processed outside and gathered around the flag pole, as the scouts raised the flag the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.



## St. Agnes Gets Help From Drury

St. Agnes Elementary has been in great need of Cafeteria helpers to serve lunch during the day. Thanks to Mr. Ed Derr, Drury counselor and St. Agnes parent, help has been found. Mr. Ed Derr serves lunch on Fridays, and asked Drury's women's soccer coach, if a few team members can volunteer their Fridays to help serve lunch. Shelby Hatz, an alum of St. Agnes and SCHS, is just one of the players volunteering her time to help out St. Agnes. (Top



right picture: The Hite children pose for a picture in the Cafeteria with their Grandmother on Grandparent's Day. Bottom: Servers from Drury.



## Cross Country Is On Run Again

Although the SCHS state championship girls' cross country team had their two year win streak stopped at Strafford, the Irish wasted



no time starting a new winning streak as they gathered first place finishes at both the Monett and the Nixa Invitational. All-state sophomore Lydia Holtmann was Catholic's top finisher at Monett (4th) and Nixa (2nd). Senior Caroline Ukena (all state 2009) finished 6th at Monett and 4th at Nixa. The Irish girls dominated both races-at Monett they placed

six runners in the top 11-Holtmann, Ukena, freshman Sarah Winton (8th), senior Sara Larson (9th), sophomore Kelly Devlin, a 2010 all-state runner, (10th) and sophomore Anna Faulkner (11th); at Nixa the Irish placed all seven of their runners in the top 14-Holtmann (2nd), Ukena (4th), Devlin (5th), sophomore Andrea Lampe (6th), Sara Larson (9th), Sarah Winton (10th) and Anna Faulkner (14th). The Irish girls' JV team took first at Nixa as Ally Hanson took 5th and Rebecca Roseborough placed 6th.

The Irish boy's cross country team is fresh off a win in the white division of the MSU race on September 24th at the Springfield Underground. They also placed fourth at Nixa finishing only 11 points behind second place finisher Lamar. Catholic was led by newcomer junior Josh Wegenka's 18th place finish, Wegenka was also Catholic's top finisher at Monett. Connor Randall, James Glover, Michael Devoss, Ben Bowman, Chris Wester and Andrew Daus were Catholic's other finishers at Nixa. Catholic's best boys' time posted this season has been an impressive 17:30 by junior Evan Craig (4th) at Strafford-the Strafford race represented Craig's first ever varsity race.

"We have continued to show a great deal of improvement and are being led by two strong seniors - Michael DeVoss (18:09 season best so far) and James Glover (18:34 season best so far)," stated Coach Tom Gray. "Junior Connor Randall and Sophomore Ben Bowman both continue to become an important part of the mix."

The Irish will compete in the 2011 district 5 championship race at Lamar on October 29th; the top two teams from each of the eight district races advance to the state race in Jefferson City the following Saturday. (Pictured above are newcomers Andrea Lampe and Sarah Winton, who have contributed immediately, at the Nixa Invitational. Below: Junior High Boy's cross country medalist from the Nixa meet.)



## Lady Irish Volleyball Is A Hit

The Lady Irish volleyball team has picked up just where they left off last season. With an impressive start, this team is led by an incredible group of seniors who all possess unique leadership qualities. The varsity has experienced success the first half of the season with 18 total wins, a third place finish in the Buffalo Tournament and a second place finish at the Strafford Volleyfest. "Their strengths lie in the contributions from each player," stated coach Marci Johnson. "Each time we rotate we bring another great hitter to the front row and add a great passer to the back row. But those accomplishments are merely small steps in the vision for the season."



Varsity Captains, Taylor Lower and Katie Renkoski added, "We play a bunch of really good teams, but sometimes they have one or two strong players. We have six. From a setter's perspective there are five available hitters to rely on to take care of the ball. We are a threat because we are a close knit team, who is going to make you earn your points. We are ready to keep working and we want to make this season one to remember."

Coach Johnson says, "The keys to experiencing success the last half of the season will be serving tough, good serve receive passing and playing as a unit from point 1 to point 25."

The JV team is also turning heads with an undefeated start of 10-0 to the 2011 season. "They are an energetic group that works hard to keep the ball off the floor," commented Johnson. Captain, Reggie Thurston adds, "We are going to keep working hard each day to continue to improve our game."

The freshman, 1-9, have made huge strides since starting in the summertime. "We look forward to seeing what they can do the remainder of the season," Johnson commented. Captains Jordan Gamble and Kaitlin Sallee added, "Though we've only been a team for a short time, we have already learned to come together for the twenty five point games and have fun doing it."

Johnson finishes, "This is a great group of girls who have a lot of fun playing this game. Thanks to all who have supported us so far, our crowds have been GREAT! If you haven't made it to a game come out and see the Lady Irish volleyball teams in action! (Pictured above is the Varsity Team after placing 3rd at the Buffalo tournament.)

## New Coach, New Opportunities

The boy's Irish soccer team is looking for another trip to State, only this time to take home first place. With a new head coach and assistant coach, this team has worked hard to achieve an undefeated record of 10 wins and 0 losses. "As a



team we have already had key conference victories over Marshfield and Bolivar, as well as a successful 4-0 result against rival school Greenwood," stated head coach Tom Guinn. "However, next month we will face the toughest portion of the schedule in which we will have games against Ozark, Pembroke Hill, and Nixa."

With several senior players graduating last spring, the then-underclassmen have risen to continue a long-term goal. "Our team may have graduated a lot of seniors and changed the coaching staff, but we have a lot of positive energy throughout the program," senior Luke Straus explained. "For example, the team features players such as my-self, Burke James, and Reid Harbach, who have all played in state championship matches. The upper classmen have learned from their previous mistakes the last two years, and we are working hard to achieve our ultimate goal, which is to bring home the school's first ever state title for the boys' soccer program."

Head Coach Tom Guinn, who is also the P.E. Teacher at Immaculate Conception, expressed his gratitude to work with SCS, "As the new coach of Springfield Catholic's boys soccer team, I want to express how truly gracious I am to have gotten an opportunity to coach and teach within Springfield Catholic Schools. I have to believe the boys will continue to work hard and improve throughout the duration of the season which, in turn, will result in our team maintaining its position as the highest ranked soccer

## Girl's Tennis Is 1-1 In Districts

The Lady Irish tennis is currently 1-1 in the Class 1 District with a record (excluding tournaments) of 4-2 for varsity. While this issue is at print, the Lady Irish are competing in the conference tournament and the Thomas Jefferson Invitational in Joplin that they won last year.

Coach Amy Dukewits and new coach Keary Deck have had some tough opponents, but plan to finish the season strong. "Being my first year coaching, I have truly enjoyed being around the girls and getting them excited about tennis," stated Deck. "Our matches have been against very competitive teams and our varsity has really had to face some tough opponents. Amy and I are very proud of our team so far this season and look forward to districts coming up the first week in October." (Pictured is the Varsity tennis team.)



**The Fighting Irish football team has 4 wins and 1 loss. Make sure you come out for the Homecoming Game on October 7, 2011 against Buffalo. The Pig Roast will begin at 5:30-7:30. Contact the Athletic Boosters for more information.**

**The Athletic Boosters are hosting a Fun Evening to Downstream Casino on Saturday, October 22. A bus will leave SCHS at 4:30 pm and return at 12:30 am. The cost of the trip is \$50 for Booster Club members, and \$60 for non-members. Everyone who rides the bus will receive \$10 in free play. For each person arriving to the casino on the bus, Downstream will donate \$10 back to SCHS Athletic Boosters. For more Information, contact Laura Meek at 417.861.8322. SCHS prizes will be given away! Limited Seating!**

## What Is New In SCHS Sports For This Winter...

This winter, mats will be rolled out, as Springfield Catholic prepares for their first season of wrestling. Wrestling meets will begin October 31, and be wrapped up at the state tournament February 16, 17, & 18. SCHS will be a Class 1 school competing in the Central Ozark Conference small school division. The weight classes range from 106 pounds to 285 pounds, for a total of 14 weight classes.

Coaching the inaugural season is Chad Coleman, SCHS newest History teacher. Coleman wrestled at Ft. Zumwalt West and at Missouri Baptist University. He also coached at Kickapoo for

four years and Mehlville High (South County STL) for two years. Assisting Coleman, will be coach Kaylor Walker, who wrestled for Coleman at Kickapoo High, then continued to wrestle in college at Central Missouri University.

Even though the first meet is not until October 31, these coaches are excited to welcome any student interested in the wrestling program right away. There are "Open Mats" after school Wednesday & Friday from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. If you are interested in the wrestling program, or would like to get involved, please email ccoleman@scspk12.org.



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**All School Class Reunion**

More than 130 attended the 18th annual All School Class Reunion on September 17 at SCHS. The honored classes this year were: 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986. Many alums from other classes attended as well.

Alums gathered at St. Agnes Cathedral where Fr. Michael McDevitt recognized the alums during the 5:00 pm Mass. Several alums were involved in the ceremony as readers, presentation of the gifts and Eucharist ministers. Immediately following the Mass, all alums gathered at Springfield



Catholic High School for a social hour prior to being served a delicious steak dinner.

“It’s always a good time to get back together with our classmates and find out what they’ve been up to,” Rosie Fellin stated, who has been a leader in planning the All School Reunion since the beginning.

Each year, a special committee reviews submissions for the “Outstanding Alum” award. This year, that honor went to 1949 alum James Harrison and 1971 alum Susanne “Ruzicka” Gray (picture insert). All pictures from the reunion can be viewed after November 1, at [www.scsalumniassociation.com](http://www.scsalumniassociation.com). (Pictured above: The Class of 1961.)