

“LEGEND”

St. Joseph / Marquette School

SUMMER 2009

Sr. Rebecca Berghoff Foundation

St. Joseph / Marquette School yesterday ...



and today...

From the Desk of:

A letter that was received from an Alumnus, Frank X Benoit, serves as a great reminder of the longevity and mission that Marquette has been instilling in students for many years. Below is the letter and poem that Frank wrote as a tribute to Marquette and the Jesuits who served there.

The recent talk about bond levies for replacement of school buildings in Yakima got me thinking about the Marquette Building, and how long it has lasted, and is still being used

Memories of the “Marquette Years” came back to me. Instead of a “letter to the editor” (as some people do!) – I decided to write a story in verse about the subject. Writing poems about people and events has been a hobby of mine for many years, and I have written lots of them!

The real significance of the buildings longevity came to my mind, so this effort developed into my own tribute to all the Jesuits who made Marquette the great school it was. Please accept my less-than-perfect rhymes as a “mini-history” of my recollections of Marquette. I’m sure others echo my sentiments.

As for me (Class of 1937), I am 89. My son lives with me- the best kind of “assisted living”- at home!

*Sincerely,
Frank*

Marquette: The “Rock”

By Frank X Benoit (Class of 1937)

Many older buildings in Yakima have fallen prey
To some mistaken notions of the present day,
They aren’t worthy of preservation,
Pitted against the push for modernization.

So, it is with a sense of satisfaction that I see
One historic edifice preserved at Fourth Street and B.
For its beginnings, we have to turn back the clock
For the Marquette Building, known by many as the “Rock.”
Time has tested those basalt stones from local quarries;
And – if those stones could talk – what interesting stories
They would tell of the many years gone by,
And the teachers and students who made up Marquette High!

Solid as those stones was the Jesuits’ dedication
To impart to us – with discipline – an education-
Meanwhile maintaining a saintly persistence
In combating students’ mental resistance.

I’m sure the teachers relied on prayers to St. Ignatius,
As they endeavored to make us sagacious!
Though we didn’t realize it then, I’d say
We had a faculty deemed “Magna cum laude.
Fathers Egan, Fink, Kane, and Meany are names easy to recall;
It would take a historian to list them all!
A roll call would spotlight men with a formidable mission
To mold boys into men, in the Jesuit tradition.
As for homework- only later, we would learn, it was true,
When they had said, “Homework is good for you.”
In class, when the teacher asked something you should know,
You wished the teacher-to-student ratio wasn’t so low!

As for activities, we students had a full slate,
And the school year had some important dates.
On “Marquette Night,” budding actors would hold sway,
As each class competed in presenting a play.
The Annual Elocution Contest was viewed with anticipation,
As Marlocs and Mathespians vied with their orations.

From humble beginnings, it would have been difficult to see
What a mighty force in Yakima, Marquette would be.
Marquette’s life span was from 1918 to 1968,
When the schools needed to consolidate.

My two uncles graduated in 1922 in the first class (of 5);
Now, four of my class may be the oldest MHS alumni alive!
(Class of 1937)

The “Rock” still stands, impervious to weather,
Looking as if it will last forever!
The durability of those stones seems to typify
For us, the permanence of values learned in days gone by.
Hundreds of men have looked back in admiration
Of what they once viewed as rigors of a Jesuit Education!
The Jesuits’ fifty years of service were a gift beyond measure;
Memories of the “Marquette Years” are something we all treasure.

It is true; the Marquette building is still being used daily to educate
middle school students from all over the valley. Yes, it does have
internet and electricity as well as running water.

Yes, the Marquette building still stands and is used as Marquette Middle School. This historic old building houses the SJMMS administration offices and the seventh and eighth grade homerooms. The cafeteria, library, auditorium are all used daily for lunches, drama, music, band and monthly school meetings. The doors are always open if you care to come for a visit; we love to show you around.

Alumni Updates:

Teryn Seymour SJMMS 2002 and Helen SJMMS 2002 were honored with the St. Martins College Society of Fellows award. The Society of Fellows is Saint Martin's academic honorary society. Membership in the Society recognizes students and faculty who, by their outstanding work in teaching and learning, contribute to the intellectual life of the University.

Courtney Munson SJMMS 2006 a student at Eisenhower High School competed in the Washington State Individual Speaking Events Championships in Tacoma.

Scott Wall SJMMS 2003 a sophomore at Pacific Lutheran University pitched a three-hit, 5-0 victory over Puget Sound to help the Lutes share the Northwest Conference championship with George Fox. Scott also is an offensive lineman on the football team and carries a 3.0 grade point average.

Frank Sziebert SJMMS 2005 won first in the state for desktop publishing and fifth in Extemporaneous speaking for Technology Students of America. He will be competing in Denver this June for Nationals. Frank also was the winner of the White Pass Film Festival Poster Contest of 2009. He also will be going to Slovakia on a Rotary Exchange Program for the 2009-2010 school year.

National Honor Society New Inductions (Davis High School):

Margarita Castaneda	Alexandra Cottle	Nathalyn Dagdagan
Hannah Fisher	Coleen Fontana	Hannah Kaluzny
Hannah Naughton	David Paoella	Briana Tamaki
Mia Walsh		

Current Members (Davis High School) graduated June 2009:

Shahida Choudary	David Funk	Marshall Hurson
Samantha Knittle	Kate Kunkel-Patterson	Caitlin Malone
Kelly McLaughlin	Frank Sziebert	Alfredo Villasenor

Off They Go!!

These twenty-five Marquette Middle school eighth grade students are now officially alumnae. They bid farewell to SJMMS and will be saying hello to La Salle, Davis and Eisenhower high schools this September. We wish them well as they begin the next phase of their education.



Congratulations to these Dean/President's List Students:

Central Washington University

Brooke Riel

University of Portland

Laramie Marquis	Katherine Miller	Jamie Ziegler
Jennifer Miller		

Yakima Valley Community College

Amanda Kilseimer	Andrea Favilla	Jessica Pell
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Washington State University

Paul Nichols	Lauren Nichols	Carlee Gibbons
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Eastern Washington University

Terra Hale

Congratulations to next years Student Council Members at La Salle High School:

President-

Julia Kennedy SJMMS-2006

Campus Ministers-

Katie Knoebel SJMMS- 2006

Senior Spirit Coordinator –

Steve Gasseling SJMMS 2006

Junior Spirit Coordinator –

Kerry Duffy SJMMS- 2007

Junior Class Secretary/Treasurer-

Jenessa McElrath SJMMS- 2007

Sophomore Class President-

Emily Smith SJMMS- 2008

Sophomore Class Representative-

Rachael Gasseling SJMMS-2008

In remembrance, we pray for those who have passed:

Stan Sali MHS-1948

Ruth Cyr (wife of Walter Cyr MHS-1948)

Mary Russett (Johnston) SJA-1940

Rosalie Brulotte SJA-1944

Anne Beaver (Voelker) SJA-1962

Dr. Mathias Silbernagel MHS-1951

Mary Louise Sims (Kohls) SJA-1935

Richard Abhold MHS

Mike Walter MHS- 1962

Irma Mae Biava Frymier (Friend of SRB)

Gerald W. St. George

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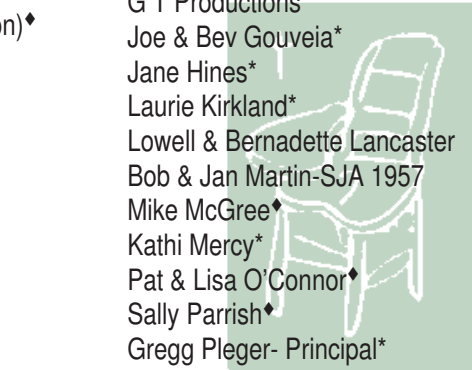
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* - Alumni parent
 ♦ - Current parent



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If you have any news to share, we would love
 to hear it. Please send it to Dianne at
DiandSRB@aol.com subject line alumni

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Sister Rebecca Berghoff Foundation web address is
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On October 1989 the SRB Foundation was formed, as you can see it is fast approaching a 20-year anniversary. There are plans for some type of an event to help celebrate the birthday. The Foundation is still very committed to its mission for the “continuance of St. Joseph/Marquette Catholic School”.



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