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THE Bedan Record

*Celebrating
50 years of
coeducation*





Seniors Graduate As First Co-Ed Class

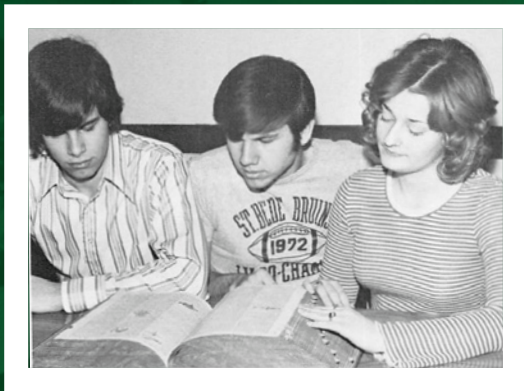
By becoming the first co-ed class to graduate from St. Bede, the first class to beat arch-rivals, LaSalle-Peru, in the L-P stadium in 22 years, and becoming the first class to go undefeated in four years of football against L-P, the class of 1973 set many, many firsts during the year. But firsts are not the only things that make a good class. The Seniors showed their leadership, in school and out. Their organization of Homecoming, participation in athletics, Spirit Day, and just the general atmosphere in the school showed this. Involvement in extra-curricular activities had a large role in the lives of the Seniors. Athletics, Student Government, and Bedan Bruit were just some of the many activities of the Seniors of the Academy this year.

Fifty years ago, in the fall of 1972,

St. Bede opened its doors to female students, changing the dynamics of the academy forever.

Four women came to St. Bede that fall to finish out their high school career.

They would become the first-ever female graduates of the academy.



Female Voices Blend to Better St. Bede Chorus

With female voices adding a new flair to the St. Bede Chorus, they were able to present three concerts in the course of the year. The chorus sang in two concerts at...



Development News



It is wonderful to see the students enjoying their new classes and activities. Thank you to all of you who help make this happen for them.

I've been here almost one year and continue to be amazed at all of the support that you have given to us. Whether you have given to the St. Bede Fund, Special Gifts, Legacy Project, Special Events

or Memorials, please know that we are grateful for every dollar that comes into our office. Enclosed in this edition, please find our annual report covering the fiscal year of July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022.

I am touched by the cards and notes that I receive from donors telling us how St. Bede changed their life and they don't know where they would be if they hadn't attended here. Their notes of gratitude are accompanied by a donation so that other lives can continue to be positively impacted. I also admire the longstanding friendships that have occurred here at St. Bede. In the past nine months, I've been able to see how classmates have become family.

We decided to be more specific about where the dollars actually go when a donation is made to the St. Bede Fund. It has been eye-opening to the donors as well as myself to see where those monies are spent. Mostly, it helps fund up to 55% of the total cost of tuition per student. It also helps pay for the heat, the lights, teachers' compensation and athletics. We do not receive any monies from property taxes or any parish subsidies. This is why every dollar counts!

The Empower Illinois program has been a terrific way for our Illinois donors to donate money and receive a large portion of it back as a credit on their state taxes. This method of giving is a win-win for everyone as the donor can select St. Bede Academy for where they want their funds directed. This helps pay for a child to attend who otherwise may not have had the opportunity to go here. There are 25 children currently on the waiting list. To learn more about this program, please visit www.empowerillinois.org.

Thank you to all who supported the February calendars. It was wonderful to see all of the participation from everyone including the students coming into the office dropping off their tickets and money.

We are looking forward to the Rock the Academy Dueling Pianos event scheduled for Saturday, April 29th. Soon after that, the 40th Annual Auction will be taking place. More details will follow.

Before you know it, we will be celebrating graduation then Homecoming and the upcoming 1973 Golden Bedans. We have many great things to look forward to here at St. Bede. Another thing I learned in the past nine months is that time does fly! When one event is over, we are diligently working on the next one. I hope everyone's new year is off to a great start. Please know that we wish you all well in 2023 and we are thankful for you and all you do. You matter to us!

Sincerely,

Tracy Makransky
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Homecoming

Each fall, our alumni, family and friends return to celebrate Homecoming and reconnect with St. Bede.



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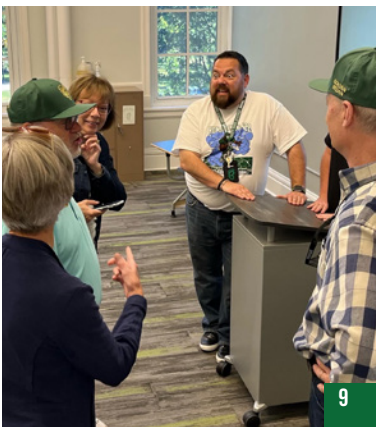
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- 1** The St. Bede football team makes its way onto the field before playing Bureau Valley Storm.
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- 6** Staff and faculty put on a surprise performance about coming home during the annual Variety show.
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- 8** Abbot Michael Calhoun, OSB '89 waves to the crowd during the Homecoming parade.
- 9** Kevin Pullara, religion and world history teacher at St. Bede, conducts a tour of the newly-renovated Wing 1 on the second floor of the academy during Homecoming weekend.

STAY CONNECTED!

- » Update your contact information at www.st-bede.com under the Alumni tab.
- » Follow *St. Bede Academy* on social media.
- » Do you have a class Facebook page? If so, share it with us!



Distinguished Alumnus Award



Atty. Paul D. Perona '56 was the recipient of the 2022 Distinguished Alumnus Award. He was honored by the St. Bede Alumni Association during the annual Bruins Brunch on October 2, 2022, which took place in the Perino Science Center. Many members of the Perona family were in attendance. Paul spoke about his time at St. Bede and how one particular class, physics taught by Fr. Eugene, helped him succeed when he went on to further his studies at the University of Notre Dame. Paul said there's just something about St. Bede, "Once a Bruin, always a Bruin."

Join us for the St. Bede Alumni Association's Bruin Brunch on Sunday, October 1, 2023.

The brunch will honor the Class of 1973 Golden Bedans and the Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award, recipient, which is yet to be announced. Service starts directly after the 10 a.m. mass with mimosas and a buffet-style brunch. Nominations for this year's Distinguished Alumnus Award can be submitted to the Alumni Association at alumniassociation@st-bede.com.

SAVE THE DATE HOMECOMING 2023

Remember ~ Reconnect
September 29–October 1

Celebrating the classes ending on the
"3" and "8" – 1948-2018

Please contact Bonnie at bprokup@st-bede.com for information on tailgating and tent reservations.

Any alumni interested in performing at BruinsJam 2023 should contact Joe at bruinsjam@joemajors.com for sign-up information.

Please visit the Homecoming tab on our website www.st-bede.com

Reunions



Start planning for your 2023 reunions now! Class of 1973: Prepare to be this year's Golden Bedans!

Contact Tracy Makransky at tracymakransky@st-bede.com for class lists and check our website for Homecoming information.



A Dedication of Dreams

On the Saturday morning of the Homecoming weekend, a small crowd gathered at the softball diamond where a naming and dedication of the field took place in honor of Abbot Emeritus Philip Davey, OSB '65.

It was a moving ceremony that reunited many former softball players who came back to campus to witness the moment. Softball coach Shawn Sons spoke during the ceremony, as did Sarah Stariha '08, who was a member of Abbot's team during her time at St. Bede. The players then joined Abbot on the softball field as he blessed each base and the field itself. Davey coached the St. Bede Academy Lady Bruins Softball Program from 1986 to 2010. He positively impacted the lives of many students and continues to inspire others to this day.



1972 Golden Bedan Class Gift

Part of the tradition for celebrating a 50th year milestone class is choosing a class gift that classmates then raise money for to benefit St. Bede Academy. The Class of 1972 selected the restoration of the historic “old main” stairwell.

Together, the class raised \$141,292 for the work to be done. The project was completed in the summer of '22 and today compliments the restoration of the second floor in the academy.

During the Homecoming weekend, the Class of 1972 was featured during the football half-time show as they were escorted on the field by the St. Bede cheerleaders. It was there they were publicly acknowledged as becoming the newest Golden Bedan class and recognized for their generosity of their class gift. The Class of 1972 was officially inducted in the order of the Golden Bedans during the annual Alumni Mass on Sunday, Oct. 2, which took place before the Bruins Brunch in the Perino Science Center. There, members of the class received the much-desired authentic brick that comes from the original academy building built in 1890.



“We are blessed that our 50th reunion classes continue to honor their experience at St. Bede by ensuring that today’s Bruins have access to the same life-changing education and experience that they once did.”

—Julia Yaklich, Director of Mission Advancement



Hall of Fame Inductees

On Saturday, Oct. 1, three individuals and a former baseball team were inducted into the St. Bede Hall of Fame. A small ceremony was held in the Abbot Vincent Gymnasium.

The individuals included Abbot Emeritus Philip Davey, OSB '65, Joan Jobst and Charles "Bucky" Link '56, along with the '92 baseball team.



CHARLES "BUCKY" LINK '56

During his time at St. Bede, Link played both football and basketball, but eventually concentrated fully on a football career. He played both full back and defensive end.

"I played every snap; I never came off the field. I averaged five yards a carry during my high school career," he said.

His participation earned him a special mention All State award. After graduating in 1956, Link attended Monmouth College where he played football for two years until a back injury caused him to step away.

JOAN JOBST

Joan Jobst first started working at St. Bede Academy in 1996 as an English teacher and soon after dedicated herself to serving others within the school community.

She began coaching Junior Varsity softball in 1997 and, alongside Head Coach Abbot Emeritus Philip Davey, OSB '65, assisted in building a respectable program guiding several teams to great success.

Not only did Joan coach softball (1997-2011), she also coached students competing as independent swimmers, on and off through 2021. She contributed to other extra-curricular activities by reading for scholastic bowl meets and supporting all student-athletes through her ongoing attendance at extra-curricular events. The St. Bede family was saddened by the passing of Joan on Feb. 10, 2023.

ABBOT EMERITUS PHILIP DAVEY, OSB '65

Philip Davey coached the Lady Bruins Softball Program from 1986 to 2010. He positively impacted the lives of many students and continues to inspire others. Davey consistently took the focus off of records, victories or championships, choosing rather to concentrate on how coaching softball allowed him to recognize each child's gifts and talents.

"It was about helping people to be as good of a person (and athlete) as they could be. Helping them become the best version of themselves. And then recognizing those efforts and being proud of their accomplishment," he said.

1992 BASEBALL TEAM

The 1992 St. Bede Academy Baseball won 22 games in a row, appeared in the IHSA Elite Eight and became the 5th ranked team in the state.

The 1992 St. Bede Academy Bruins Baseball team held a team batting average of .314, anchored by Neil Piacenti, who hit at a .438 clip. Their pitching staff posted a 3.17 Earned Run Average with both Piacenti (9-1) and Joe Zelenski (9-2) combining for 18 of the squad's 24 victories. The '92 Bruins finished with a record of 24-6, losing to Harrisburg in the First Round of the IHSA State Tournament. The Bruins are one of seven baseball teams in school history to qualify for the state finals. Team members include: Jason Bernabei, John Donahue, Pat Dooley, Christian Gimochio, Tim Maciejewski, Dave McGunnigal, Daryl Micheli, Kevin Micheli, Chris Negro, Jim Payne, Mike Perona, Neil Piacenti, Sean Riordan, Andy Zelenski and Joe Zelenski. Coaches Randy Gunia and John Bellino.



A Retrospective of the Life & Art of St. Bede Abbey and Academy's Fr. Joseph Heyd, OSB



Fr. Joseph Heyd, OSB was a 1950 graduate of St. Bede Junior College. He applied for entry into the monastic community following graduation. He became an iconic monk at St. Bede who taught art from 1972 to 1994. During his lifetime, Fr. Joe commissioned several monumental sculptures including the bronze statue of internationally famous violinist Maud Powell, that today adorn Peru's plaza; a statue of St. Mark the Evangelist and his symbolic lion that stands outside St. Mark's Church in Peoria; a statue of St. Francis of Assisi in the Hennepin, IL village park and a statue of Mary, Mother of the Church that stands outside St. Bede Abbey Church. Fr. Joseph Heyd died April 4, 2013.

By Julia Mautino Messina '78

Fr. Joseph Heyd's, OSB artwork came to life for a month-long exhibit at NCI Artworks gallery in the historic Westclox Building in Peru last September and raised over \$10,000 for St. Bede Abbey. The exhibit was co-curated by St. Bede's own art department chairman Rich Cummings '80 and St. Bede alumna Julia Mautino Messina '78, executive director of North Central Illinois ARTworks. This first-ever local exhibit of Fr. Joseph's work offered hundreds of former students and local art lovers a unique opportunity to view and purchase the absolutely stunning variety of work Fr. Joseph produced during his lifetime.

From simple \$20 ceramic Pax tiles to magnificent \$10,000 marble and bronze sculptures, the subjects of Fr. Joseph's work ranged from realistic scenes of bucolic Chicago waterfront parks and landmarks to large-scale oil paintings that became the basis for his major sculptural pieces. One such piece is the Maud Powell statue in the 4th Street plaza across from the Pizza House restaurant in Peru. St. Bede Academy figures prominently in the creation of that statue not only because Fr. Joseph created the statue commemorating the locally born and raised, world-famous violinist, but also because St. Bede violin-playing alumna Paula Lukancic was the model for the famous musician's arm.

For those unfamiliar with Fr. Joseph and his art, one need only walk around the St. Bede campus to discover some of his works of art. There is a bronze statue of "Mary in the Garden," located in a raised flower bed in the quad between the Perino Science Center and the Abbey Church. His "Resurrection" sculpture can be found inside the Abbey Church. Many of his most exquisite marble and bronze pieces depicting scripture concepts can be found in the abbey refectory, while his oil paintings and sketches can still be viewed in the art studio on the third floor of the academy. For a delightful overview of his work and a sense of his character and what he meant to the hundreds of students who studied art and learned art appreciation from him, a good source is the full-color 11x14 coffee table book that NCI ARTworks published in collaboration with some of Fr. Joseph's former students. The book can be purchased online at nciartworks.com.



The Legacy Society

With much appreciation for a lifetime of generosity, friendship and commitment to St. Bede, we recognize The Legacy Society.

On September 29, 2022, members of The Legacy Society joined the St. Bede Abbey monks for a prayer service in the Abbey Church before enjoying a dinner in the Perino Science Center. During the evening's event, we inducted our newest legacy members, Dominic Magnoni '87 and Patrick Crowe JC '64. The annual Legacy event bestows appreciation for this honorable group. We are appreciative of the commitment of our Legacy Society members to our mission and we honor them for helping to keep St. Bede's legacy alive.



Giving Tuesday

Thank you to all those who contributed to #GivingTuesday on November 29, 2022.

The Development Department at St. Bede launched its annual #GivingTuesday campaign with a goal to raise \$160,000. With high hopes and much anticipation, the staff kept tally of the day's total as donations came in.

We were overwhelmed with the kindness and generosity from our St. Bede family. The outpouring of support continues on this special day year after year and we are grateful to all who made #GivingTuesday a tremendous success.



Our largest day of giving for the St. Bede Fund started off with generous matches totaling \$78,750.

\$15,000

Gene '57 & Natalie Bernardoni

\$10,000

Daubert Chemical Co.
David Porter '61

\$5,000

Anonymous
Bill & Mary Ludford '77
Steve '69 & Karla Stevens
Michael '61 & June Rossiter
Sachin & Jennifer Goel '99
Angelo '80 & Andrea Perino

\$3,000

Anonymous
Steve Nieslawski '77

\$2,250

Bill '65 & Sue Cattani

\$2,000

Donald '64 & Bernadette Crowe
Tom & Ellen Dobrich

\$1,500

La Salle State Bank

Over \$164,000 raised!

Celebrating 50 Years



Lissa Harrison
Deborah Garncarz
Sarah McMurray
Rosemary Kunkel

In the fall of 1972, 58 females enrolled at St. Bede Academy, changing the dynamics of a campus that had served men for 82 years. The pioneers were a distinct minority, but all were welcomed by the belief that a Benedictine education should be an equal opportunity among men and women.

The senior class, perhaps, felt the most changed as they had gone through St. Bede three years prior as an all-male class, only to return that fall with four new female classmates eager to finish their final year of high school at the academy.

Those four females were Deborah (Garncarz) Ladgenski, Rosemary (Kunkel) Wall, Lissa (Harrison) Balda and Sarah McMurray. They make St. Bede history as being the first four female graduates. Each have their own story of how they ended up at St. Bede for their final year of high school.

Deborah Ladgenski '73 (left) and Rosemary Wall '73 (right) pose for a photo with Abbot Emeritus Philip Davey, OSB '65 (center) who holds up a photo of him teaching a religion class, which Ladgenski was a student, during the 1972-73 class year.



“One of the greatest lessons learned at St. Bede was the importance of continuing education.”

—Deborah (Garncarz) Ladgenski

Ladgenski had grown up in Peru and attended LaSalle-Peru Township High School. During the summer of her junior and senior year, her parents moved out of the school district to Webster Park in Spring Valley. Having a Catholic background and upbringing, it was a natural fit to choose St. Bede for her final year of high school.

Wall came to St. Bede after the boarding school in Clinton, Iowa she had attended closed down. Her family resided in Lostant and her parents were adamant their kids received a Catholic education. Her older brothers had attended St. Bede, and she grew up attending the summer family picnics hosted on campus back then, making her no stranger to the academy when she enrolled that fall.

Balda was a late-start at St. Bede, enrolling in October of 1972, from DePue High School. As bright of a student as she was, her father thought it would be best for her to finish out her studies at the academy.

McMurray could not be reached for this article, however, if you flip through the '73 yearbook, you don't have to look far to see that she was an active student here at St. Bede - heavily involved in theater and speech club and was an alto in the student choir.

With any change comes adjustments and students that year definitely felt them as they navigated the new norm. Despite that, females quickly found their place at the academy by becoming active in clubs and organizations.

Ladgenski became a member of the College Bowl team. She used her lifeguard experience to assist Coach Gaffney with the freshmen swimmers during study hall and she modeled for one of Fr. Joseph Heyd's art classes.

Balda joined the theatre department, became a cheerleader, was a member of student government, wrote for the student newspaper, the Bedan Bruit, did College Bowl and became an Illinois State Scholar.

Wall was part of the vocational program, so part of the time she spent off campus where she studied to be a beautician.

While their time here was short, the academy still made a lifelong impact on their lives. Many of the experiences and lessons learned at the academy, they carried with them and incorporated into their careers following graduation.

Wall and her family valued volunteerism and the importance of giving back. They continued to come back to St. Bede and spent many years assisting Fr. Arthur, a monk near and dear to their family, during fundraisers he hosted. You could also always count on the Wall family to volunteer for whatever was needed for the annual auction.



Lissa (Harrison) Balda

“There's always been a lot of good reasons to want to come back and help St. Bede,” she said. “St. Bede is home and has always been a home to me.”

One of the greatest lessons learned at St. Bede for Ladgenski was the importance of continuing education.

“It's that idea that God gives you so many good qualities or things you can do and you need to use those to make the world a better place. I really loved that those values were taught and exhibited out here,” she said. “That's something I was able to continue throughout my lifetime. It didn't matter whether I was male or female, it was something every student took away from this place.”

The education Balda received at St. Bede helped her succeed in her collegiate studies following graduation. She said if it hadn't been for the monks' lessons, she might not have passed her courses needed to earn her nursing degree.

“I don't regret ever coming here. I had more fun here in one year than the three years I spent at my former high school. Mostly, because I was more involved with the school and found it easier to make connections with the people at St. Bede,” she said.

Celebrating 50 years, continued

Over five decades, the aspects of becoming coeducational have evolved significantly. Bruin females have continued to excel in the classroom. They hold leadership roles in campus life, achieve academic success and win records and championships in athletic venues. Women had embraced and adapted to the Bedan traditions. Today, female students outnumber male students in a 166:111 ratio. This year's five Illinois State Scholars are all female, the top 10 academic students are all female and St. Bede was a recipient of the College Board's AP Computer Science Diversity Award for the number of female students taking AP computer science courses. This past fall, the first females ever – Marly Tillman '24 and Ruby Michels '26 – tried out and earned a spot on the St. Bede football team.

Tillman was inspired to do so to follow in her dad's footsteps, while Michels did so after a little encouragement from family and friends. Both say it was an empowering experience that pushed them to new limits they never knew they had and allowed them to gain a new family among the teammates they played alongside.

"In football you form a family and there is nothing like it," Tillman said. "It feels good to give other women the confidence to join a sport that is male-dominated. Us women can do anything men can do – maybe even better."

"I'm proud to break 'the norm.' I'm hoping it will show others you can do anything if you put your mind to it," Michels added.

Being the first is not always the easiest, but in many cases, it can be the most rewarding. St. Bede's first female graduates should be recognized for paving the way for the decades-worth of females who would follow their legacy. The life-changing experiences and success stories of our female students have only made our history richer and we should feel proud of where we have come following the momentous decision to become a coeducational institution.



Ruby Michels '26
Marly Tillman '24



This past fall, the first females ever, Marly Tillman '24 and Ruby Michels '26, tried out and earned a spot on the St. Bede football team.

The class of 2023's top 10 academic students are all female.



Zoe Roebuck (front row, from left), Gianna Grivetti, Isabella Villalobos, Kristal De La Torre, Macy Zeglis, Lilylu RauhFernandez (back row, from left), Anna Lopez, Madelyn Torrance, Kylie Cofoid and Ava Stone

Abbey News



Oblate Program Under New Leadership

Under new leadership this year, the oblate program at St. Bede Abbey will work to grow its membership as its current members continue to grow in holiness.

Abbot Michael Calhoun, OSB '89 has appointed Abbot Emeritus Philip Davey, OSB '65 as Oblate Director. He succeeds Br. Nathaniel Grossmann, OSB, who has stepped down from the role due to health reasons.

"I chose Abbot Emeritus Philip because he is a gentle, spiritual man who would be able to share a Benedictine spirituality with the oblates," Calhoun said.

An oblate of St. Bede Abbey is a member of the extended St. Bede prayer community of monks. An oblate is eager to learn about the lives of the monks and model their lives upon the teaching of St. Benedict in a way that is compatible with their own lives.

Having an oblate program is a dimension of hospitality for St. Bede.

"It gives St. Bede Abbey the opportunity to share with others the wealth of the Benedictine spirituality and at the same time an oblate program offers a spiritual home to those seeking one," Calhoun said.

The program offers support and encouragement as members seek God in his/her chosen way of life. The witness that an oblate can offer is important for the local area and for the wider Church.

Kathy Martin is a longtime oblate of St. Bede. She made the commitment back in the 90s when she was an English teacher at the academy. She explained that oblates take the vow of stability, similar to that of a monk, as a way to connect oneself to the monastery and apply the rule of St. Benedictine as much as possible.

The regular meetings consist of a prayer service, followed by a talk by the oblate director or another monk, lectio divina and a social hour. Lectio divina is a practice of group prayer featuring an adaptation of the monastic way of reading the scriptures. This involves dividing into small groups, praying and meditating over a pre-selected biblical passage in an attempt to discern what God may wish to communicate to each individual that day.

Oblates follow the four pillars of Benedictine monasticism – hospitality, balance, good stewardship and stability.

St. Bede currently has anywhere from 30 to 35 oblates – some living quite a distance, but maintaining their commitments to St. Bede Abbey. "You're connected, no matter where you live, to St. Bede," Martin said.

There are a few criteria for being a candidate in an oblate program. Being a Christian is important, followed by a willingness to seek God through prayer and other good works.

After attending a meeting, if you decide to try the life of an oblate, you are initiated as a candidate for a year. You are provided a copy of the Rule of St. Benedict, and over the years' time, you are to determine whether the life of an oblate is congenial and practical for you in your present life and work. If it is, at the end of a year, you make your oblation at one of the monthly meetings. From that point on, you are a permanent oblate, subject to your own decision as to how active you wish to remain.

"In one of St. Paul's letters, he points out that there are a variety of gifts among the People of God that build up the body of Christ. Not all are called to devote oneself to prayer and worship and to evangelize through serving in a high school like the monks at St. Bede. The oblate program offers a way of witnessing to the Gospel which has a simplicity of heart of prayer and work. This simplicity is strong, noble and invisible much like the leaven that permeates a batch of dough," said Calhoun.

If you are interested in learning more about the Oblate program, please contact the St. Bede Abbey at 815-223-3140.

Athletics

DEAR ST. BEDE FANS,



Success is often measured in different ways and using different criteria. For example, one may measure success based on how well a student does

in school, measuring scores or grades achieved. Others may measure success on how well a person does financially, or how they ascend in their career. When it comes to athletics, one may look at win/loss records to determine if a team is successful. While none of these methods are the absolute right way, they also are not the absolute wrong way.

When working in our wonderful, faith-based school community, we must always measure success using our students' growth and development as people. At times this means that a losing record on the field or court is not as important as the experience, the growth and the development of the participants. This is

not to say that winning is a "dirty" word, but rather winning and/or losing has its proper place among the balance of the collective experience.

With this, our programs strive to provide community outreach, often times visiting local grade schools, volunteering at various events and making sure all of our students understand and model the virtues of giving, selflessness and service to others.

As we work to continue to drive forward, move upward, with our athletic programs here at the academy, we will find ways to celebrate the many successes our students achieve. Some will be in the classroom, others on the field or court and others from their everyday lives. Win or lose, high grades on tests or not, the goal for our school family is to always help students achieve and elevate into the greatest possible version of themselves.

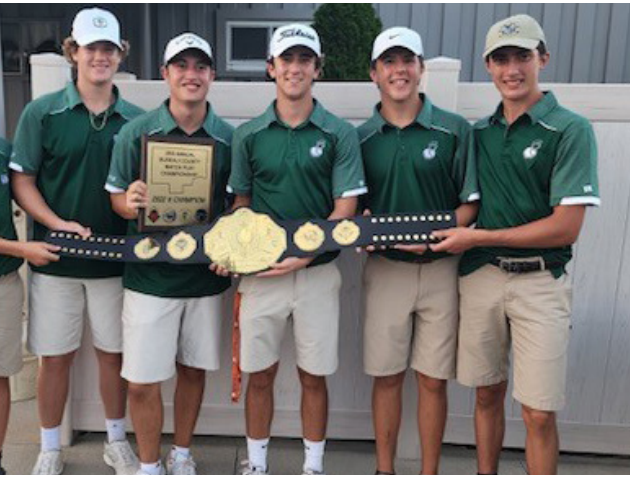
This school year we have been recognizing both male and female Student Athletes of the Month. Each recipient receives a special t-shirt sponsored by one of our community partners, The Locker Room of Spring Valley.



As this is the athletic section of the Bedan Record, we do have some news to share athletically. Our Boys Football program returned to the playoffs this season, after completing a 7-2 regular season. Girls Volleyball represented St. Bede in the regional championship match for the second consecutive season. The girls tennis program participated with solid numbers again and while cross-country competed with a limited roster, the kids worked very hard to remain competitive.

Girls golfer Gianna Grivetti was named the Female Golfer of the Year by both the Bureau County Republican and News Tribune. Boys golf won four different tournaments as well as the IHSA Regional Championship and enjoyed a TEN match play victory streak.





As we move through our school year, our coaches will be contributing thoughts on how St. Bede athletics, collectively, can improve and how we advance programming to be of greater benefit to our students and families. This is a vital step in knowing and charting our path.

To close on a personal note, serving as the Athletic Director for our students, families and school community is an honor, a privilege and a blessing. Our students, your children, are all amazing people both collectively and individually. Their futures are bright and I find comfort knowing ... and hoping ... I have made even a small difference for them.

God bless you, your families and our school community throughout 2023.

Go Bruins!

Michael Armato
 Assistant Principal and Athletic Director
marmato@st-bede.com



Fall Theatre

St. Bede's 2022 Fall Theatre program focused on children's plays, using original scripts written by former academy summer theatre students. One performance was a puppet show; the second, a play based on an Italian Renaissance folk tale; and the third, the story of "The Prince Who Was Afraid of Everything."

For 20 years, the St. Bede drama department had hosted a summer theatre program for grade school children, which culminated in a medieval faire on the grounds between the north orchard and the cemetery. Every year, they wrote their own short plays. We discontinued the program in 2013, so it seemed to me that it was time we give our present student actors an opportunity to do some theatre for young audiences. Fall Theatre is the perfect place to do that. The plays were originally written by grade school students, most of whom now have children of their own!

This year's cast members included: Allison Rimmle '24, Adeline Mitchell '25, Lilylu RauhFernandez '23, Julian Villava '26, Nina Zhang '23, George Guo '23, Viola Ren '23, Michael Shaw '23, Christina Wang '26, Ava Stone '23 and Harrison Fess '26, with drama director, Fr. Dominic Garramone, OSB.



An exciting addition to the cast this year were two of our boarding students from China who were involved in the production.

St. Bede Boarders on the Road

Once students arrive at St. Bede Academy from their home country or state, their days of travel are far from over! Each month Marcia Wagner, Dean of Residential Programs, plans off-campus trips for students to experience cultural activities throughout Illinois.

This year, students kicked off the start of school with a fun trip to Six Flags Great America in August. For some students, this was their first time on a roller-coaster and everyone was thrilled to experience an American amusement park.

September's off-campus trip was cancelled by the venue, so we held our own Harvest Festival over Columbus Day weekend. Everyone enjoyed hay rides around campus, pumpkin carving and painting, homemade apple pies, s'mores, firing the apple gun into the orchard and other seasonal activities.

October found all of our students exploring the Illinois Valley at Starved Rock State Park on a hike through the canyons guided by Illinois DNR staff. Students marveled at the history of the park and requested a trip back in the winter to see the frozen waterfalls and snow-covered grounds!

November found everyone enjoying the personalized attention and private movie screening at The Apollo, a small family-owned theatre located in Princeton. Having the entire movie theater to themselves was a special treat for everyone to kick back and relax.

December means Christmas shopping for family and friends back home and there's no better place to do that than in Chicago at Water Tower Place Mall. Students loaded up on gifts, Boba Tea and bao buns at the mall and many had fun taking selfies of themselves in downtown Chicago to post for family and friends.

When everyone returned from Christmas break in January, we headed down to Bloomington for some Greek-inspired food at The Rock Restaurant and then students tried their hand (or feet!) at ice skating at the Bloomington Ice Center. Everyone was eager to get on the ice and some students took to it like a fish in water while others were a bit more cautious and stuck to the walls where they could hold on for dear life. At the end of the day, everyone said it was a fun experience and definitely want to go back again!

We headed to Chicago for our annual Chicago Museum Day – this year it's the Museum of Science and Industry and Adler Planetarium where students can explore and learn about the innovations and achievements that have changed our world and then look to the stars to dream about what the future holds for them.

Future trips include a visit to the Peru Superbowl for students to have fun bowling and playing arcade games. Last year, two students enjoyed it so much they joined the bowling team! Every year, students vote on where they want to go for an overnight trip during Easter break. Wisconsin Dells won out over St. Louis this time so we'll be heading there for some indoor waterpark fun and other local attractions in April. This will make a great last adventure before school ends for the year and we can start planning next year's outings.



If you'd like to find out more about St. Bede's Boarding Program, or volunteer to help chaperone any of our trips, please contact Marcia Wagner at mwagner@st-bede.com.



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The Legacy Project



January brought great excitement to the students and staff when they returned after break to new classrooms in Wing 2 and a completely finished second floor!



2022 brought a great success of accomplishment as in 12 months Wings 1 and 2 were completed on time and on budget. I am also proud to share that Wing 2 is completely paid for as of January 30th. Great News!

The new completed second floor, which incorporates the continuity of the Perino Science Center, includes ten classrooms, one computer lab, two teacher collaboration rooms and four office spaces. The renovations include a tremendous amount of work to make the upgrades that have been needed for decades. Now we have energy efficient lighting in the rooms and hallways, custom climate-controlled HVAC systems in each classroom, along with modernized furniture and new windows. New flooring, along with new lockers and benches, beautifully compliment all the restored woodwork. Technology-wise, state-of-the-art View Sonic boards were installed in each classroom.

But we're not finished yet.

Before we expand what's ahead for the immediate months, let's take a look at the Legacy Project as a whole and how far we've come – all which couldn't have been done without the generosity of all who have made it possible for us to proudly be where we are today.

Since the beginning of the Capital Campaign in 2014, we have raised \$11,450,000 which has completely funded Phases 1, 2 and the second floor of Phase 3. Phase 1 was completing fire and life safety projects throughout the academy and the construction of the St. Bede arch. Phase 2 was the addition of the 17,500-square-foot Perino Science Center. Phase 3 is the renovation of the first and second floors of the academy. What an accomplishment and we are so close to finishing this transformational project.



Where are we now?

We are 85% of the way to completing the goal of all three phases and in the homestretch of raising the remaining 15%.

What does that mean?

We have paused construction on the first floor, but will resume and move forward when the needed funds for Wing 3 are in hand. Our goal is to resume construction again by summer. We can do this!”

How much is needed?

In order to begin, we need to secure a remaining \$2,044,000 to complete the first floor. Work will continue in phases as funds become available. The \$2,044,000 number is achievable and we could celebrate the success of a 100% fully-funded capital campaign!

The teachers and students have been thrilled with the renovations and experiencing their new academic spaces. It’s a joy to visit the new classrooms on the second floor and see the energy and enthusiasm expressed from everyone. Their smiles and excitement as they teach and learn says it all.

Let’s keep it going!

We want to keep that excitement and enthusiasm flowing, and we can with your help. If you have ever thought about a gift to the Legacy Project’s Capital Campaign, now is the time. You can help us cross the finish line. Your participation now is key.

I am working hard contacting and visiting as many alums as I can, but time is of the essence!

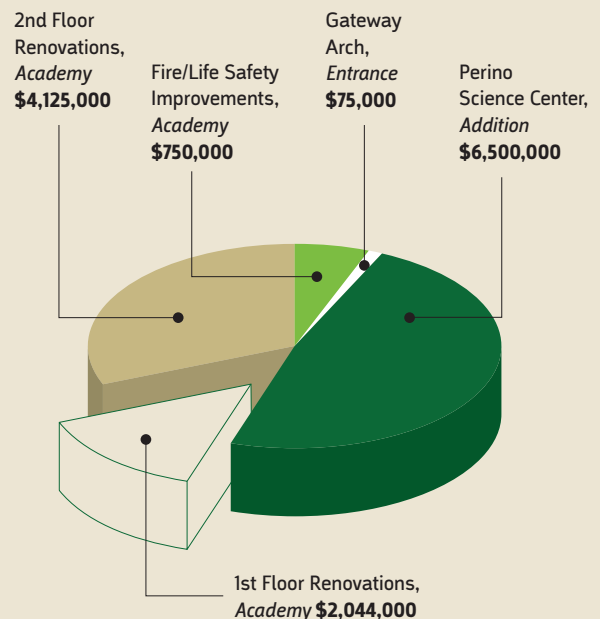
Please reach out to me and let’s make this happen. Just imagine, another wing could be finished by fall and what great timing to show it off at Homecoming 2023!

The spirit of St. Bede lives within each and every one of us. Show your Bruin spirit and pride by joining others on this winning team and be a part of this most important time in St. Bede history.

Julia Yaklich
Director of Mission Advancement & Major Gifts
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85% of the Legacy Capital Campaign has been fully funded



15% needs to be raised to finish Wing 3

CLASS NOTES

Roger Ewald '52 has made the move from Illinois to Florida. Three of his five sons live in Largo, FL.

Cornelius O'Malley '55 had a wonderful time at this year's homecoming with his daughter, Cathy, and she had never been to St. Bede's homecoming and was very impressed. Now the rest of my family wants to go next year!

Tom Cleary '56 and **Ron Mini '56** visited **Fr. Harold Datzman, OSB '56** on his 84th birthday in November at the Lacon Rehab & Nursing Home. All three were classmates at St. Bede and still remain in contact to this day.



Members from the **Class of '56** gathered for a reunion during Homecoming this past fall. They are pictured here with **Abbot Michael Calhoun, OSB '89**. Classmates included **Ron Mini, Paul Perona, Tom Cleary, Franklin Jasiek** and **Charles Link**.



Charles Swanson '58 and his wife, Carol, welcomed their first great-grandchild in February 2023.

William F. Pettit Jr. '62 retired from clinical practice of psychiatry and is now an adjunct professor at Creighton University School of Medicine – Department of Psychiatry.

Ray Bauer '66 and **Tom Wenskunas '66**, who were former roommates during their time here at St. Bede Academy, reconnected this past year after more than 40 years. The two reminisced about their four years as boarding students. They remembered daily Mass, their dormitory on the third floor, taking four years of Latin, strict discipline, occasional Saturday hikes for the boarders to climb the slag piles in Spring Valley, Peru or Dalzell, sometimes walking along the railroad tracks east and west and many more fond memories.



Robert Jeffery '66 and his wife, Sandra, are great-grandparents to **Kyler Robert Jeffery**, born May 27, 2022.

Chris Potthoff '66 and his wife, Kathy, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 14. They were married in Dalzell's St. Thomas More Catholic Church in 1972.

Mike Schlipmann '68 and wife, Linda, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in March 2023.

Dan Ebener '71 has had seven grandchildren in the last seven years.

Six wives of graduates from the **Class of '72** got together at Homecoming to celebrate their Bruins husbands' 50th class reunion. The ladies enjoyed reminiscing about the past and realized that they all had attended each couple's wedding. The wives are **Mary Ann (Mike) Gaughan, Mary (Patrick) Murray, Deb (Mark) Funfsinn, Marcie (Rich) Koehler, Paula (Mike) Dwyer** and **Eileen (Bill) Twardowski**.



Former St. Bede Academy boarders now residing in the Chicago area gathered for a reunion this past year. Pictured are **Paul Sullivan '74** (from left), **Tommy Carr '75, Cliff Shay '75, Ralph Levaccare '73, Steve Byrne '74, Mike Mulligan '76** and **Tim Buckley '74**.



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ST. BEDE BABIES

Donald Sabatini '75 and wife, **Teresa Slomian-Sabatini '76**, will celebrate their 43rd wedding anniversary in 2023.

Jayne and **Ray '76 Renkosik** at the filming of the "Feeding of the 5,000" season of "The Chosen," filmed in Midlothian, TX in June.



Patricia (Sadowski) Doctor '76 (far right) was also blessed to be a part of the "Feeding of the 5,000" season of "The Chosen" in Midlothian, TX in June. She had a blast meeting new friends.



Linda (Wall) Lewis '81 and her husband, Ron, have a new grandson, Beckett Thaddeus, big brother to Olivia Grace.

Friends from the **Class of '81** took a girl's trip to the Ozarks this summer **Jennifer Sucher** (from left), **Peggy Tonarelli**, **Lisa Newman**, **Jane Weiden**, **Julie Pambianco**, **Christine Ceresa**, **Mary Schmidt** and **Molly Pyszka**.



Kat (McCullough) Braun '99 moved from MSNBC to ABC News as a producer in New York.



Megan (Considine) Theisinger '09 and husband, Josh, welcomed Rose Elizabeth Theisinger on September 2, 2022.



Garrett Fouth '10 and wife, Lindsey, welcomed Audra Jean Fouth on September 21, 2022.



Emily (Santman) Miller '12 and her husband, Brandon, welcomed Barrett Andrew Miller on January 3, 2023.

Michael Van De Wyngaerde '06 and wife, Cora, welcomed Ava Layne on December 30, 2022.



Jessica (Gedraitis) Welsh '98 and husband Jeremy Welsh welcomed Olivia Grace in January 2022.



Roland and Barret Kostello, twin grandsons of **David '74** and Theresa Kostello, were baptized at St. Bede by Abbot Emeritus Philip Davey, OSB on September 4, 2022.



Saylor Waitek and Tripp Swingel were baptized by Fr. Ronald Margherio, OSB on October 23, 2022. Saylor is the daughter of **Britt (Swingel) Waitek '04** and Tom. Tripp is the son of Casey Swingel (right) and Kelsey.



ST. BEDE WEDDINGS

Amy Urbanowski '03 and Robert Duncan were married by Abbot Michael Calhoun, OSB at St. Valentine's Church in Peru on January 7, 2023.



Barbi Prokup '13 married Eric Jacobsen at the Moana Surfrider on Waikiki Beach in Hawaii November 25, 2022, sharing her wedding anniversary with her late father **Bill Prokup '82** and mother Bonnie Prokup, St. Bede's Special Events Manager.



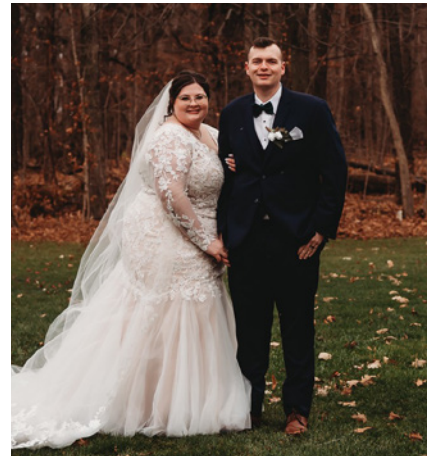
Kyle Kapraun '14 and Sarah Mattern were married by Fr. Ronald Margherio, OSB at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Peoria on December 30, 2022.



Tess Montez '17 married Austin DeBates at The Cider Mill in Princeton on October 22, 2022.



Morgan Sadnick '18 married Kyle Gascoigne in the Community United Methodist Church in LaMoille on November 12, 2022.



Gabriella Garcia '18 married **Michael Rosenberg '16** at Camp Aramoni in Tonica on October 21, 2022.



Have your wedding featured in the Bedan Record.

Submit your photos to Goldie Rapp, Development Engagement Specialist, grapp@st-bede.com.



SAINT BEDE ACADEMY



2023 marks 50 years of female students at St. Bede Academy!

We are collecting stories and pictures of current students and former graduates to create a commemorative book celebrating this historic occasion. Send your images, bios and St. Bede stories to stbedegirls@gmail.com.



In Memoriam

Celebrating the lives of alumni, family and friends

March 19, 2022

Kenneth Byron McClellan '77

May 19, 2022

Richard Byvik '59

August 3, 2022

Pauline Schweickert

Mother of Mary Beth Schweickert '74

August 12, 2022

David "Gene" Conroy

Father of David '70, Douglas '71,
Thomas '74, Jayne '78, Joseph '82

September 2, 2022

Virginia Rowland Schoeb

Mother of Eileen '83, Patrick '85,
Joanne '87

September 4, 2022

Phyllis Ann Finnegan

Wife of James Finnegan '52

September 7, 2022

Michael Marvin Korter '58

September 12, 2022

Sheila Ann Conlin Brown

Mother of Thomas Brown '88

September 13, 2022

June Doyle

Mother of Greg '71

September 22, 2022

Jerome P. Meisner '60

September 27, 2022

Rodwick Morris Jr. '73

September 28, 2022

John Antkowiak '68

Father of Stacy '01, Holly '04

September 29, 2022

Angela Braidon Bontz

Mother of Addie '23

October 8, 2022

Jody Koehler '65

Father of Patrick '92, Shawn '94

October 11, 2022

Beverly Nora

Wife of Lonnie '57

October 19, 2022

Roger Chamlin

Was employed by St. Bede
as an instructor

October 20, 2022

Sara Ann Neff '01

October 23, 2022

Larayne Remkus

Mother of Michael '85,
Christina '87, Ryan '90

October 25, 2022

Lilly Galloway

Daughter of Barrett '04

October 29, 2022

Joseph Thomas Collins

Father of James '74, William '76,
Mary '77

November 1, 2022

James Spayer '72

November 9, 2022

Jean Sale

Mother of Gary '69, Stephen '70,
Michael '79, Kathy '82

November 12, 2022

Edward Monaghan, Jr. '57

November 19, 2022

Beatrice "Bea" Verucchi

Mother of Dick '64, Jack† '72,
Tricia '74, Tom '76, Beth '78, Art '80,
Joanie '85

November 26, 2022

John Frey '66 JC

December 6, 2022

Ruben Santos

Father of Patrick '85, Cynthia '87,
Eric '92

December 10, 2022

Clydia Marena

Mother of Daniel '69, Ray '70,
Tommy '74, Dominic '77, Joey '82

December 14, 2022

Joan Kay Corcoran Mautino Novario

Mother of Julia '78

December 16, 2022

Louis Barr '51

December 18, 2022

Peter Salvino

Son of Mary Lukancic '82

December 28, 2022

Robert Taveirne '50

January 1, 2023

Ann Brandt Pucharich '78

January 9, 2023

Susan Welgat

Wife of Edward '61

January 12, 2023

Mark Stuart '74

Father of Jennifer '95, Jamie '00,
Jessica '00

January 20, 2023

Carole Perona

Wife of Paul Sr. '56
Mother of Mary '80, Paul Jr. '81,
Mark '84, Bruce† '86, Michael† '93

January 21, 2023

Arthur Rogel '47

January 23, 2023

Ronald Rutkowski '69

† Deceased

Memorials

Hundreds are remembered in prayer by our monks and students. Contact the Development Office at 815-250-0278 or tracymakransky@st-bede.com for a memorial packet. A memorial packet sample can be found on the Ways to Give page on our website under Support.

These names indicate memorial gifts to St. Bede from August 20, 2022 to January, 31, 2022.

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Greetings St. Bede Academy Parents, Alumni and Friends,

The past 12 months have truly been a transformation and witness of the new beginning I spoke of just one year ago. As a result of your prayer, trust, confidence and support, the campus has been alive with the familiar sounds of students, sports, academic endeavors and spiritual celebrations, coupled with the noise and excitement of construction!

In the 2009 Annual Report, Abbot Claude Peifer, OSB stated, “Our forefathers who came here from St. Vincent’s Archabbey in 1889 constructed buildings to last. Designed by architects Bauer and Hill of Chicago, the new school that opened its doors in September 1891 was the latest design, even boasting the latest electric lighting, although the monks back in Pennsylvania thought this a luxury.”

The historical significance and character of the original building has exerted a strong influence upon many who have lived and learned in it throughout the ages. Today, nearly 10 years after the start of the Legacy Capital Campaign, \$11,450,000 has been raised and invested into revitalizing the original building, which had remained much the same through the decades. Support from alumni and friends, who did not always agree on the best course of action, has enabled us to blend new learning spaces with creative adaptation of original spaces and breathe new life into the historic academy for current and future generations. Thankfully, with 85% of the renovation and restoration work complete on the Academy, the commitment of all those involved over the past 15-20 years of planning and capital fundraising, can see the transformation of the building and the end in sight. With your help we will successfully complete the necessary capital improvements to the academy building and celebrate the new and the old elements of the building for generations to come.

The conversation and focus can now swing more fully to enhanced financial stability through building endowments for student financial assistance, scholarships, recruitment and retention, of both students and faculty. Stability will also come through realization of the full financial potential of repurposed buildings for housing boarding students and monks. Today nearly 40 students live on campus and provide a uniquely-diverse educational experience for all students and the monastic community occupies an appropriately-sized one-level monastery conducive for their spiritual life.

While the results of operations for the Academy for the fiscal year ending June, 30, 2022 reflect deficit spending of \$212,741, many extraordinary costs prevail. Costs to sustain the capital campaign efforts, to adequately recruit and train new staff and make important moves on campus were all necessary to position ourselves for the future. Over the course of the current 2022-2023 fiscal year the growth in boarding student enrollment and the catch-up in deferred maintenance and repair costs in areas such as the Abbey Church, Academy and old monastery, now dormitory, will have a lasting effect on achieving and maintaining balanced operational budgets for the Abbey and the Academy.

Abbot Michael and I are committed to creating an organizational structure, which will allow both the Benedictine Society of St. Bede, and its largest enterprise, St. Bede Academy, to independently grow and thrive while the monastic community continues their mission of providing the high-quality Catholic education, rooted in the Benedictine tradition, which began 134 years ago in the Illinois Valley.

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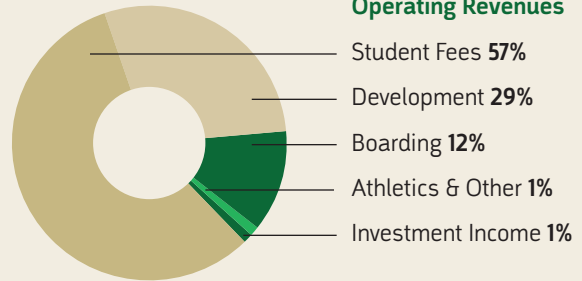
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Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

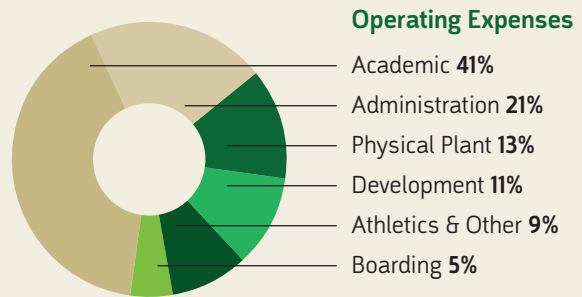
Revenues

Student Tuition & Fees	\$2,184,850
Boarding Fees	466,054
Fundraising/Gifts/Development	1,089,968
Investment Income	23,378
Athletics & Other Revenues	29,126
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 3,793,376



Expenses

Academic & Instruction	\$1,646,199
Boarding Expense	182,737
Athletics & Other Activities	377,341
Physical Plant	535,181
Administration	836,224
Fundraising/Development	428,435
Total Operating Expense	\$ 4,006,117
2021-2022 Operating Loss	\$ (212,741)



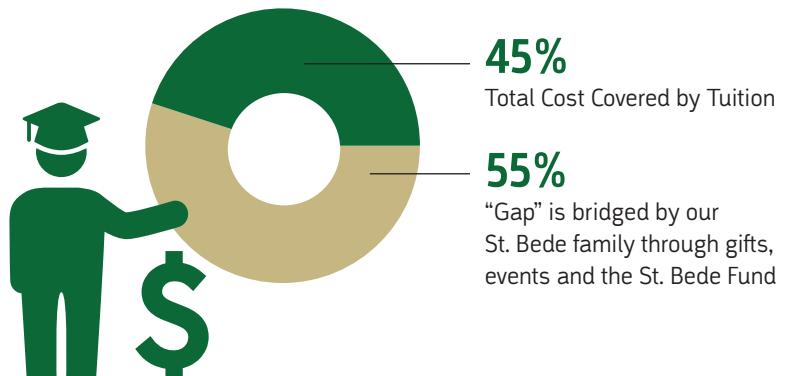
Development

St. Bede Fund	\$ 447,742
Planned Gifts (Bequests)	36,532
Special Events	423,466
Memorial Gifts	13,444
Special Gifts	168,785
Total	\$ 1,089,968



Cost to Educate a Student

2021-2022 Tuition/Student = \$6,350
 Total Cost to Educate a Student = \$14,188



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St. Bede Fund Update

Through our newsletters, website and social media, we hope you have seen the tremendous progress made to the academy. Classrooms and corridors have been completely upgraded with new windows, heating and air units and new furniture. New lockers have also been installed. These improvements have been made due to the generous support of our capital campaign, the Legacy Project.

While that campaign is continuing so that we can make upgrades on the first floor, our daily operating budget which is funded by the **St. Bede Fund** is currently \$70,000 behind. Your contribution before our fiscal year ends June 30, 2023, helps provide the following:

- Makes up the difference between \$15,393 and \$6,700 - Actual cost vs. what our parents pay in tuition.
- Academic compensation and instructional costs - \$1,690,769 annually.
- Physical plant costs including lights, electric, labor and repairs - \$935,835 annually.
- Supports the monastery and the monks so they can fulfill their mission.

We hope you are enjoying reading this winter edition of the Bedan Record and seeing the lives that have been touched by the generosity of our alumni and friends. It is only with your support that we can continue our mission, keep our tuition low and share our students' success.

We respectfully ask you to consider remembering St. Bede and participate in the **St. Bede Fund**. [Click here to make a donation to the St. Bede Fund.](#)

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