

Blanchet Catholic School

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BLANCHET'S NEW STUDENT CENTER IN NOVEMBER.



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Eighth grader Haley Severin performs in Blanchet's Christmas Music Concert on December 6, 2012. The concert was a festive evening featuring sixth grade music students, the Strings Club and choir and band students.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Cavalier Community,

“We had to penetrate into a country never yet visited by a Catholic priest. The rivers, lakes, mountains, prairies, forest and hills of Oregon would soon resound with the praises of the Holy Name of Jesus; the cross would be planted from place to place, from shore to shore.

What a joy!”

~ March 17, 1839

Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet –
First Archbishop of the Oregon Territory



As I reflect upon our successes at Blanchet Catholic School, I often think of how proud Archbishop Blanchet would be of our efforts to provide a Catholic college preparatory education to Mid Valley youth. Archbishop Blanchet was a true pioneer – a priest who arrived in the wilderness of the Oregon Territory in the 1800's and set out not only to spread the Catholic faith, but to enrich society through his establishment of many churches, schools and orphanages. Our history – of building a thriving new, independent Catholic school in a community that had not supported a Catholic secondary school for a decade – pays tribute to Archbishop Blanchet's example of innovation and a strong belief in living “by courage & faith.”

This school year we are celebrating Blanchet's 18th year of operation and, as you will read in this issue of our Cavalier Magazine, there have been some tremendous accomplishments. The opening of our new 10,600 sq. ft. Student Center and a recent \$1.1 million gift to our endowment both directly impact the lives of students and help ensure that a Blanchet education will be available to many future generations of Cavaliers. I'm also excited to announce that our tremendous Blanchet Board of Directors has been recognized for excellence by the National Catholic Education Association as a 2013 recipient of their Outstanding Board Award.

If you are receiving this magazine in the mail, please know that you are a crucial member of Blanchet's extended family. Our school has prospered due to the continued support and blessings of hundreds of parents, grandparents, alumni, donors and volunteers. Thank you for your belief in our mission and please accept my prayer for you in the New Year –

May God grant you and your family much love, good health, peace & joy in 2013.

Charles E. Lee
President

CAROLE RITTER



We are sad to report that Carole Ritter passed away on December 14, 2012. Mrs. Ritter served as Blanchet's librarian from 1995-2004. When Blanchet opened in 1995, it received a donation of a complete library from a school in San Francisco. Mrs. Ritter volunteered to clean, organize, shelve and catalog the entire donated library. She continued to work as the school's librarian for nearly ten years completely as a volunteer. The Blanchet library is named the “Carole Ritter Reference Room” for this remarkable woman.

Blanchet Catholic School
Now Accepting Applications for
2013-14

Grades 6 - 12

admissions@blanchetcatholicschool.com

Open House - May 5, 2:00 p.m.

GRETCHEN WUNDERLICH



Blanchet Catholic School is pleased to welcome Mrs. Gretchen Wunderlich to the faculty as our new sixth and seventh grade science and high school biology teacher.

Mrs. Wunderlich grew up in Warren, Ohio and attended Catholic school throughout elementary, middle school and high school. She was a member of the 25th graduating class from John F. Kennedy Catholic High School in Warren, Ohio. She and husband Eric have been married for 13 years. The couple were married at Our Lady of Victory in

Seaside, Oregon while Eric was serving as the Operations Officer at Camp Rilea. Eric retired last year after serving 25 years in the Oregon Army National Guard and now works for the Oregon Youth Authority. The Wunderlichs have three children, Eric II, Isabella and Theresa.

Mrs. Wunderlich graduated magna cum laude from Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1993. Her major was biology with a minor in chemistry. She went on to graduate school at the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine, Department

of Environmental Health and graduated with a Master of Science degree in Environmental Health in 1995. More recently, Mrs. Wunderlich earned a Master of Arts degree in teaching from George Fox University.

Once she completed her master's degree at Cincinnati, Mrs. Wunderlich moved to Oregon to work as a Senior Health Compliance Officer/Industrial Hygienist with Oregon OSHA. "I worked out of the Portland field office and absolutely loved my job! I loved seeing all of the workplaces and meeting so many Oregon workers." Mrs. Wunderlich spent many months inspecting pulp and paper mills and running the Special Emphasis Program for the prevention of silicosis in the workplace. She also trained many workers on health and safety issues in the workplace. When her son was born, Mrs. Wunderlich became a stay-at-home mom but continued to volunteer in youth ministry while the family lived at the coast. When they moved to Oregon City, Fr. Todd Molinari hired her as a part-time youth minister at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Milwaukie. "After working as a youth minister for several years, my love for science kept tugging at my heart. With the encouragement of my family and friends, I went back to school to become a middle and high school math and science teacher," she comments.

When asked what inspires her, Mrs. Wunderlich replied, "Students being active and learning at the same time inspires me as an educator. I am just as active and learning right alongside my students in the classroom. I want students to develop critical thinking skills in my classroom. I frequently tell students that there are really no 'right or wrong' answers in my classroom; I am more interested in understanding how they are thinking and the process that was used to get to the answer. Learning is messy in my classroom and not just because we are frequently working in the lab! I want students to be able to wrestle with a problem and collaborate with other students."

Mrs. Wunderlich says her main goal as an educator and mentor to Blanchet students is to be a Catholic teacher who strives to model Christ in her classroom. "One of the main reasons that I chose to teach at a Catholic school is my strong belief that I

teach who I am: I am a Catholic wife, mother and teacher and this carries over into the classroom. With the new challenge of evangelization, I have personally renewed my Gospel mission to serve in this world, and Blanchet is where I am called to bring the Gospel to all those I encounter."

As a scientist who worked in the 'real world,' Mrs. Wunderlich wants her students to see connections between learning at Blanchet and real-world science applications. "Students learn best when they are doing more and I am talking less," she remarks. "I want my students to develop critical thinking skills that they can use to solve any problem. Those skills are best developed by letting students practice solving problems. Students are able to take risks in my classroom when solving problems knowing that I am more interested in their thinking than the final answer."



Mrs. Wunderlich's sixth and seventh grade science classes were selected to participate in the LivingWise with Energy Trust of Oregon program. The program teaches easy ways to use water and energy more efficiently. Each student was provided with a kit full of energy and water saving tools and products as well as educational materials for use in the classroom.

RON MILLER



Blanchet. His profession is not simply a job or duty, but is his way of answering a call to live a humble life of service.” Alumni parents Ron and Mikki Hittner remarked, “In addition to being the engine behind so many activities at Blanchet, Mr. Miller also has a profound effect on our community at large with his commitment to supporting a variety of youth organizations.”

Beyond the day-to-day duties of his position, Mr. Miller volunteers for dozens of activities each year such as cooking for the Junior Encounter, chaperoning numerous school dances and activities, driving bus for countless school field trips and athletic competitions, cleaning facilities, setting up for events and organizing service projects, just to name a few.

Mr. Miller was honored at the Crystal Apple ceremony at the Salem’s Historic Elsinore Theatre on November 8.

Ron Miller grew up in Bakersfield, California. After high school he attended Porterville Junior College where he played football and baseball and completed his Associate of Arts Degree. He went on to attend Southern Oregon College (SOC) where he continued to play football and baseball. Two years

later he was drafted into the Army and spent the next two years in San Antonio, Texas as an Army electrician. After serving in the Army, Mr. Miller returned to Southern Oregon College and completed a degree in General Studies.

Mr. Miller and his wife Bertie met in college and will celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 9 of this year. They have four children: three married, two with children, and one attending Blanchet.

After owning and operating a pizza parlor for eight years, Mr. Miller went back to school and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary

Blanchet Catholic School was proud to select Mr. Ron Miller as its nominee for the prestigious Crystal Apple Award, an award that gives the Salem business community the opportunity to honor area educators for making significant contributions in the lives of children.

During his 18 year tenure at Blanchet, Mr. Miller has filled virtually every role on campus – from teacher, coach, bus driver, Facilities Director, Athletics Director and administrator to volunteer.

In letters nominating Mr. Miller for this award, Vice Principal Mr. Wise commented, “Ron Miller is an integral part of everything that happens at



education and another in K-12 physical education. Shortly after, he accepted a teaching position at Salem Academy where he taught various classes for the next eight years, including fourth grade, sixth grade and K – 12 physical education. Following his time at Salem Academy, Mr. Miller moved his family to Indonesia for a two-year teaching job at Sekolah Pelita Harapan, an international Christian school. He applied to Blanchet Catholic School from Indonesia and interviewed as soon as he and his family returned to the states during the summer of 1995. Mr. Miller began his career at Blanchet in the school's first year as physical education teacher and Athletic Director and has held other positions over the years including Vice Principal, Dean of Students and Facilities Director.

While his children were growing up, Mr. Miller was very involved in the Boys and Girls Club as a youth football coach. Now he and Bertie cook at retreats for Blanchet, Salem First Church of the Nazarene and Hammond Outdoor School. He also participates in the worship band at Salem First Nazarene, playing in the handbell choir and at musical productions.

When asked what drives and motivates him to be so involved and committed to the students at Blanchet, Mr. Miller answers, "I was raised to do my best in everything I put my mind to. Having a background in athletics has given me the desire to continually seek to improve individually and to provide the best opportunity for students to be successful. I really enjoy seeing student athletes gain confidence and self esteem through sports and activities. The confidence I have gained through the support of the other administrators, teachers and staff also motivates me to do whatever it takes to get the job done. Just seeing and talking with former students

as they return for visits or enroll their children at Blanchet Catholic School has made any amount of work I have done justified. Hearing about the success our students have had as they move on to college has been very encouraging."

As Facilities Director, Mr. Miller says that fully utilizing all the space available at Blanchet has been very gratifying.

"When we began renting space from the Christian Center, not only did we have a carpeted gym, but there was just an open space in front of the school. Being able to be a part of renovating that space into a soccer field, building a new football field as well as



baseball and softball fields from space which the Christian Center had not utilized has given me great satisfaction." Mr. Miller has been an integral part of many interior facility improvements as well. From replacing the carpet in the gym with hardwood flooring, building the Auxiliary Gym and Wiegand Arts Center, to the completion of the Student Center, locker rooms and kitchen. "There has been a steady move to fulfill what I, along with Guido Caldarazzo, Chuck Lee, Bob Weber, Carlton Wise and many others have dreamed that Blanchet Catholic School would someday become," he comments. During the summer of 2013 Blanchet will complete the master plan for the main driveway which will allow Blanchet to work towards utilizing the final spaces left for a track and tennis courts. "I think the most gratifying and important aspect about Blanchet Catholic School is not so much the change but the continued commitment on the part of the Blanchet Board of Directors to grow and improve the school every year."

Development Report

A VINTAGE GARDEN GALA



Portrait Courtesy of William Barnes '11 Photography

Thank you to all who attended, volunteered and supported our annual auction, "A Vintage Garden Gala" on October 13, 2012. The auction is an important Blanchet tradition that brings together families, friends, students, alumni, teachers and many others in support of the only Catholic secondary school in Salem. Proceeds are applied to the school's operating budget and directly benefit students and programs.

The evening was a tremendous success with nearly 350 guests in attendance. The caterer, Wild Pear, provided a delicious meal, and auctioneer Steven Talbot, along with Master of Ceremonies KC Cowan, created a fun and engaging evening. The silent auction was held in the new Student Center,

and guests enjoyed spending time in this beautiful 10,600 sq. ft. addition to the Blanchet campus.

The annual auction would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our outstanding volunteers. Twenty-five committee members oversee the entire auction and manage the efforts of 110 parent and 112 student volunteers. Together these individuals donated nearly 830 hours of service to making the auction a success.

Thanks to the generosity of Blanchet donors and sponsors, we were able to offer many wonderful items on which to bid including a week's vacation at a Grand Mayan Resort in Mexico, five nights and golf in Monterey, an exclusive wine tour in

Napa Valley, hunting and fishing packages and much, much more. Attendees generously raised their paddles all evening long which helped the event net \$105,000.

One of the most successful features of the auction is the “Best of Live Raffle.” One hundred tickets are sold for \$100 each and one lucky winner receives the first choice of any oral auction item. The winner this year was the Blanco-Mills family. Kelly Mills and Luis Blanco Perez are the parents of Blanchet senior Nicole Blanco-Mills. They chose auction package #9, a five-night family vacation in a luxury estate in Manuel Antonia ~ Puntarenas, Costa Rica. This was an especially fitting choice since Luis was born and raised in Costa Rica. He and Kelly met at Central Washington University in Ellensburg where Luis was an exchange student. The pair married and moved back to Costa Rica where Nicole was born. After moving to Oregon in 1996, the Blanco-Mills family would return to Costa Rica every other year to visit family on their small coffee and dairy farm. Over the years it has become more difficult to make this journey, and the family has not been back since 2008. Kelly Mills commented, “We decided that 2013 was the year to go together as a family since Nicole will be headed off to college and this will likely be our final trip together. It was amazing to win the raffle and be able to choose the Costa Rica family vacation!” Thank you to Jim Tokarski for the generous donation of this marvelous Costa Rica package.

Blanchet parent Bill McCall commented on the event, “For me attending the auction is a fun and entertaining social event that provides the opportunity to stay connected to the school, its faculty, the students and



their parents. It's a ‘night on the town’ with great food, great wine, surrounded by family and great friends. I support the event because I believe in the school. It is an investment in the future and, although our daughter graduates this year from Blanchet, my wife Kristin and I look forward to continuing to support and attend the auction in the years ahead.”

New parent Laura Gwyn added, “The story of the Blanco-Mills family was another clear moment for me that God is extremely involved in Blanchet and the lives of people involved with Blanchet. We have witnessed His hand in many areas at Blanchet in our few short months of being here. He is clearly a provider for all of us. I knew it, but have been witnessing it regularly.”

Development Director Brandy O'Bannon commented, “The auction is truly a team effort. We are very proud of this year's event and thank all who made it possible. Planning will soon begin on Auction 2013 and I encourage you to get involved.”

Additional auction photos on back cover.



STUDENT CENTER DEDICATION

Our new 10,600 sq. ft. addition to the campus, our Student Center, was officially dedicated on November 16, 2012 in a ceremony highlighted by a blessing given by Fr. Todd Molinari, pastor at St. Joseph Church and a member of the Blanchet Board of Directors. The Student Center is a \$2.2 million project funded through the generosity of donors who have made contributions to our "Foundation for the Future" campaign. The addition includes a cafeteria and student gathering area, commercial kitchen, landscaped courtyard and athletic locker rooms. Students are greatly enjoying the new space that provides a spacious and light filled area in which to eat, study and socialize. Special thanks to our creative and dedicated architect, Garth Brandaw and his staff at CBTwo Architects/Construction, and general contractor Jim Tokarski of Phoenix Contracting, Inc., for their excellent work on this "heart of our campus."



STEPPING STONES AVAILABLE

Donors who contributed \$500 or more to the 2012 annual fund had the opportunity to customize a stepping stone that was installed in our new landscaped courtyard adjacent to the Student Center. Fifty stepping stones are still available and will be installed in time for our June graduation and baccalaureate ceremonies. If you would like to purchase a stepping stone (donations will be applied to the 2013 annual fund), contact Brandy O'Bannon as soon as possible.



"FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE" CAMPAIGN UPDATE

To complete the goals in our strategic five-year plan, we need to raise \$600,000 to fund tuition assistance, renovate facilities, enhance the curriculum and upgrade technology. We are very grateful for the several hundred donors who have already made a contribution and have helped us raise \$3.2 million to date! More details about the remaining projects left in the campaign are available on our website. Please consider making a gift or pledge. Donors of \$1,000 and greater will be included on a beautiful donor recognition wall in our new Student Center, which will be installed in the spring of 2013. For more information, contact Development Director Brandy O'Bannon.

www.blanchetcatholicschool.com/forthefuture



LANDMARK GIFT RECEIVED

Blanchet Catholic School is proud to announce that it has recently received a \$1.1 million endowment gift. This is the largest endowment donation received in school history. The anonymous gift will benefit generations of students.

Blanchet Catholic School President Charles Lee says, "We are extraordinarily grateful for this incredibly generous gift. It will help ensure that a Blanchet Catholic education will be available for many future generations of Mid Valley students. The earnings from this sizable gift will annually provide a number of scholarships for students who would otherwise be financially unable to attend our college preparatory school. The anonymous donor has witnessed our success story and is very proud of the hundreds of students who have graduated from Blanchet very well prepared for college and life beyond."

RAFFLE LAUNCHES IN FEBRUARY

Each winter Blanchet students are asked to sell a minimum of ten \$10 raffle tickets to friends and family members. This student fundraiser annually nets over \$45,000 to support school operations. Raffle tickets will be available in the month of February and winners will be announced at our annual Founders Day celebration on March 5.

Founders Day Celebration
PLEASE JOIN US!

MARCH 5, 2013 ~ 6:00 P.M.

Raffle Drawings



Student Entertainment



Award Presentations

BLANCHET BOARD OF DIRECTORS HONORED BY NCEA

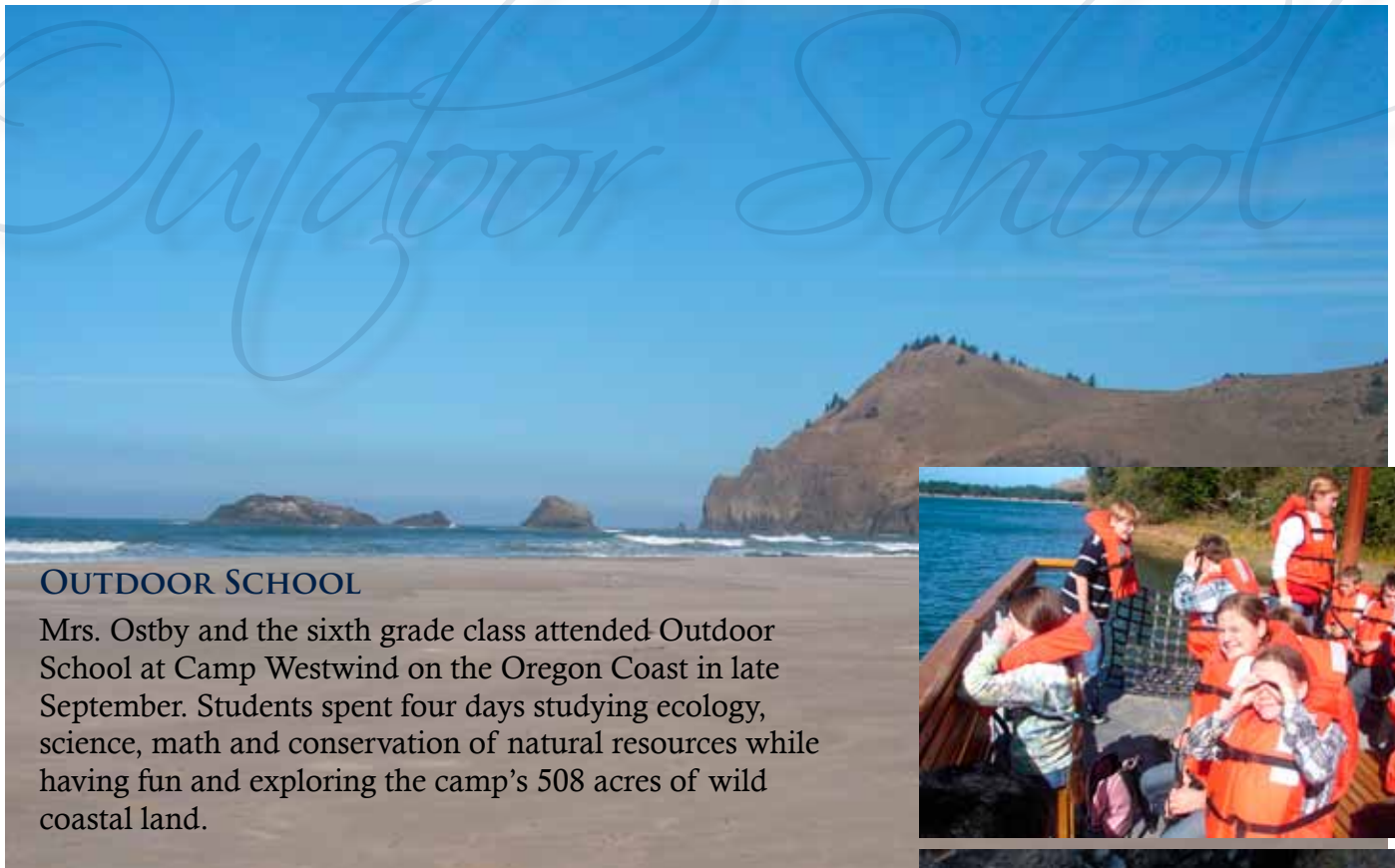


Each year the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Department of Boards and Councils of Catholic Education recognizes a few of the many outstanding boards, councils and commissions of Catholic education. Blanchet is proud to announce that its board of directors was selected as a recipient of the NCEA 2013 Outstanding Board Award.

The purpose of this award is to acknowledge outstanding work, share ideas and best practices and to encourage excellence.

Blanchet board members will be honored during an award ceremony at the 2013 NCEA Convention on April 3 in Houston, Texas. President Lee and Board Chairman Kevin Mannix will accept the recognition on the board's behalf.

Pictured from left to right: Robert Saalfeld, Ron Hittner, Lowell Smith (Vice Chair), Kevin Mannix (Chair), Kevin FitzPatrick, John Salstrom, Garth Brandaw, Donna Garventa (Secretary) and Fr. Todd Molinari. Not pictured: Doug Weathers (Treasurer), James S. Kreitzberg, Elizabeth Vargas Duncan, Theresa Haskins and Student Body President Trey Gianella.



OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Mrs. Ostby and the sixth grade class attended Outdoor School at Camp Westwind on the Oregon Coast in late September. Students spent four days studying ecology, science, math and conservation of natural resources while having fun and exploring the camp's 508 acres of wild coastal land.



WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF OUTDOOR SCHOOL?

Hailey Ostby ~

"Camp Westwind was a fun way to get to know my classmates and to become better friends with them. It was also a really great way to experience the great outdoors."



Ada Martin ~

"Camp Westwind was a great time to learn and bond with our new classmates at Blanchet. At camp we got to hike, play on the beach, play in the estuary, meet new friends and find ourselves; all while in a safe outdoor and fun location."



Malika Tamerhoulet ~

"Camp Westwind was a very fun learning experience. I became closer with my classmates. I would do anything to go back to Camp Westwind!"



Carson Sweeney ~

"My favorite part of Outdoor School was sticking my fingers in the anemones and holding starfish. I also liked digging holes in the sand."



NEWSBRIEFS

BLANCHET BUDDIES



At the launch of the 2012-13 school year, Blanchet implemented its new “Blanchet Buddies” curriculum. Blanchet Buddies, **B**uilding **U**nity **D**espite **D**ifferences **I**n **E**very **S**tudent, was created to develop and assist students, faculty and staff to become a more unified community of faith and people of courage. The curriculum promotes tolerance and encourages students and staff to embrace diversity. Each Buddies community consists of ten students from all grade levels and a faculty/staff advisor.

Our Buddies communities meet once a month to discuss various topics including: Appreciating Differences, Integrity, Compassion, and Creating a Positive Environment. The topics of the meetings are also intertwined with school wide activities that promote awareness of the needs of society. During Homecoming week this September, our entire school was engaged in a community wide day of service. The day also included a speaker from a local family shelter and a reflection component. These tasks were implemented and carried out through our Buddies communities.

We strive to be a school that welcomes all, embraces each, and supports everyone. We hope that all who enter our doors (students, staff, parents, visitors) will find themselves better for having been here. We hope not to be just a school, but a way of life. Many times people are in conflict with one another because they have simply forgotten the threads that connect us. We hope that this newly implemented

“Buddies” program serves as a reminder of our connections so that we can promote peace and acceptance throughout our entire community.

~ Written by Danielle Wise, Campus Minister

NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED SCHOLARS



Two members of the class of 2013, Spencer Helterline and Kelsey Nanneman, have been named Commended Students in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program. The two were recognized during an all school assembly on September 25.

Spencer is a National Honor Society and International Club member, is active in drama and is an officer in the school’s DECA club.

Kelsey is a National Honor Society member, is active in drama and is a talented athlete who competes on Blanchet’s volleyball and swim teams.

Each year approximately 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Spencer and Kelsey earned the title of Commended Student by placing among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2013 competition by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Since 1998, 25 Blanchet students have been honored by the prestigious National Merit organization.

STUDENTS SCORE WELL ON SAT/ACT

The Blanchet faculty and staff are very proud of the school's high achieving young scholars who consistently score higher than state and national averages on both the SAT and the ACT. The class of 2012 scored, on average, a 26.2 on the ACT compared to the state average of 21.4. The class exceeded the state and national average scores on the SAT with a 523 Reading, 576 Math and 523 Writing compared to the state 521, 523 and 498 respectively and the corresponding national scores of 496, 514 and 488. Ninety-five percent of Blanchet seniors take the SAT and 30% take the ACT.

Blanchet English teachers Kasey Roberts and Eileen Virden work hard to prepare students for these two important exams. Students practice vocabulary words and argument analysis in class. Teachers use the SAT study guide as a starting point for reading and writing skill building and review. Students take at least one full-length practice test and are taught how to navigate the College Board website. Mrs. Virden and Mrs. Roberts also discuss the differences between the ACT and SAT and recommend that students take both. "Most importantly," says Mrs. Virden, "I try to calm their anxiety about the test and help them keep it in perspective."

HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES

Blanchet celebrated Homecoming during the week of September 24 with festivities that included Service Day, Homecoming Mass, a spirit assembly, varsity football game, the crowing of the Homecoming King and Queen and a dance. Alumni of Blanchet, Serra Catholic High School and Sacred Heart Academy were the VIP guests at a catered barbeque social prior to the homecoming football game. These special activities help foster a spirit of community among students, families, alumni and friends of Blanchet Catholic School.



STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN MANY SERVICE PROJECTS

Service Day

Blanchet students, faculty and staff participated in the second annual Day of Service on September 24, 2012. Over 385 Blanchet volunteers dedicated the entire day to serving 21 agencies through projects mobilized by HandsOn Mid Willamette Valley. Volunteers



completed a variety of tasks such as painting, cleaning, organizing food banks, sorting book donations, weeding, planting and harvesting. Among the agencies served were Queen of Peace Church, St. Edward Church, Salem Keizer Head Start, Grant Community School, Historic Deepwood Estate, Northgate Peace and Forgiveness Garden, St. Francis Shelter, St. Barbara's Cemetery and Tierra Rose Senior Living, to name a few.

Holiday Service

- Over 375 neighbors received a free hot meal on December 14 at a festive holiday party hosted at Blanchet.
- More than 450 gift bags were distributed to children who attended the party (books were donated by the Salem Keizer Education Foundation and stuffed animals were donated by the Salem Police Dept.).
- 100 Christmas trees were distributed (thank you to Forest Hills Farms & Bob & Marypat Hill).
- 1,000+ items of warm clothing and blankets were given away at the Holiday Party due to the hard work and dedication of seniors Grant Forell, Andy Evans and Luis Rodriguez-Walmisley.
- 85 Blanchet volunteers contributed over 250 hours to make the Holiday Party possible.
- 110 families served by Swegle School, Swegle Boys & Girls Club, Parrish School, Catholic Community Services and St. Vincent de Paul Church received new, wrapped toys for Christmas.
- Student volunteers wrapped over 1,000 presents during the month of December to fulfill the Christmas wishes of these families!
- 65 elderly residents of the Providence Benedictine Nursing Center received Christmas gifts and a joyful visit from 50 students courtesy of the Friends of Benedictine club and sponsor Larry Tokarski.



Alumni

Where are they now?

Rebecca Adelman '08

graduated in June 2012 from Western Oregon University with a Bachelor of Arts in international studies with a Canadian studies emphasis and film studies minor. She has been working as a Ride Attendant at Walt Disney World in Florida through the Disney College Program and recently began a Disney professional internship with Guest Relations.



Jessica Belleque '07

married Elliot Foley on October 20, 2012 at St. Joseph Church in Salem. Jessica and Elliot both graduated with

honors from Franciscan University of Steubenville. They are working for Lighthouse Catholic Media near Chicago where Jessica is an accountant and Elliot is in the marketing department. Jessica also does accounting work and has made two mission trips to Honduras for Missioners of Christ.

Additional updates from the Belleque family:

Josh Belleque '05 graduated from OSU in history and geography. He spent a year in South Korea teaching and was also able to visit Cambodia and Vietnam. In June of 2012 he began the masters in education program at George Fox University.

Kristin Belleque '08 graduated in May 2012 from Franciscan University with a B.S. in nursing. She studied abroad in Gaming, Austria for one semester. She was able to visit Lourdes, France, Assisi, Italy, Medjugorje, Croatia and several other countries. She recently accepted a position at Three Rivers Hospital in Grants Pass.

Jacquee Belleque '10 is currently a junior in elementary education at Franciscan University. She studied abroad in Gaming, Austria last spring

where she lived and studied in a 14th century Carthusian monastery. Jacquee was able to visit John Paul II's hometown in Poland as well as Auschwitz and the Divine Mercy Shrine, St. Francis's hermitage in Assisi, Italy. She attended Easter Vigil Mass in Rome and was close enough to touch Pope Benedict as he entered the sanctuary.

Lou Conklin '07 married Monica Shaneyfelt on December 31, 2011. Lou and Monica were classmates and both graduated from Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula, California in 2011.



The couple welcomed baby boy John (Jack) David Conklin on October 19, 2012.

Lou recently completed basic training in the U.S. Air Force and will be stationed in Florida.

Mary Crocker '05 married Matthew Kriegsfeld on September 15, 2012 in Coronado, California. The couple enjoyed a beautiful wedding surrounded by family, friends and stunning views of the San Diego Bay. Mary and Matt met during their junior year of college at the University of San Diego where they both graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in 2009. The happy newlyweds currently live and work in San Diego.



Cameron Kovach '07 graduated summa cum laude with honors from Niagara University in May 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in sport management. Following graduation he enrolled in graduate school at Mississippi State University and is pursuing a Masters in Sport Administration. He was recently selected to intern for the New Orleans Super Bowl Host Committee in the department of volunteers.

Stefan Nesic '07 graduated from law school and is working as a legal assistant in Serbia.

Four Varsity Teams Compete in OSAA State Championships



VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

Record: 14-4

3rd Place PacWest League

1st Round State Championship

Ryan Orlandini - 1st Team All-Mid Valley

2012 Central Valley All-Star Team

Ryan Orlandini (Striker) - 1st Team

Francisco Contreras (Rt Mid) - 2nd Team

David Oldham (Keeper) - 2nd Team

Grant Forrell (Def) - Honorable Mention

Matthew Beskow (Ctr Mid) - Honorable Mention

Edwin Solis (L Mid) - Honorable Mention

Erik Adelman (Sweep) - Honorable Mention



VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

Record: 9-7-1

All-Conference Teams

1st Team All-Conference

Karlee Collier – 1st Team

Maddie Moz – 2nd Team

Annie Ruef – 2nd Team

Makayla Hari – Honorable Mention

Katie Moyano - Honorable Mention

Maddy Witwer-Dukes – Honorable Mention



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Record: 28-3

2nd Place PacWest Conference

3rd Place OSAA State Championships

All-Mid Valley Teams

Caitlin Anglemier - All-Mid

Valley Player of the Year

Sami Belleque - 1st Team

Michelle Wolf - 2nd Team

2012 All-State Awards:

First Team - Caitlin Anglemier, Sami Belleque

Second Team - Michelle Wolf

2012 All State Tournament Awards:

First Team - Michelle Wolf

Second Team - Sheila Limas De La Cruz, Caitlin Anglemier

2012 PacWest All-Conference Team:

First Team - Caitlin Anglemier, Sami Belleque, Michelle Wolf

Honorable Mention: Sheila Limas De La Cruz, Taylor Wolf

Sherrie Bashaw - PacWest Coach of the Year



VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

Boys: 10th Place State 3A/2A/1A

Chris Poole - 21st Place Overall

Eliza Smith - 25th Place Overall



VARSITY FOOTBALL

Record: 6-5

4th Place PacWest League

1st Round State Tournament

Kyle Ruiz - All-State Honorable Mention

3A PacWest All-Conference Teams

1st Team:

Trey Gianella: LB

Kyle Ruiz: DB

2nd Team:

Trey Gianella: Punter

Kyle Ruiz: RB

CJ Schrock: OL

Robert Willburn: DL

Honorable Mention:

Jake Handran: LB, RB

Evan Hansen: LB

Jeff Lieder: OL

Austin Wittenburg: DB



JV FOOTBALL

Record: 3-3



JV VOLLEYBALL

Record: 7-7



JVII VOLLEYBALL

Record: 5-4



MID HIGH FOOTBALL

Record: 4-2-1



8th GRADE VOLLEYBALL

Record: 8-5



6th/7th GRADE VOLLEYBALL

Record: 6-9



MID HIGH SOCCER

Record: 6-3-1

Fine Arts



Congratulations to senior John Tuttle who was selected as Blanchet's December Optimist Student of the Month. John was selected as the student most involved in fine and performing arts.



Find more photos on Blanchet's Facebook page!

Introducing the

Legacy Society

Perhaps you are:

- *A Blanchet alumni parent whose child graduated from Blanchet, greatly benefited from their experience and who went on to excel in college and their career*
- *A graduate of Serra Catholic or Sacred Heart School who has attended a reunion hosted by Blanchet and appreciate our school's efforts to carry on the legacy of your alma mater*
- *A member of the community who has been impressed by the academic achievements of Blanchet students ...*

We ask you to please consider leaving a lasting legacy and helping ensure the continuation of Catholic secondary education in Salem by naming Blanchet Catholic School in your will or estate plan!

All donors who have named Blanchet Catholic in their will or estate plan are considered members of the school's new Legacy Society.

There are many opportunities available to donors in making charitable estate gifts. We will highlight some examples in upcoming publications. As always, please consult your tax advisors.

A charitable giving example:

Louise had an IRA. She decided to name her favorite charity as the death beneficiary of the IRA. Louise continued to receive IRA distributions during her life. At her death, the IRA went to the charity, without any income tax or death tax that would have greatly eroded the IRA if it had passed to individuals. While this example involved an IRA, this same method can be done with an annuity.

- *Contact President Charles Lee or Development Director Brandy O'Bannon for more information or to inform the school that you have named Blanchet in your will.*





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