



An Exemplary Recognition School ~ Mission, Community, and Climate (February 2006)

**PROUD TO BE ST. MONICA SCHOOL:
We Celebrate Some of our Recent Student, Staff and Alumni Successes!**

Michael Herbers

During a ceremony the night of November 11th, St. Monica Congregation and its Boy Scout Troop 390 honored new Eagle scout **Michael Herbers**. The St. Monica School Class of 2006 alum became the 41st young man to earn the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 390, a Troop that has been sponsored by St. Monica Congregation for nearly 50 years and is currently led by Scoutmaster John Herbers.

Michael is a sophomore at Marquette University High School. He is the son of John and Norma Herbers.

The rank of Eagle is the highest award in Boy Scouting. In addition to earning at least 21 merit badges, the candidate must plan and supervise a significant service project. Under Michael's leadership, scouts of Troop 390 and other volunteers renovated the backstop and fence support system and restored the decorative cornice and finials at the St. Monica School softball field. In executing his project, Michael supervised 29 people during 218 man-hours of work.

Julie Gallo

Julie Gallo, St. Monica School Class of 2005, has been newly inducted into the Pius XI High School chapter of the National Honor Society. Selection to the National Honor Society is based on outstanding achievement in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership and character. "St. Monica School has done an excellent job of preparing Julie for high school," wrote Barbara Kurudza, Director of Parish & School Relations for Pius XI High School, in her congratulatory letter to St. Monica School principal Maria Schram.

Anthony Gerlach

Tony Gerlach, St. Monica School Class of 2006 alum and current Dominican High School sophomore, was named the recipient of the Renaissance Award for the month of October for his outstanding academic work in the area of World Languages. The Renaissance Program is one avenue through which Dominican High School recognizes student, staff, and alumni for their academic achievement and exemplary demonstrations of the Dominican mission statement.

SMS Alum at Dominican High School

Dominican High School recently announced its honor roll awards for the first quarter of the 2007-2008 school year. St. Monica School alumni who earned a place on the honor roll included the following:

High Honors (3.67 – 4.00 G.P.A.)

Tess Gronski (9 th grade)	Jessie Bazan (10 th)	Peter Vartanian (11 th)	Claire Gerlach (12 th)
Daven Hines (9 th grade)	Emma Bradford (10 th)		Emily Lasky (12 th)
Katie O'Neil (9 th grade)	Elizabeth Devine (10 th)		
Maggie O'Neil (9 th grade)	Stephen Fong (10 th)		
Leigh Poellman (9 th grade)			
Charlie Sather (9 th grade)			
Lily Vartanian (9 th grade)			

Honors (3.33 – 3.669 G.P.A.)

Mary Alice Carroll (9 th grade)	Tony Gerlach (10 th)	Amir Hamizadeh (12 th)
Annie Murphy (9 th grade)	Dylan Mooney (10 th)	Elizabeth Pircon (12 th)
Aaron Raffet (9 th grade)	Meg Murphy (10 th)	Sara Topp (12 th)
Katy Schuele (9 th grade)		
Elizabeth Topp (9 th grade)		

Commended (3.00 – 3.329 G.P.A.)

Sam Bazan (10 th grade)	Amanda Angelo (12 th)
	Elizabeth Rice (12 th)

SMS Alum at Whitefish Bay High School

Whitefish Bay High School recently announced its honor roll awards for the first quarter of the 2007-2008 school year. St. Monica School alumni who earned a place on the honor roll included the following:

High Honor Roll

Leslie Fuda (9 th grade)	Charlie Hoover (10 th)	C.J. Fuda (11 th)	Kate Goss (12 th)
Maggie Pandl (9 th grade)	Nina Linneman (10 th)	Jamie Hoover (11 th)	Christopher Wolf (12 th)
Marlee Pandl (9 th grade)	Therese O'Brien (10 th)	Elliott Luckenbill (11 th)	
Brendan Wolf (9 th grade)		Megan Mansell (11 th)	
		Jimmy Sherburne (11 th)	

Honor Roll

Maryse Marshall (9 th grade)	Maggie Wuesthoff (10 th)	Graham Downey (11 th)	Katie Bennett (12 th)
Theresa Schumaker (9 th grade)		Ryan McCann (11 th)	Dan Fritsch (12 th)
			Ethan Jablonowski (12 th)
			Molly Proite (12 th)
			Tyler Wuesthoff (12 th)

Christopher Schuele and Ryan Traudt

Christopher Schuele and **Ryan Traudt**, both St. Monica School Class of 2004 alumni and current seniors at Marquette University High School, have been selected to serve as Captains of the Freshman Retreat for the 2007-2008 school year. Their selection is a tremendous honor for both young men, representing the belief of their classmates and school staff in their outstanding leadership abilities. The Freshman Retreat is an annual tradition at MUHS and occurs towards the end of the school year. Retreat leaders commit significant time to planning, organization, and leadership of the experience.

Mercedes Halaska

St. Monica School 7th grade student **Mercedes Halaska** was recently announced as one of the winners of this school year's Catholic Herald Parenting prayer contest. The winners were publicized in the October issue of the publication; the actual winning prayer submissions will be printed in upcoming issues.

Halaska's prayer was one of only eight selected as contest winners. All students attending an Archdiocese of Milwaukee school in kindergarten through 8th grades were eligible to participate. Winners received a Milwaukee Wave soccer package good for redemption at any 2007-2008 regular-season home game, four food vouchers good for one hot dog and one soda each and four merchandise certificates good towards items at arena souvenir stands.

Here is the text of Mercedes' prayer, entitled "**I Need Help God**":

Dear God,

I need a little help on my journey in life. Please help me to have the wisdom to make the right choice. I need your help to be brave, and to stand up and say what is on my mind without being afraid of others talking. Help me get to your Kingdom. Lead me through your light and not the darkness of evil. Then, I will be with you and we can be with each other forever and a day.

Amen.

Carmen Bond, St. Monica School Junior High Teacher

St. Monica School Junior High Science teacher, Carmen Bond, is more than just an incredible scientific resource for her students. She is also a very gifted artist – and in fact is currently pursuing an advanced degree in that academic area.

During the month of November, Mrs. Bond is showcasing her artistic talents with her new exhibition at Mount Mary College's Marian Art Gallery. The exhibition, entitled "Sacred Vessel," presents an imaginative array of artwork that explores the multiple meanings attached to vessels and their relationship to the sacred soul. An ancient craft medium, the clay pot, is actually the basic inspiration and foundation for her thought-provoking pieces.

"Each piece is about the value of the human being as a sacred vessel – striving to go beyond the ordinary to fulfill a spiritual destination," Mrs. Bond explains.

Visitors to the Marian Art Gallery on the Mount Mary College campus can enjoy her exhibition until December 1st. The Gallery is located on the first floor of Caroline Hall, 2900 North Menomonee River Parkway in Milwaukee. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday through Sunday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Congratulations! We are proud of you and your accomplishments – and we are grateful to have you representing SMS!

If you know of any student or alumni success we should be celebrating, please contact Tom Mlada, St. Monica School Development Director, at (414) 332-3660 ext. 123 or tmlada@st-monica.org.