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OLW Alumni Newsletter August 2016

Dear OLW School, class of , dkenney@olwschool.org
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Last month we shared a picture from the Class of 2008 reunion. This month, we are sharing a picture of the Class of 2012 at a reunion to celebrate their graduation from high school and their move to college. Good luck to all of them.



OLW Class of 2012 Reunion

Recently the OLW **Class of 2012** was invited to a reunion celebrating their high school graduation and wishing them well before they headed off to college. Almost 20 alums from that class came to the Father Mackin Center for a mini-reunion. This is a partial list of where some of them are attending school this fall.

Patrick Bottcher - Creighton University

Natalie Brady - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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Lauren Bulat - University of Iowa

John DeZellar - University of Iowa

Anne Farwell - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Joshua Gustafson - Milwaukee School of Engineering

Joshua also started and led the Robotics Team with OLV Middle schoolers the past two years. Thank you for bringing this new activity to our students.

Jordan Hora - Creighton University

Luke Howe - Western Illinois University

Kathryn Jamieson - Purdue University

Olivia Kotowski - Central Michigan University

Jake Maloney - University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Ethan Masters - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Miles McDonnell - Loras College

Lexi Meschino - Boston College

Tommy Murphy - University of Dayton

Kevin Nolan - University of Iowa

Colleen Peterson - Augustana College

Jonathan Quenan - University of Dayton

Johnny recently helped OLV with the technical aspects of making a new marketing video. The video will be on the OLV School website.

Kelly Rountree - DePaul University

Jack Sexton - Villanova University

Meghan Slowik - Illinois State University

Timmy Spiekerman - University of Iowa

Samantha Stejskal - Olivet Nazarene University

Jake Stepuszek - University of Iowa

Kristina Tidaback - University of Kentucky

Sarah Toomey - Marquette University

Matt Trunk - Ball State University

Danny Walsh - University of Notre Dame

Amanda Wilt - Ohio State University

Alumni Updates, Classes of 1980 - 2009

Here are updates we've received from alumni over the past year or so. This August newsletter focuses on classes starting in 1980, plus an update received since the July newsletter.

Mary Anderson Duffy, class of 1975, lives in Parker, Colorado and is a Project Manager for a commercial interior office furniture business. She is married to Steve Duffy (South Jr. High '72) and they have two wonderful children. Both graduated from Rolling Meadows H.S. and worked at the old Crawford's store in R.M. where they met, eventually marrying at OLV in 1985.

Margaret Genualdi Quinn, class of 1980, has been married to her husband for over 26 years. They live in Arkansas where she works as a Senior Manager in Merchandise Solutions for Sam's Club. They have three children in college: two at the University of Arkansas and one at University of Missouri.

Susan Farrell, class of 1981, lives in Palatine, IL. She shared with us the sad news that her brother Joe Farrell, class of 1984, passed away in 2014.

Donna Ficker Burke, class of 1983, is a Chemical Engineer living in Houston, TX with her husband and two teenage children who attend brother/sister Catholic high schools. She is an active Rotarian and spends a lot of “spare” time supporting school athletics.

Andrew Prahin, class of 1988, came back to OLW in April as part of our Author’s Assembly. He spoke to the students in two sessions about his book, *Brimsby’s Hats*, which he wrote and illustrated and which was published by Simon and Schuster in 2013. He talked to the students about his process of writing and illustrating a children’s book, which took several years and included many changes along the way. He also shared pictures from his days at OLW, including a picture in the old mustard yellow gym uniform. The students laughed at that picture. Andrew lived in London for a few years but is now living in Chicago, IL with his wife and child. He is the Creative Director at The Marketing Arm.

Michael Aldworth, class of 1992, lives in Mount Prospect and teaches high school Spanish at Prospect High School. He remembers Mrs. Kerwin, Mrs. Keefer, and Mrs. McCall and calls them “influencers” on his decision to become a teacher.

After reading the update about Mr. Rhinehart in the April Newsletter, Michael wrote to tell us: “In 1995, Rolling Meadows Boys’ Volleyball had four starters from Wayside who played for Coach Rhinehart. That year, the boys’ team earned second (place) in (the) State (Championship): Michael Aldworth, Brian O’Connor, Justin Griffiths, and Kevin Seifert.

Anne Marie Piotrowski Jogodzinski, class of 1995, was recently married at OLW and lives in Palatine, IL.

Jason Kuffel, class of 1995, lives in Palatine, IL. He is Director of Recruitment at St. Viator High School and is also the Assistant Varsity Coach for Boys’ Basketball.

Beth Lesniak, class of 1995, graduated from Duke University with a degree in Economics/Finance, worked on Wall Street in Investment Banking and is now working in Private Equity at a fund based in Boulder, CO.

Kate Anderson, class of 1996, graduated from St. Norbert’s and lives in Arlington Heights, IL.

Paul Daday, class of 1996, graduated from Notre Dame with degrees in math and economics. He completed Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program and taught middle school at Catholic elementary schools in Los Angeles. Following the ACE program, Paul began work in investment banking in Chicago. Since 2011, Paul has worked in Citigroup’s investment banking division in Chicago. He is active in the Big Shoulders Fund, which supports Catholic education in Chicago, IL.

Lisa Koulias Lang, class of 1997, lives in Elk Grove Village, IL and was present at the retirement Mass for her mom, Mrs. Loretta Koulias, this past June.

Erica Frett Fuja, class of 1998, is Chair of the Scanlan Center at St. Viator High School. She was married at OLW in 2015 and currently lives in Palatine, IL.

Robert O'Meara, class of 2000, is a USAF Officer.

Michelle Wasowicz, class of 2003, lives in Des Moines, IA and works at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage as a Client Service Consultant. She is engaged to be married.

Dan Gorecki, Class of 2004, is now teaching science and math in the middle school at OLW. Welcome back! He graduated from DePaul in 2012 and was previously teaching Math and History at St. Odilo in Berwyn. He is a 4th degree black belt in Tae-Kwon-Do

Angela Dickey, class of 2007, graduated from Marquette and now lives in Chicago, IL.

Mark Beletti, class of 2009, is at the University of Dayton.

Sad Passings

We were informed that Eileen Gabrielsen Norman, Class of 1971, died in August of 2013.

Correction: Richard Estaver, who passed away in 2014 from a brain tumor, was in the Class of 2008.

Parish Picnic, September 10

The annual OLW Parish picnic will be held on Saturday, September 10 after the 5pm Mass. You are all invited even if you aren't parishioners. Come with classmates or another group and we can hold a table for you. Reply to this email if you have any questions or want to let us you know you plan to attend. It's always a fun event. You can bring your own food and drink or make purchases at the picnic. It is a very family friendly evening.

Planning a Reunion?

If you are planning a reunion or want to plan one, please contact Danielle Kenney at dkenney@olwschool.org. We can reserve pews for you at Church if you want to celebrate Mass and then meet. We can serve as a meeting spot. We can also show you around school so you can see what's the same and what's new.

At an Arlington Heights community event earlier this month, an alumni mentioned planning a 20th year OLW reunion. We would be happy to help you and/or put pictures in the newsletter.

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