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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Enthusiasm Fills The Halls As Saint Andrew Catholic School Welcomes New Principal



Mr. Charles Llewellyn

Saint Andrew Alumni: "What do you remember about the first day of school and what grade were you in?" Was it kindergarten, were you nervous about leaving mom and dad? How about eighth grade, when it was your turn to be the graduate? This year, August 11 kicked off the start of the 2010-11 school year and it was like a breath of fresh air for St. Andrew Catholic School teachers, students and parents. Mr. Charles Llewellyn, who officially assumed duties as the school's principal in July 2010, stood front and center on the steps and warmly welcomed the students. His genuine enthusiasm is contagious and was echoed by new assistant principals, Tracy Macfarlane and Albert Herrera, as they moved through the school smiling and greeting more than 700 students in grades K-8.

Llewellyn himself is a product of a Catholic education, born and raised in Fort Worth and the youngest of eight children, he attended St. Rita Catholic School. He attended The University of Texas at Arlington on a baseball scholarship and graduated with a BA in Communication in 1993 and also from Texas Wesleyan with a Master of Arts in Teaching in 1996. He served as a teacher and coach at Haltom High School (Birdville ISD) for 9 years and as assistant principal at Hillwood Middle School (Keller ISD) for the past 4 years. He attends Good Shepherd Catholic Community in Colleyville.

With the arrival of Mr. Llewellyn, SACS has completed a series of steps to improve the school including a total remodel of the main office and front foyer that includes the installation of a digital information board, a mural of the school's new logo, new outside doors that lead into the school, fresh paint in the upstairs classrooms and hallways and doorways throughout the school. An office has been constructed outside the library for Mrs. Macfarlane, who will serve as the assistant principal to grades PK-4th grade. Mr. Herrera will oversee students in 5th through 8th grade. The preschool wing has been rearranged to accommodate a brand new, all day 4-year-old class and even the cafeteria received some sprucing up. Everything looks fresh and inviting!

The cosmetic changes are only the beginning of the improvements coming with Llewellyn's arrival. He has announced his commitment to upgrading the technology services and resources available to both students and teachers to create the best possible learning environment. The priorities of this year and for the next 3-5 years will include teacher technology training, adding LCD projectors, document cameras and flip cameras for classroom presentations, creating a library/media center, and a new website design. A full-time counselor has also been added to the staff to assist students and parents.

If you are in the neighborhood, I invite you to stop by the campus for a tour of the exciting changes taking place and to meet Mr. Llewellyn. As a product of SACS, you are an example of the value of Catholic education and we'd like to hear what you are doing and how you are living your faith. We are proud of our graduates and would like to share their successes with our current students. It's going to be a great year and we would like you to be a part of it. There are many ways you can contribute as alumni. Call me, I'd love to tell you how!

Rose Hall

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Where Are They Now?



Remember These Classmates? Find Out What They Are Doing Now!

SAS ALUMNI:

1986

David Piotrowski

Lives in Dallas with his wife, Lexy and sons, Aidan, 6 and Alec, 4.

1990

Monica Carminati Kaut

Graduated Nolan High School and University of North Texas. Married Michael Kaut, August 1, 2009. Resides in Fort Worth.

1995

Jonathan Piotrowski

Moved to California with his family and graduated college. A professional musician in two bands in San Diego: Cats from Japan and Shark Attack.

1996

Misty Raya Durante

Graduated Paschal High School and St. Mary's University with a BA in Criminal Justice. Program Manager at CFJ Manufacturing. Married Aaron Durante on September 26, 2009. Resides in Fort Worth.

1997

Nikki Miller Randolph

Graduated Nolan Catholic High School and from Texas A & M University with a Veterinary Degree. She is a veterinarian. Married Tony Randolph on October 3, 2009 at St. Mary's of the Assumption. She resides in Fort Worth.

IN MEMORY OF:

2000

Brian Gillen

Graduated Nolan Catholic High School and from Texas State University, cum laude in 2008 with a degree in Geography. He was a substitute teacher in Eagle Mountain Lake ISD and was accepted into the Texas Game Warden program in May 2009. Brian died August 2, 2009.

2000

Lauren Baucom

Attended Arlington Heights High School in Fort Worth. Lauren died March 7,

Alumni Updates

Congratulations to **Michael Coffer**, SACS Alumnus. He was Class of 2010 Valedictorian and National Merit Finalist at Nolan Catholic High School. He will attend the University of Chicago on scholarship.

We'd love to hear from you! Fill out the information on the back and send it to the school. We'll publish it in the next issue of the Alumni Newsletter.



- **700 Students in Preschool through 8th grades**
- **Four Kindergarten Classes Which feed into 3 Classes In All Other Grades**
- **90% of SACS Students are Catholic**
- **99.9% of SACS Students Are Accepted to Nolan Catholic High School Each Year.**
- **60-80% of 8th Graders Attend Nolan HS.**
- **55-70% of SACS 7th Graders are Duke Scholars Scoring 95% on Subtests of the Iowa Basic Test.**
- **No TAKS Testing.**
- **Low Tuition: \$440 for One Child Monthly, If Tithing \$1,000 Annually To The Parish.**
- **SACS Students & Faculty Donate 10,000 Pounds of Food Each Year During Their Weekly Mass for Social Ministry Outreach for the Poor in St. Andrew's Parish.**

SACS Alumni Parent's Supper Club Gives Donation to Tuition Scholarship Fund

Rose Hall, SACS Development Director, received the following letter in December 2009 from Mary Clark Robinson. If you and your friends or family are interested in doing something similar, feel free to call me. This is a wonderful way to give back to the school and share the many blessings you have with others. May God bless you.

Dear Rose,

Our Supper Club Group has decided to start an annual tradition of which St. Andrew's Catholic School will be the beneficiary. We all came together and became good friends because of our children and St. Andrew's Catholic School. So instead of giving each other Christmas gifts which we always have done, we decided to make a donation instead to the St. Andrews Scholarship Fund on an annual basis. We feel blessed for what St. Andrew's gave to our children but also what it has given to us!

Paul and Mary Clark Robinson

Henri and Sherri Dussault

Larry and Susan Robertson

Kent and Connie Brown

Ten Ways Alumni Can "GIVE BACK" To SACS!

1. Give a donation to the SACS Annual Fund. Alumni should have received information in the mail in August. Contact the office if you have not received it.
2. Purchase drawing tickets for 2010 Fall Festival drawing. Grand prize is \$1,500 tuition credit at any Catholic school or a Visa card. Attend the Fall Festival Sunday, October 10.
3. Use SACS frequent shopper cards at Tom Thumb, Albertsons, & Kroger. Last year, SAS received \$14,800 from participating purchases.
4. If your class is planning a reunion, consider donating a class gift to SACS.
5. Participate in Catholic Schools' Week, January 30-February 4, 2011 by volunteer-

ing, donating door prizes for teachers and students or by making a monetary donation for the tuition scholarship fund.

6. Naming Saint Andrew Catholic School as your charity of choice when a loved one dies.
7. Consider being a speaker on Career Day. It is scheduled for May 23, 2011.
8. Attend the Auction Gala, April 30, 2011.
9. Support SACS sports by attending games, volleyball, soccer, basketball, softball and baseball are all played by boys and girls in 6th-8th grades. Schedules are posted on the website, www.standrewsch.org.
10. Consider making a bequest in your will to SACS. Your support allows a Catholic school education to be affordable to the next generation of Catholic students.



Preschool & Kindergarten Coffee, Wednesday, October 27, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tour our state-of-the-art Kindergarten Building, (Opened August 2009), meet the faculty and see what SACS has to offer your child. Visit our website at www.standrewsch.org



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Did you know that 7th graders are required to complete a minimum of 24 hours of service during the school year? 8th grade students have a requirement of 32 hours. A number of students record 50+ hours of service throughout the year.

Students from SACS participated in the Diocesan All Schools Mass at the Fort Worth Convention Center on September 1. Bishop Kevin Vann presided at the Mass.

On September 14, Los Vaqueros restaurant will donate a portion of lunch/dinner sales to SACS. A similar Lunch/Dinner Fundraiser will be held at Mama's Pizza on October 20. Take your friends and family.

Come back and relive the fun with your family! The Wildcat Walk/Run (formerly Judi K. Skinner Run) will be October 9, 8 a.m. For the first time, the Fall Festival will be held the same weekend, Sunday, October 10, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, registration forms or to purchase tickets, contact Nicole Bettinger at 817-922-0554.

Fall Festival Drawing Tickets may be purchased - 6 for \$35 - for a chance to win \$1,500 tuition voucher for any Catholic school or \$1,500 in traveler's checks. Ticket holders receive 2 FREE dinners from Los Vaqueros served during the Fall Festival.

Mark your calendar for the Annual Spring Dinner & Auction, April 30, 2011. This year's event will be held at River Ranch in the stockyards. Get a table of alumni and have a great time catching up! There'll be a live auction, wine pull, silent auction, bid boards, class baskets, food and drinks. Call Jeanette Clark Sweaney, alumna volunteer chair, to donate an item or service or for information, 817-297-7514.



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We'd love to feature you in the next edition of the Alumni Newsletter! Fill out the short questionnaire below and mail to: Rose Hall, St. Andrew's Catholic School, 3304 Dryden Road, Ft. Worth, TX 76109 or fill out the information online at www.standrewsch.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Name: _____ (Maiden)

Year Graduated SACS: _____ High School: _____

College: _____

Occupation: _____

Personal/Family Info: _____

Hobbies: _____

Favorite Memory at SACS: _____

Optional Questions: (Circle One)

Was your experience at SAS a positive one?

YES **NO**

Do you plan on sending your children to Catholic schools?

YES **NO**

Would you choose SACS?

YES **NO**

How important do you think a Catholic education is to a child?

Very Important Somewhat Important
Not Important At All