



# SAINT ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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**Coming Soon!**  
**Family Fun at  
Saint Andrew  
Catholic School!**



**WILDCAT  
FUN RUN  
and WALK**

**SAT., OCTOBER 8  
8:00 AM**

5K and 1 mile fun run/walk  
Includes pancake breakfast  
and door prizes.

Go to [www.standrewsch.org](http://www.standrewsch.org)  
for registration form.



**FALL  
FESTIVAL**

**SUN., OCTOBER 9  
11:00 AM-5:00 PM**

Family fun for all ages!  
See the website  
for all the details!

**Come enjoy the fun  
and support your  
Alma Mater!**

## Catholic School Traditions A Source of Pride!

Dear SAS Alumni and Friends,

Whether you were one of the first students at Saint Andrew Catholic School in 1954 or a recent graduate, one of the most special things about being alumni of SAS is the shared Catholic school experience among us. For many of us, we can not recall memories of our childhood without including some aspects of our years at SAS! From the lifelong friends we made, to the nuns and lay teachers who shaped us, to the sports, activities, and field trips we took, to the daily faith formation we experienced in Mass, confession, prayers, service projects, May Crowning, etc. This is who we are and have proudly become - lifelong Catholics! Be proud of your Catholic school traditions and legacy. Please consider passing it on to your children and grandchildren. It is a gift that lasts a lifetime and has **eternal** dividends.

God Bless you all,

*Rose Hall*

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SAS Development Director  
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P.S. If at any time you would like a personal tour of Saint Andrew Catholic School, want to plan a reunion, or have any questions about SAS, please call or email me!

## FALL FESTIVAL DRAWING

Give back and say thanks to SAS and your parents by  
buying your Fall Festival Drawing Tickets.

**First Prize: \$1500    Second Prize: \$500**

Visa Gift Card or Tuition Credit to ANY Catholic School.

Buy 6 tickets for \$35 and you will receive two free Los Vaqueros Mexican Dinners  
in the gym at the Fall Festival!



**SAVE THE DATE** for the Annual Spring Dinner Auction on April 14, 2012! Get a table of alumni together and have a great time! There is a wine pull, silent auction, bid boards, live auction, great dinner and more! Look for your invitation in the Spring!

# Alumni Updates

## 1964

### Steve Hartnett

**High School:** Nolan Catholic

**Occupation:** Owner, Flips Patio Grill and Bob's Steak and Chop House in Grapevine.

*Steve donated the funds for the Arena at Nolan in memory of his Mom and Dad.*

## 1976

### Julie Bettinger Kohler

**Occupation:** Senior internal auditor of USAA in San Antonio.

*Married to Robert and they have two children, Grace and Russell.*

### Nancy Vecera Alonso

**High School:** Nolan Catholic

**Occupation:** North Star Anesthesia pre-op nurse.

*Married to Mike and they have three children, Michael, Nicolas, and Madeleine.*

## 1985

### Amy Cram Davis

**High School:** Nolan Catholic

**College:** UTA

**Occupation:** Owner of Hear-Hear, LLC, a distributor of Washington and Oregon wines.

**Hobbies:** cooking, tasting wonderful wines, Texas Rangers baseball

**Favorite Memory:** Being able to go to school with my 3 siblings and having the same friends for 9 years.

*Married to John and they have 2 children, Samantha (3), and Scarlett (2).*

### Melissa Riley Bernard

**High School:** Southwest

**College:** TCU, Speech Pathology; University of Texas at Dallas, Masters in Audiology.

**Occupation:** Audiologist for ENT Doctor.

*Married to Tom and they have 2 children, Ryan (2) and Madeleine (1). They reside in Frisco, TX.*

## 1987

### Christine Frank Smith

**High School:** Nolan Catholic

*Married to William and they have 4 children, Isabella (12), Augustine (10), Monica (6), and Jude (2). They reside in Norwell, Massachusetts*

### Anthony Covert

**High School:** Nolan Catholic

**Occupation:** National Air and Space Intelligence Center on Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

**Hobby:** Marathon running.

*Was in Iraq for 6 months where he was collection manager for high altitude intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance assets. Married to Sonya.*

### Carlo Capua

**College:** University of Notre Dame

**Occupation:** Owns Z's Café and Catering which is located in the FW Community Arts Center.

## 1988

### Bryan Mauk

**High School:** Nolan Catholic

**College:** Southwestern University

**Occupation:** TEVA Pharmaceuticals Sales.

*Married to Mary Jon, they have two children, Nolan (9) and Lilly (5). They reside in Kansas City, KS.*

## 1995

### Annie Shepard Stewart

**High School:** Nolan Catholic

**College:** Texas A&M University; Masters—University of Texas in Social Work.

**Occupation:** Assistant director of Camp John Marc, a year round camp serving campers that have a chronic illness or other medical needs.

*Married Josh on November, 27, 2011. They reside in Fort Worth.*

## 1996

### Andrew Hamer

**High School:** Nolan Catholic

**College:** TCU

**Hobby:** Andrew, along with fellow SAS Alum, John Quarles, are in the band Firebrand.

## 1998

### Christopher LeConey

**High School:** Nolan Catholic

**College:** Harvard University

**Law School:** Yale University

**Occupation:** Attorney in an International Law Firm in Manhattan.

## 2000

### Conner Gillen

**High School:** Nolan Catholic

**Occupation:** Substitute teacher in Eagle Mountain Saginaw ISD and assistant coach for Nolan Catholic cross country.

*Married Heather on February 9, 2011.*

### Sonya Cisneros Curry

**High School:** Nolan Catholic

**College:** TCU with a major in news editorial and journalism/communication studies.

**Occupation:** Public Relations and Marketing at Kimball Art Museum. Writer for Star Telegram Community Columnist Panel.

*Married Mitchell on August 6, 2011. They reside in Fort Worth.*

## 2001

### Nick Rew

**High School:** Nolan Catholic

**College:** TCU with a double major in Supply Chain Management and Business Information Systems with minors in Japanese and Music.

**Occupation:** Alcon in Tokyo, Japan

**Hobby:** plays alto sax in a jazz band.

## Faith in Action - SAS Alumni Spotlight

Monica Ashour, 1979 Saint Andrew Catholic School Alum; High School: Nolan Catholic College; Stephen F. Austin University, English; University of Dallas, Masters of Theology (1995) and Masters of Humanities (2003).



Monica Ashour

Monica Ashour, a 1979 alum of SAS and Executive Director and National Speaker for the Theology of the Body Evangelization Team, Inc. (TOBET) is working to spread the message of Pope John Paul II's teaching - The Theology of the Body (TOB). She and members of her non-profit organization go around to different youth groups, parishes, single and married groups to spread this message of hope and healing.

Monica speaks about the solid education that SAS gave her in growing up.

"Schools are to build upon the foundation that parents give to their children; SAS did just that. The teachers, administration, and staff worked us hard to be solid in academics with a deep understanding of the Catholic faith. I am indebted to Saint Andrew and am so grateful for the sacrifices my parents, Paul and Doris Ashour, made to send me and my siblings there."

Monica is the author of the *Parent's Guide for Theology of the Body for Teens: Middle School Edition* by Ascension Press. She is

also working on another book that will include of 500 diagrams she created to help elucidate the Truths of the Catholic faith.

Under Miss Ashour's guidance, TOBET has launched two highly successful outreaches: TOBET4/ByTeens and TheREVOLUTION. TOBET4/By Teens uses teenagers to present information to their peers through talks, funny skits, and poignant dramas. It captures the hearts and minds of teens, helping them to understand and live the truth of their sexuality.

TheREVOLUTION focuses on the college age group and teaches college students how to reach the campus at large. With highly intense media presentations followed by peer-led discussion groups on the Theology of the Body, the REVOLUTION captivates college students who are longing for the truth yet find themselves in the midst of wrongful societal norms.

Saint Andrew forms students to be future leaders and to live their faith. Monica Ashour is one of them. She and some of her TOBET interns will be reaching our current students at two presentations, for students and parents in January 2012. Meanwhile, in November Monica will travel to Rome as she presents a paper entitled, "How to Teach Teens the Theology of the Body".

For more information and to support TOBET, visit their website at [www.tobet.org](http://www.tobet.org).

## Alumni Updates (cont.)

### 2003

#### Rachel White

**High School:** Nolan Catholic  
**College:** Texas Tech, with a double major in Finance and Economics.

**Hobby:** Dancing

#### Kara Vickers

**High School:** Nolan Catholic  
**College:** Texas Tech, with a double major in Business Marketing and Management.

**Occupation:** ISNetwork in Dallas.

#### Katy Johnson

**High School:** Nolan Catholic  
**College:** George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

**Law School:** Starting SMU in Fall 2011.

#### Cassidy Cisneros

**High School:** Nolan Catholic  
**College:** University of Alabama, with a Psychology degree. Working on Masters in the Clinical Psychology Biomedical Program at UTSW in Dallas.

## 2007 Alumni Brags

#### Christine Mengis

**High School:** Nolan Catholic  
**Honors:** Salutatorian, National Merit Finalist

**College:** Texas A&M University

#### Erin Formby

**High School:** Nolan Catholic  
**Honors:** Valedictorian

**College:** Columbia University

#### John Ratliff

**High School:** Nolan Catholic  
**Honors:** Chaminade Award

**College:** University of Mississippi

#### Michael Bass

**High School:** Trinity Valley

**Honors:** Salutatorian, National Merit Finalist

**College:** University of Notre Dame

### IN MEMORY of FERNANDO TORREZ, JR.

Fernando was a 1995 SAS graduate. He attended Paschal High School. He loved hunting, fishing, and music - especially his guitar. He died August 27, 2010, at 29. May he rest in peace.

Rose Hall, SAS Development Director, is always anxious to have our alumni speak at our annual Career Day. This year Career Day is Tuesday, May 29 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am for our 4th—7th graders. If you would like to share your career with our future alumni, please call Rose at 817-292-4355 or email [rosehall048@yahoo.com](mailto:rosehall048@yahoo.com).



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**We'd love to include you in the next edition of the Alumni Newsletter! Fill out the form below and mail to: Rose Hall, Saint Andrew Catholic School, 3304 Dryden Rd., Ft. Worth, TX 76109 or fill out the information on line at [www.standrewsch.org](http://www.standrewsch.org). We look forward to hearing from you!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Maiden) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Graduated SAS: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal/Family Info: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite SAS Memory: \_\_\_\_\_

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Was your experience at SAS a positive one? Yes / No

Do you plan to send your children to Catholic Schools? Yes / No

Would you choose SAS? Yes / No

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

Very Important / Somewhat Important / Not Important at all

## 2011 SAS FACTS

- 700 students in Pre-School thru 8th grades.
- 4 sections of Kindergarten feeding into 3 sections of all other grades.
- 88% Catholic.
- 99.9% are accepted to Nolan Catholic High School every year.
- 60% to 80% of SAS 8th graders go to Nolan Catholic High School.
- 55% to 70% of SAS 7th graders are Duke Scholars, scoring 95+% on certain subtests of the Iowa Basic Test
- Tuition is \$500/month for one Catholic student.
- SAS students, faculty, and parents donated 10,000 pounds of food for Social Ministry Outreach in Saint Andrew Parish at the school's weekly Masses.