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Reorganizing the Trophy Case Turns into a History Lesson

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Many people often glance at trophy cases without actually taking the time to really look at each award.

They see the cases as a mere 'package of contents' and don't realize that the sum total of these countless trophies actually tells a story about the teams that earned the awards.

For those wooden display cases, stored behind glass and illuminated by lights, is the history of our school's athletic prowess and academic achievements.

While my family and I thought that our offer to organize the trophy cases would simply result in better presentation and some well earned volunteer time, we soon came to realize that it

would instead be a history lesson in the achievements of the school and our numerous ventures and activities throughout the years. St. Vincent School has a lot to be proud of, as our trophy cases



Michael and Stephen Barbarossa kneel beside the reorganized trophy cases.

contain 127 awards, trophies, and plaques spanning five decades. In the process of organizing the awards, we noticed that not only do the cases contain trophies and plaques; there are also pictures,

relay batons, and signed soccer and volley balls.

Upon sorting the awards it became clear that during different decades we were stronger in certain sports. For example, in the late 1960s and 1970s, we did very well in baseball—a sport that is no longer represented by any CYO team in our parish.

Conversely, most of the trophies from the 1980s and 1990s were predominately basketball and elementary track.

In the early 2000s, our CYO track team garnered a staggering 19 awards, but our school was aptly represented by the strengths of our academics, with the various math teams bringing in a total of 13 trophies or plaques. (continued on p.2)

We have a new look!

Thanks to alumnus Erik Johnson for helping us select an awesome logo! To order a St. Vincent de Paul School sweatshirt, call the school office or look for ordering information on our website.



Reorganizing the Trophy Case

St. Vincent de Paul School-wide Learning Expectations:

- A faith-filled Catholic
- A life-long learner
- A responsible member of a global society

(cont. from p.1) Additionally, the number of trophies has increased over the years, thus requiring Principal Wanda Stewart to purchase two new trophy cases.

Hidden among the athletic trophies, there are also many interesting awards for other school-related activities. Back in the late '70s and early '80s, our school sponsored an annual paper drive, in which homerooms competed to see who could bring in the most newspaper to be recycled and redeemed for cash.

Each morning the

paper would be packed in brown paper bags, measure, and loaded on a truck. At the end of the week, the homeroom who brought in the most paper was the champion for that year. Although Blanchet homeroom usually won, Mr. Rainier held the record for the most paper collected: an amazing 7,602 inch tall stack.

In the 1980s and 1990s, St. Vincent's would also hold an annual 'Academy Awards' ceremony, during which Vinnies (empty Mrs. Butterworth syrup bottles painted gold) would be presented to winners in different categories that year.

One such award was for the 'Best Supporting Parents' for a group of parents who exemplified stellar service and volunteer time. Oddly enough the winners that year called themselves the St. Vincent Vandals.

In summation, the oldest trophy in the case is a 1967 baseball award, and the most recent (and also the largest) is the 2009 CYO Track Championship trophy.

So, the next time you are in the gymnasium, don't just walk past the trophy cases; stop and take a look because you might be surprised by what you find.



Denim & Diamonds

Annual Auction

Family Night

March 11th

Gala Dinner &

Oral Auction

March 13th

Call 253-839-3532

for Tickets.

Go Out and Serve the Lord

Here are some of the service projects that St. Vincent students have participated in this year.

- Prepared over 200 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for children.
- Collected food for our parish food bank during the annual St. Service Crew Thanksgiving Food Drive.
- Purchased books for children attending a school-in-need by selling Sandy Point and Olympic homeroom Christmas return labels.
- Assisted the elderly and disabled with Christmas shopping at Target, an annual eighth grade project.
- Collected hats, gloves, and coats for the Mt. St. Helens homeroom Gift of Warmth Drive.
- Purchased 60 gifts for the parish Giving Tree from the Blanchet homeroom annual Rummage Sale.
- Sponsored an eight year old boy, Eddie. Eddie lives in Kiambio, Kenya.
- Used our Penny Drive funds from last year to purchase a new trophy case.



Parent volunteers are an important part of our program.



Student Crew sorting food during the Food Drive.

Congratulations Class of 2009

Class of 2009

The eighth grade of 2009 celebrated their graduation Mass on June 11, with 26 graduates being recognized.

The following students received special honors:

Christian Citizenship Scholarship Award

KayLynne Fuller and Nicholas Dorsett.

Academic Scholarships

The Salutatorians were Travis Beach and Ryan Tran. Valedictorian was Nicholas Dorsett.

Spirit of Learning Awards

These awards are given by the staff to students who reflect the essence of the subject and demonstrate a joy-filled spirit of learning in class.

Religion	Nicholas Dorsett & KayLynne Fuller
Music	KayLynne Fuller & Alena McLaughlin
Math	Nkeiruka Medani & Desiree Nielsen
Physical Ed	KayLynne Fuller & Dominic Lieggi
Science	Ryan Tran
Social Studies	Maggie O'Connell
Writing	Rahul Iyengar
Reading	Nicholas Dorsett
Technology	Nicholas Dorsett

Victor Heinlen Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Chris Schiedermayer
Taylor Freyberg
Nicholas Dorsett

Kennedy High School Awards

Academic Achievement
Travis Beach
Ryan Tran
Nicholas Dorsett

Bellarmino High School Awards

Bellarmino Pride Scholarship
Shane Hallahan



Class of 2009!

Alumni!

We'd love to hear from you!!

Visit our alumni page on the St. Vincent School website, www.stvs.org.

What are you up to? Submit your information at www.stvs.org to be featured in our next newsletter.

Interested in coordinating alumni information? Contact Mrs. Stewart at stv-stew@msn.com.

Do you know the addresses of any of these alumni?

- Barney Goad
- Amanda Hain
- Ann Marie Hartnell
- Sean Kibbe
- Dennis W. McMullen

Future Alumni!



St. Vincent Endowment

Continuing the legacy of a quality Catholic education for all students who want it is a challenge that many schools are facing. Our Endowment Fund was established in March of 2004 for the purpose of providing student tuition assistance and an affordable Catholic education. The money donated will continue to be used for years, as interest from contributions is compounded and helps to generate income for generations of students to come. We have over \$226,000 in the Endowment Fund today; our goal is to reach \$1,000,000 in five years. You can help us reach this goal!

There are many ways you can support the endowment:

- a cash donation;
- a pledge payable over 1, 2 or 3 years;
- an annual donation;
- deferred gifts through wills, trusts, or life insurance; gift of stock, bonds or property
- corporate matching gifts programs.



Your gift will help us to provide a high-quality, affordable, Catholic education for students at St. Vincent de Paul School.

Contact the school office at 253-839-3532 or visit us on the web www.stvs.org to find out how easy it is to contribute to the endowment. Donations can be sent directly to the school or parish office.



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