



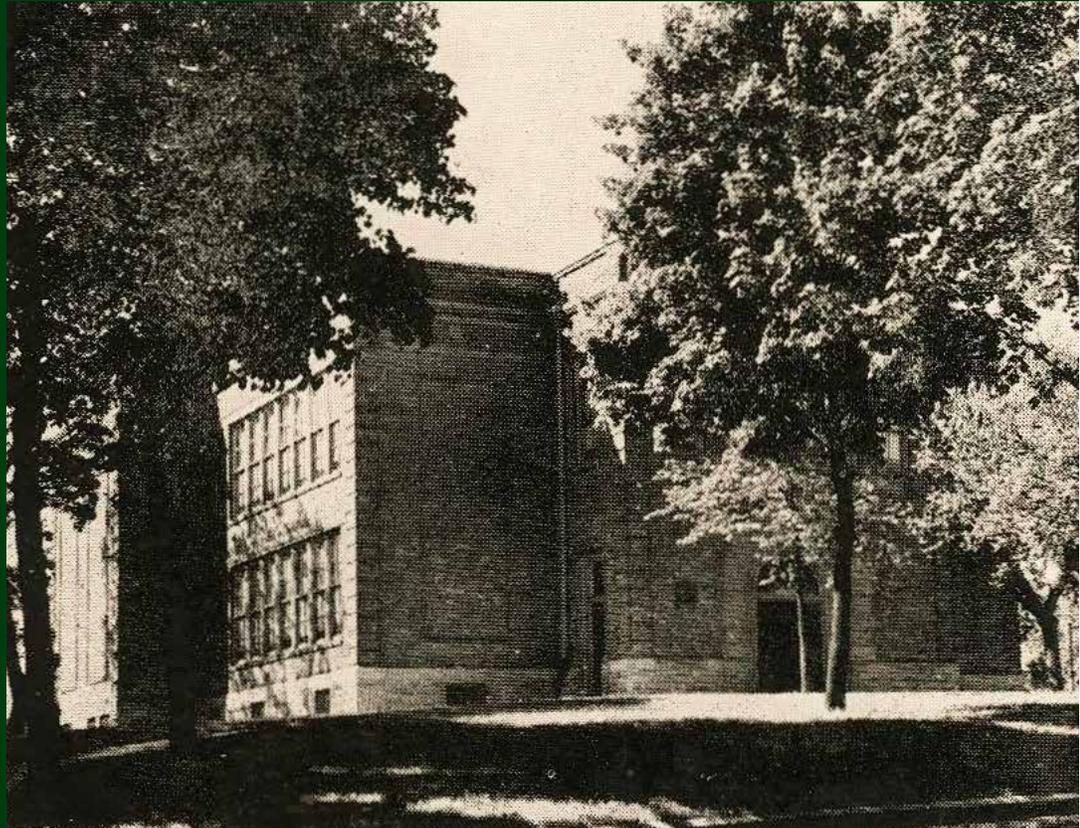
# Monarch

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CELEBRATING

75 YEARS

1941 – 2016



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Dear Alumni and Friends,

As we enter the 75th year for St. Edward Central Catholic, we are presented with time to reflect on our story. We reminisce with pride about our rich past, celebrate our devoted present, and develop a vision for a prosperous future. For three quarters of a century St. Edward has been a foundation of excellence in Catholic education. Our school stands alone as the premier Catholic, college preparatory high school in Elgin. And, regardless of changes in the surrounding community and restructuring of schools and school districts, St. Edward has stood above, literally upon a hill, centered on Christ, distinguished by excellence, and devoted to quality education for every student.

Today, St. Edward's story is penned by a collaborative, learning community with educators dedicated to developing disciples and committed to continued academic growth and professional development. Our faculty remains loyal to an identifiably Catholic environment and fundamental standards for college preparedness while implementing best practices in instruction and technology integration. And, our Green Wave community continues to pool resources - spiritual, financial, and interpersonal - to support our students and sustain our school for years to come.

As we move forward into the next chapters of our story, our St. Edward community looks toward a vision for the future of Catholic schools. That future entails stronger partnerships with our Deanery Catholic parishes and elementary schools for ongoing faith formation in developing disciples, technology innovation for readiness in an ever-changing world, and curricular programs designed for careers not yet created.

The St. Edward school we are today and will always be is the same family which it has been since 1941. Our school is the pillar of faithful values framed in Catholic traditions and nurtured by a community, a family of faculty, staff, alumni, and friends committed, quite simply, to ensuring continued excellence in Catholic education for our students.

We have been blessed with 75 years of faith, family, and excellence, and we eagerly welcome the next 75 to continue our story.

May God bless you and keep you! Go Green Wave!

Sincerely,

Barbara Villont  
Superintendent/Principal

*From the Editor:*

*Welcome to our 75th anniversary issue of the Monarch. We are pleased to tell the story of St. Ed's, a story that began just three months before Pearl Harbor. It is the story of 75 years of growth and expansion in the physical plant, changes in the curriculum, in sports and in the service and extra-curricular activities performed by our students to keep pace with changes in our society.*

*Our story is told by our faculty, some of whom have served St. Ed's students for many years. It is a story told by our alums. In the following pages, you will read the stories of just a few of our alums over the decades. We are now around 7000 strong, working and contributing to every sector of society—government service, the arts, engineering, education, charities and business.*

*Long before the days of "Core Education", St. Ed's was providing a solid liberal arts education, founded on discipline, scholarship, critical thinking, service and initiative. It continues to do so today. This is the core carried by our graduates as they take their places around the world—from Colombia to Zambia, from Germany to Jordan, from New York City to Los Angeles.*

*Our story is the story of a community built on the cornerstone principles of Catholic citizenship, service and achievement. Even as society loses a sense of civility, St. Ed's continues to instill concern for others. St. Ed's is more than a school, more than its teams, more than its history. It is a community of alumni, students, families, lifelong friends who remain connected, in person, via email or on social media, wherever they travel, wherever they live.*

*Each class, each student has continued to build the tradition that is St. Ed's for 75 years. We hope you enjoy our story.*

*Heather Relihan ('65), Editor*

## THE EARLY YEARS (1941-49)

**On September 8, 1941**, 82 young men and women entered a small, renamed and refurbished school building to begin the story of Catholic secondary education in Elgin. The original St. Edward High School was built in 1877 as a public grade school. The Locust Street school was destroyed by fire in 1881, rebuilt and renamed the G.P. Lord School in 1906, and rebuilt again in 1907.

The parishioners of St. Joseph, St. Mary and St. Laurence had agreed to finance construction of a Catholic high school for Elgin and surrounding communities. In April 1941, the Lord school building had been vacant for two years, and the citizens of Elgin approved the sale of the property. In May, Rev. L.C. Prendergast of St. Laurence represented Bishop Hogan at a public auction, and successfully bid \$15,200 to acquire the property for the Rockford Diocese. The school had eight classrooms and a cafeteria with knotty pine paneling.



The school was named St. Edward in honor of the patron saint of Bishop Edward Hoban, and was dedicated on October 12, 1941. Four Adrian Dominican sisters formed the faculty for the school with assistance from the priests of the supporting parishes. The Board of Education was composed of the pastors of the three Elgin churches, and the Superintendent was automatically the pastor of St. Laurence.

The new school lacked sports programs and didn't offer vocational training, so its primary role was college prep. The lack of sports facilities didn't prevent participation in inter-scholastic events. The first football team, the "Green and Gold", was formed in 1941 and was coached by Rev. W. B. Boland, assisted by George Schmidt. The first basketball team, formed the same year, called itself the Ramblers and was coached by local businessman Giles McVey. Girls weren't forgotten. Sister Marie Judith formed a girls' basketball team who played home games at St. Mary's gym.

Fr. Boland selected the green and gold colors, and the school had several nicknames in the early years. But legend claims a sportswriter was finishing a story on a St. Ed's basketball game and realized the team needed a nickname, and came up with the "Green Wave."

There was no real chapel, but an altar was rolled into the hallway for student masses. In 1943, the school was accredited by the University of Illinois. The first yearbook The 1944 Royal was published that year, and then became the Co-Ed-Word in 1946. Ring Day was "Senior Skip Day", and the ring day breakfast tradition began.

By 1943, a modern (for the era) chemistry and physics laboratory was installed.



By the end of the decade, the school board and Athletic Department began to think about a permanent home for the school's teams. One potential site for a field was the old Elm Street dump. In 1948, the St. Edward Board began their campaign to secure the field.

### ***Did you know?***

*The first prom was held at the Hotel Baker on June 5, 1943 and the next prom was at Medinah Country Club. Editors' note: there is a legend that girls had to bring their prom dresses to school in the 1950s for approval by the nuns.*

## THE EARLY YEARS (1941-49)



**Greg True [left] with Father Boland, the original driving forces for the development of St. Ed's sports. Greg True began his tenure at St. Ed's in 1944, and served as Athletic Director and varsity football and basketball coach until 1965.**

***DID YOU KNOW** that the first play was presented in 1942, and the tradition of one or two plays every year has continued for 75 years.*

No school can survive without support from family and friends. This has been true at St. Ed's since its founding.

The St. Edward Mothers' Club was formed when the school opened in 1941. The Mothers' Club prepared luncheons for significant events, conducted fundraising projects for the school, and held meetings once a month until the 1960s. There was time allotted before the meetings to give parents an opportunity to check in with their children's teachers.



The history of the school wouldn't be complete without a mention of the Booster Club. It was originally organized in 1943 as the Fathers' Club, but the name was officially changed in 1952. Its primary goal is to support the Athletic Department and the school's teams. It is still going strong today.

The 1944 Yearbook went to press during the war years. The Yearbook listed the names of nine students who had already left St. Ed's to serve their country. Instead of the typical joyous class prophecy that became the norm in the post-war years, the Class of 1944 had different plans for their future. Their prophecy read as follows:

### **“CLASS OF 1944 PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

In other years, other classes have jokingly gazed into a crystal ball or consulted some imaginary spirit medium and set forth a fantastic future for themselves. We do not feel inclined to treat the matter of our future lightly; we rather choose to face the music gladly, because it is a glorious future.

Dick Kroeger's plans to become a famed opera star are somewhat altered by his being 1-A in the draft. Being 1-A also upsets Jim Hansen's endeavor to be a writer. Ken Greve's love of the sea is the cause of his entering the Merchant Marine as a cadet-midshipman. Tom Philbin and Jim Costello will continue their engineering in the Army College Program. Jasper Piazza will also continue his studies in dentistry through the same program. George Cilari intends to enlist in the Navy Air Corps. Jerry Sullivan is going to study dramatics at DePaul University if he isn't called to fight for his country right away. Harriet and Marge Ostdick, Joan Peabody, Pat Bailey, Pat Stoddard, Shirley Stolt and Pat Chapin are answering their country's call for nurses. Denne Howenstein is going to advance in the commercial field through studies at Sienna Heights College. Mary Jane Norton intends to follow in the same field. Beverly Linder and Mollie Martensen are entering the secretarial field and Ruth Beckman's plans center around commercial art. Lorraine Schultz is going to continue to help her country by maintaining her present job in a defense plant.”

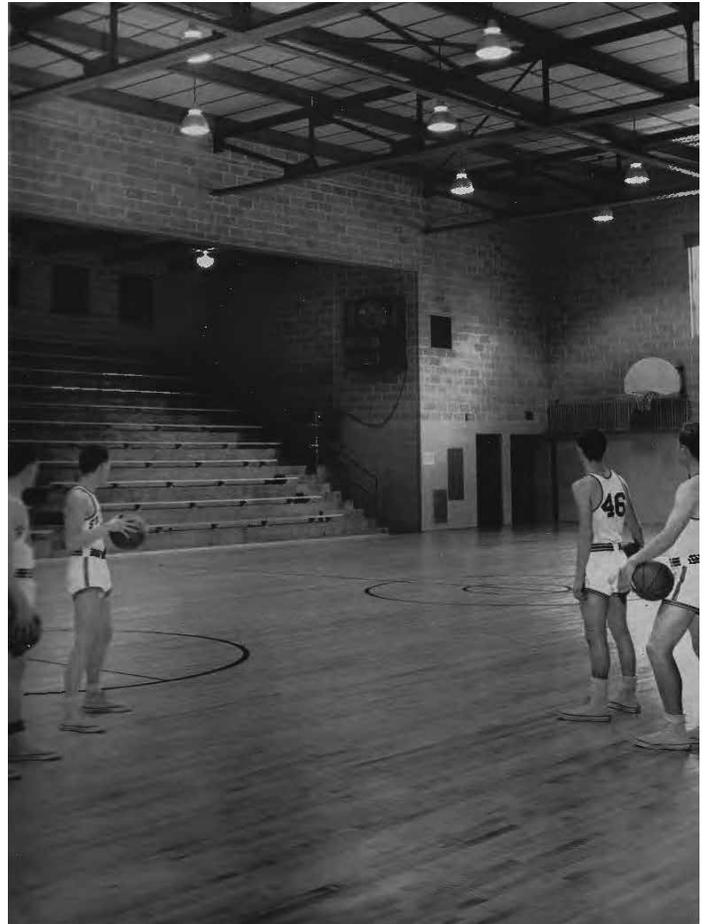
## SPREADING WINGS (1950 – 1980)

**St. Ed's began to spread its wings** in 1949, when it broke ground for a new addition, which included a gym with spectator seating, locker rooms for boys and girls, a stage area, athletic department offices, lecture rooms, a library and recreation room. In November 1950, St. Edward presented its new gymnasium to the public.

The first game was between the Varsity team and the Alumni, which was won by the Alumni with a final score of 47-42.

Work also began on the athletic field in 1950 under Fr. Boland's direction. Greg True was responsible for seeding and caring for the future field. The track was completed in the Spring of 1951, just in time for competition.

The field was finally completed in the fall of 1952, and was dedicated on October 12 during halftime of the St. Edward-Aquin game. The Booster club was formed the same year. The bell from the old school was brought down to the field and was rung whenever St. Ed's made a touchdown. When the bell became a target of student pranks, it was placed in storage until Jim Perkins brought the bell back out to the field, where it was rung after each school victory. The field was renamed the Greg True field in 1968.



*The brand new gym in 1950. Today the gym is filled with banners announcing the success of St. Ed's teams. In 2016, the Chicago Tribune named the gym as one of the top 20 venues in the State of Illinois because of its unique appeal.*

Expansion continued with the completion of the new convent in August 1958, at a cost of \$125,000. The nuns had previously lived in a house on South Street. The convent later became Hoban Hall and housed classrooms and offices, including the office of the St. Edward Foundation in the 1990s.

There have been three social constants in the history of St. Ed's: Homecoming, Prom and Turnabout. In the 1940s, Turnabout was known as the Sadie Hawkins dance. The girls still invited boys to the dance, but the tradition in those early years was for the girls to lasso a boy to convey their invitation.



*The tunnel is not a legend. It was built to connect the original building (the "Old Building") with the new gym. The basement of the gym was used as a lunchroom and for dances. The tunnel was demolished with the Old Building in 1970 to make room for a new addition*

## SPREADING WINGS (1950 – 1980)

### TECHNOLOGY

According to the Motox Museum, the story of the **Fox brothers (Geoff, '58 and Bob, '57)** is a story of innovation and enthusiasm. Both Robert and his brother Geoff were dirt bike motocross enthusiasts in the early 1970s. In 1974, Geoff Fox, who taught physics at Santa Clara University, launched Moto-X Fox, a distribution business for motocross parts and accessories. Soon, Geoff's efforts resulted in the development of the Fox Shox. His brother Bob decided to develop a better product and he began to design and build prototypes of the FOX Air Shox in the garage of a friend who had a mill and a lathe.



The next step was to have leading racers try the new shock, and the product really took off when Kent Howerton won the 1976 AMA 500 cc championship, riding a Husqvarna equipped with the FOX Air Shox. Soon, other teams followed. Until 1977, Bob had designed and manufactured the FOX Air Shox as a division of Moto-X Fox. The decision was made in 1977 to create a separate company, Fox Factory Inc., focusing on the Air Shox and related suspension products. Team Moto-X Fox riders wore bright red, yellow and orange race outfits. The clothing also became a hit with fans. Moto-X Fox became Fox Racing, and then Fox Head, Inc. in 2006.

The Fox brothers recently returned to St. Ed's to view the results of their generous gift to the Science Department. They were present for the dedication of the new Fox Science Center at the school.

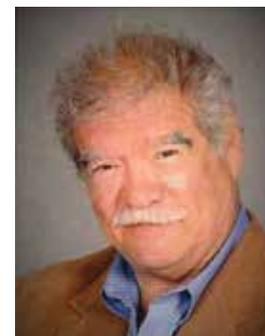
The history of St. Ed's is notable because of the dedication of a large number of long-term faculty members. They carry the tradition and scholarship of the school, passing them on to both students and younger faculty. Msgr. Charles McNamee was the longest-serving priest at St. Edward. He acted as both religion teacher and advisor during the years he was here.



Sr. Annella, O.P. arrived at St. Ed's in the 1950s and served until 1961. She returned in 1965, serving as Science Teacher and Department Chairman and school historian until she retired in 1996. Much of this special issue is the result of St. Annella's efforts to preserve the school's history over the years.

### LAW

The story of **Manuel Barbosa ('65)** is emblematic of the American dream. He arrived in the United States as an infant in 1947 when his family crossed the Rio Grande on a raft and settled on a small cotton farm outside the town of Weslaco, Texas. Manny began to accompany his mother to the cotton fields at the age of six. In 1953, the family became legal residents of the US, and Manny's Catholic education began at St. Joan of Arc school. Encouraged by a friend of his father, Manny and his family moved to Illinois where they picked tomatoes near Plainfield. From there they moved to Elgin, where the family lived



in a small basement apartment and Manny and his siblings were enrolled in St. Joseph's school. In 1963, Manny became a student at St. Ed's. After graduation, Manny enrolled for college at St. Procopius (now Benedictine University), a small Catholic college of about 900 students. As a legal resident, but not yet a citizen, he was ineligible for financial aid, and worked at a factory in Moline to pay tuition. Manny became a US citizen, and attended John Marshall law school at night. Manny went into private practice, and became active in Elgin's Human Relations Commission, and in 1980 was appointed by Governor Thompson to head the Illinois Human Rights Commission, the first Hispanic to lead a statewide agency. In 1997, Manny was appointed as a federal judge for the U. S. Bankruptcy Court in the Northern District of Illinois, Western Division. He served 14 years as a judge, and is now retired and enjoying time with his wife Linda, their three children and their grandchildren.

## SPREADING WINGS (1950 – 1980)

**THE BABY BOOMERS** arrive. Growing enrollment driven by the arrival of the first baby boomers in 1960 led to a decision to expand the school further. The architectural firm of Barry and Kay of Chicago designed the new north wing which opened in 1963. It housed eight classrooms, a physics-chemistry lab (now the Fox Science Center), two biology laboratories, a typing room, administration offices and a cafeteria (still used today). The cafeteria was also used for sock hops and banquets. The schedule was arranged so that as many students as possible could attend classes in the new building.



*Love the typewriters in the new 1963 typing room. The goal for students was 40 words per minute.*

Along with the physical expansion of the school, the 1960s brought other changes in curriculum as well. Sputnik propelled changes in textbooks and St. Ed's changed with the time. New Science courses in Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Physical Science, based on an experimental approach and the scientific method, changed the way the sciences were taught. Calculus was added for Seniors. But perhaps this era is best known for the British wave that began with the Beatles, who influenced the hair styles of every male for almost 20 years.



Using a current joke fad, freshman capture second place for their float on Homecoming day.

The Homecoming tradition of a parade with class floats continued from the 1940s until the 21st century, when the evening Homecoming game and the importance of hall decorations launched a new tradition for students, families and alums.



An era ended when the "Old Building" was torn down in 1967 to launch the third building stage for the school. The new section was named "Senior Hall" and housed the library, classrooms, and a second gymnasium. It was completed in 1970 and stands on the site of the original Lord School.

1967 marked the beginning of **Don Haefliger's** 48 years of service to St. Ed's. He served as English teacher and Department Chairman, teaching Senior Honors English for many years, and was the driving force for plays produced during his tenure. Don retired in 2014, but continues to help out with play production at St. Ed's.



### ***DID YOU KNOW?***

*Booth Tarkington's "Seventeen" was the first musical presented in 1961. The faculty and students have presented a musical production every year since then, a total of 55 years.*

## SPREADING WINGS (1950 – 1980)

The 1970s built on the programs available to students, expanding many of them. The school's science fair program continued to grow in stature, and St. Edward students participated on the television quiz show "It's Academic". Extra-curricular activities included yearbook and newspaper, one or two plays a year plus a musical, "Spirit Week" (introduced in 1972), along with boys' and girls' tennis, baseball (1967), girls' track and volleyball (introduced in 1973), and wrestling was first introduced as an intramural sport in 1976.

The late 60s and early 1970s were also the Vietnam War years. Students paid attention to the new draft lottery, and a number of St. Ed's alums were drafted or enlisted during this period, serving in Vietnam and in other posts around the world.



### ARTS

**Megan McTavish ('67)** left St. Ed's to major in theater at Northwestern University. After graduation, she toured for a year with

a national Shakespeare rep company, then returned to Chicago, where she appeared at the Goodman, North Light and other local theaters. Her big break came in 1983 when she traveled to New York to find an agent, and landed what she believed was a one-shot appearance on the soap opera *The Guiding Light*. The producer loved her performance, and the character "Lola" joined the cast. But while she was busy with regular appearances each week, Megan had extra time and decided to try her hand at writing. She landed a spot as a dialogue writer on the show. She left acting, and spent the next 25 years working as a script writer, breakdown writer, and ultimately as head writer on four soaps. She won her first Emmy for *Guiding Light* in 1985, and went on to win three more Emmys for *All My Children* and *General Hospital*. She also won two Writers' Guild awards. Megan retired a few years ago to her farm in Connecticut where she raises Bernese Mountain dogs for fun and uses her writing skills as a volunteer for the local historical society.

### MEMORIES

*With the construction of the gym in 1950, the prom was held in the school's gym, and tradition ruled that the Juniors decorate. The Class of '65 was the last class to decorate the gym for prom. When the Class of '65 were seniors, the prom was once again held outside the school at a banquet venue, a tradition that continues today.*



The gymnasium was a romantic venue for the 1958 prom. The dance capped off a week of effort decorating the gym.



### MILITARY

**Lt. General Stephen Mueller ('75)** graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1979 and received his commission. He has commanded at the flight, squadron, group

and wing levels. His staff assignments included a tour at Headquarters Pacific Air Force, and a tour with the Joint Staff. He was also Commander of the 52nd Fight Wing, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. In 2004, he was appointed Chief of Staff, Joint Warfare Center, NATO, in Stavanger, Germany. In 2012, he was appointed Inspector General of the Air Force. During his career with the Air Force, he logged more than 3300 flying hours in the F-16, including combat in Desert Storm. Stephen retired in 2014 after 35 years of service. He is Vice President with Lockheed Martin, and he and his wife reside in Virginia.

# THE MILLENNIUM APPROACHES (1980 – 2000)

## MORE CHANGES

By the 1980s, the number of nuns teaching at the school had decreased while the number of students enrolling had increased, which required the conversion of the convent into classrooms and offices.

The convent was converted and renamed Hoban Hall in honor of Bishop Hoban and housed language classes, the school chapel, offices for faculty, administration and the St. Edward Foundation and Development Office. The nuns moved to a home on Elm Street.

St. Edward began to accept students from the grade schools in Algebra I classes when they were able to move ahead of traditional course work. Although students had been tracked in groups for course work as early as the 1960s, the Honors Curriculum was established in the 1970s.

By this time, tuition had increased from just under \$50 to over \$2200 a year, and the staff had grown from the original six teachers to 47.

In the late 1980s, a few dedicated alums recognized the need to establish a foundation for St. Edward. They had the foresight to see that rising operational costs and tuition would require additional funding for the school. They formed the St. Edward Foundation to provide that assistance.

### St. Edward IHSA State Champions

1966 ♦ Ralph Gierens, Individual Golf

1981 ♦ Men's Golf Team

1985 ♦ Girls' Basketball Team  
♦ Pat Sheehy, Wrestling  
♦ Mike Sheehy, 2nd place, Wrestling

1986 ♦ Mike Sheehy, Wrestling

1988 ♦ Men's Track Team

2016 ♦ Michael Mattas, Individual Golf



**YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY,  
LADY GREEN WAVE...**



The 1943-44 St. Edward girls' basketball team.

Girls' basketball was initially an interscholastic sport—at least for a few years. By the 1950s and for the next 30 years, it existed only as an intramural sport, played for many years under the 6-person team rules for girls—three forwards and three guards.

In 1980, St. Ed's began to field girls' teams. The Lady Green Wave basketball team grew and attracted talented players. In 1985, the girls' team won the first State Championship in basketball for St. Edward.



## THE MILLENNIUM APPROACHES (1980 – 2000)

### WE MOVE TO THE 21ST CENTURY

As St. Ed's approached its 50th Anniversary in 1991, the school was thriving, with students from Elgin, Dundee and a number of surrounding suburbs. On Homecoming weekend, the entire school community celebrated the 50th Anniversary together at the Homecoming Assembly, game and party for alums.



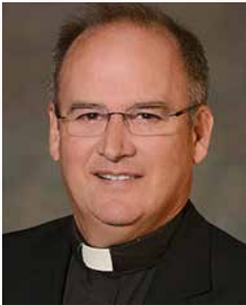
*It was definitely a family celebration for the Classes of '69 and '70.*



*The alum "cheerleaders" contributed their old-fashioned cheer at the Homecoming Pep Rally.*

In 1994, the St. Edward Foundation approved the first endowment campaign in the school's history. Rising tuition and costs and a growing number of students who could benefit from financial aid drove the successful campaign.

The million dollar endowment fund still exists and the income is used for needs-based scholarships. The local Foundation Board is much smaller now, and the endowment fund is managed by the diocese along with funds from churches and schools throughout the Rockford Diocese.



#### **PRIESTHOOD**

**Father Paul White ('81)** attended Northern Illinois University and Mundelein Seminary. He was ordained a priest of the Rockford Diocese in 1989. His first assignment was associate pastor

at St. Margaret Mary in Algonquin, and then in St. Charles. While serving in Algonquin and St. Charles, he was on the St. Ed's faculty. Named Pastor of Sacred Heart, Sterling in 1997, he filled the dual role of Spiritual Director at Newman High School. In 2007, he moved to St. Joseph in Harvard, where he and his parishioners had an active St. Vincent de Paul chapter, and built a Food Pantry and Senior Center building. In 2012, Fr. White was named pastor of Holy Apostles in McHenry. Father works with Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation, and is Chairman of the National Catholic Council on Addiction.



#### **IT/CONSULTANT**

**Mike Crisanti ('88)** went on to Notre Dame after graduating from

St. Ed's, where he earned a B.S. in Science. A few years later he earned an MBA in Strategy and Marketing from the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern. He joined Accenture in 1992, then moved to Whittman-Hart/MarchFIRST/divine a few years later. He is now Managing Director at Tahoe Partners, a consultancy firm specializing in digital strategy and IT technology and design.

## THE MILLENNIUM APPROACHES (1980 – 2000)

### THE END OF AN ERA

At the end of the 1995-96 school year, after 55 years of service to St. Ed's and its students, the last Adrian Dominicans retired. Sr. Annella arrived at St. Ed's in the 1950s, was re-assigned to Muldoon from 1961-65, and then returned until her retirement. She was a teacher and Chair of the Science Department, and took on the roles of PR contact to spread the message about St. Ed's and school historian. Sr. William Christine's teaching expertise was mathematics. During their tenure at St. Ed's, they worked to shepherd students as they prepared their math and science projects for district and state competition. They were the mentors behind the many awards earned by St. Ed's students at science fairs, math contests, and JETS competitions in those years. Sr. Helen Patrick taught Latin, and the Latin department disappeared when she retired.

In the summer of 1996, the three sisters were honored with a mass concelebrated by Bishop Arthur O'Neill, Elgin deanery priests, and the diocesan priests who were also St. Ed's alums.

At the reception afterward, alums and students spoke to the assembled guests of the dedication, service and standards instilled by the Adrian Dominicans in their 55 years of service to the school.

*[right] Bishop O'Neill celebrating the Mass in the gym, joined by area priests and our alums.*



*Sisters Annella, William Christine and Helen Patrick enjoy their reception.*



*Editor's note: The picture opposite was requested for inclusion in this issue by a number of local alums, perhaps the most popular picture in our 75-year history. To publicize the first Tidal Wave auction in 1990, Sisters William Christine and Annella cheerfully took their seats to pose for this picture on a Harley Davidson offered for auction. Students knew them both as strict teachers with demanding standards. This picture reveals their sense of humor and their enthusiastic support of St. Ed's activities.*

## A NEW CENTURY AND A NEW ADDITION

### BUILDING THE FUTURE

As the end of the century approached, St. Ed's was in need of renovations and new space. Students were attending classes in a trailer near the football field and in Hoban Hall. A new campus under one roof was needed. After several years of study and planning, it was decided to build an addition on the west side of the existing building, which required the demolition of Hoban Hall, five houses, and the acquisition of the block of Perry Street between Locust and Crosby.

The addition would house six new classrooms, a chapel, larger office and an additional parking lot.

In 1999, a capital campaign was launched with the goal of raising \$4,000,000. The campaign was kicked off with a \$1,000,000 pledge from the eight deanery parishes that support St. Edward. The generosity of many other businesses and individuals and the support of the Rockford Diocese made it possible to begin construction in the fall of 2000.

On September 19, 2002, the new chapel was blessed—a fitting beginning to a new century.



*The new addition eliminated the need for students make the walk from Hoban Hall across the street, no matter the weather.*

Photo courtesy of the Daily Herald/Bob Chwedyk

A lovely green space now stands on the site of Hoban Hall and Perry Street.



### GOVERNMENT

**Susan Rynell ('93)** earned a B.A. in international affairs from Miami of Ohio,

and an M.A. in international relations from George Washington University in D.C. After working in several positions in Washington, Susie found her way to the State Department, where she is currently serving her third overseas posting. She and her husband first took an assignment in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. They returned to Washington and had two children, then were posted to Prague. They are currently on a tour in Amman, Jordan and looking forward to their next posting in Vienna in 2017. Susie says that "living in an embassy community is not all that different from growing up in the St. Ed's community... Everyone looks out for each other."



### SCIENCE RESEARCH

**Amanda Kepley ('98)** graduated Summa cum Laude from Case Western

Reserve with a B.S. in Astronomy. She earned an M.S. and Ph.D. in astronomy from the University of Wisconsin. She went on to become a Research Associate at the University of Virginia, followed by a postdoctoral fellowship with the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Charlottesville, Virginia. As she describes her work on her LinkedIn page, she "develops and tests new observing techniques...does research...writes software to calibrate and analyze the data...and reports the results in a scientific paper. Her most recent article is "High Resolution Radio and Optical Observations of the Central Starburst in the Low Metallicity Dwarf Galaxy II Zw 40". Amanda describes her work succinctly: she "breaks things for science."

## A TRADITION OF SERVICE

### SERVICE TO OTHERS

The students and alumni of St. Edward are living examples of service to community. Our students contribute their talents to their parishes and to local hospitals and shelters. From contributing to the World War II effort in the earliest years, to the work to help food pantries in the 60s, blood drives for the last 35 years, and to the many students who have and continue to be members of the school's service groups, they carry the values of service to others throughout their lives.



The tradition of community service is strong at St. Edward. In 1953-54 students made monthly visits to the State Hospital.

Limited space precludes a full listing of our alums who serve and the many capacities in which they serve—as professionals or as volunteers.

They contribute to their communities at the level of national, state, and local governments.

St. Ed's counts many alums who contribute to the good of their communities in the medical sector, as nurses, EMTs and doctors. Our alums can be found serving new generations of students in universities, high schools and grade schools all over the country.

Our alums can be found in the offices of charitable foundations, using their skills to work for a cause that will benefit others. Our alums serve as police and firemen with distinction in their communities. Our alums continue to volunteer their time and money throughout their lives. They continue to carry the values of St. Edward to their communities.



The sophomore class sponsored a Christmas toy drive at St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin.

St. Ed's is proud to call them alums.

### MEMORIES

*In 1955, St. Edward was the first school in Elgin to offer driver's education. The Rev. Phillip Kennedy, Superintendent at the time, received the keys to a shiny new Mercury donated by Walter Reed of Elgin Lincoln Mercury.*

*The young women graduating in the last 25 years and now attending St. Ed's would find it hard to believe one of the school rules in the 1960s. Officers were elected for all clubs (Science, Math, National Honor Society and others), each class and, of course, Student Council, but rules at the time determined that young men could be nominated and run for President or Treasurer, while young women ran for Vice President and Secretary. No one knows exactly when that rule disappeared, but fortunately it did.*

*The Mothers' Club became a Parents' Club in the late 1960s and was the guiding spirit behind the Jubilee fundraiser for about ten years. It was revived as the Parents' Association in 1985 and continues to serve the school to this day.*

*No one who was in class one afternoon on November 22, 1963 has forgotten the moment Father Schneider, Superintendent, interrupted all classes to announce the news that John F. Kennedy had been shot in Dallas.*

## TEN-YEAR DATA (2006 – 2016) FOR ST. EDWARD CENTRAL CATHOLIC

- More than \$15 million in scholarships received
- 2 National Merit Finalists
- 1 National Merit Commended Student
- 86 Illinois State Scholars
- 2 appointments to West Point
- 1 appointment to Air Force Academy



St. Edward alums have continued their education at a large number of colleges and universities over the past 75 years. The following is a partial listing of some of the colleges attended by our grads. A perusal of the most recent directory suggests that the top choices for Catholic universities are Notre Dame and Marquette, while the Illinois universities, led by the University of Illinois—Champaign, are the top public choices.

### SAMPLING OF THE MANY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES GRANTING DEGREES TO ST. ED'S ALUMS

Air Force Academy	Iowa State	Texas A&M
Arizona State	ITT Tech	Tulane
Auburn	Judson College	UCLA
Augustana	Kansas State	University of Chicago
Bradley University	Lake Forest College	University of Colorado
Butler University	Loretto Heights College	University of Dayton
Carleton College	Loyola University	University of Illinois
Case Western Reserve	Marquette University	University of Illinois, Chicago
Catholic University of America	Miami of Ohio	University of Iowa
College of St. Theresa	Michigan State	University of Kansas
College of the Holy Cross	Mundelein	University of Michigan
Colorado State	Naval Academy Annapolis	University of Minnesota
Columbia	Northern Illinois	University of Missouri
Creighton	Northwestern	University of Pennsylvania
Dartmouth	Notre Dame	University of Southern California
De Paul University	Ohio State	University of Texas
Devry Institute of Technology	Penn State	University of Virginia
Drake University	Princeton University	University of Wisconsin
Eastern Illinois	Purdue	Valparaiso University
Georgetown	Ripon College	Washington University
George Mason University	San Diego State	West Point
George Washington University	Southern Illinois	Western Illinois
Illinois Benedictine	St. Ambrose College	Western Michigan
Illinois State	St. Louis University	Yale University
Indiana	SUNY, Syracuse	



# JOIN US FOR THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



IN HONOR OF OUR  
**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED  
TO  
COME HOME  
TO  
**ST. EDWARD CENTRAL  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

**Saturday, October 15, 2016**

Open House and Tours of School

12 pm ♦ 1 pm ♦ 2 pm

*St. Edward Central Catholic H.S.  
335 Locust Street, Elgin, IL*

**Mass**

4:00 pm

*St. Laurence Catholic Church  
572 Jewett St., Elgin, IL*

*Most Reverend Bishop David J. Malloy, Celebrant*

**75th Anniversary Celebration**

6:30 to 10:30 pm

*Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria  
(Formerly Embers/Cadillac Ranch)  
1175 W. Lake St., Bartlett  
\$30/person (Must be 21 or older)  
RSVP by October 5, 2016*

We are looking for memorabilia to display at the Celebration. If you have any items you would like to donate or share for the evening, such as yearbooks or school newspapers, or if you would like more information about the events on October 15, please contact us at [alumni@stedhs.org](mailto:alumni@stedhs.org).

We will soon host an alumni section on our school website. Please check the website often at <https://stedhs.org> for updates and information about news and events as they develop. Just click the "Alumni" button on the site.

Anyone interested in participating in the choir for the Mass should contact Chris Jones at [cjones@stedhs.org](mailto:cjones@stedhs.org) for details.

*Green Wave, Green Wave,  
hats off to thee,  
Fight, fight, fight for our victory,  
Shout to the skies our  
Green Wave war cry,  
The bravest will defy.*

*Hold that line for old Green  
and Gold,  
We will win today.  
So fight, fellas, fight and  
We will win this game.*



At a faculty-student touch football game to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of St. Edward, it was only fitting that the faculty also served as cheerleaders.

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| <b>October 15</b>    | <b>75th Anniversary Event</b>     |
| <b>October 28</b>    | <b>Greg True Lunch</b>            |
| <b>November 4</b>    | <b>Pot of Gold</b>                |
| <b>November 6</b>    | <b>Open House, 1-3 pm</b>         |
| <b>December 11</b>   | <b>Christmas Concert, 4:30 pm</b> |
| <b>April 8, 2017</b> | <b>Tidal Wave Auction</b>         |