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## Because of you, St. Edward is growing, advancing in 2017-18



**D**ear Alumni and Friends,  
As we began our 2017-18 school year, there has been a palpable excitement in our school. We welcomed the Class of '21 with 109 freshmen enrolled, the largest freshman class in five years. Our total school enrollment is up 7 percent and we are the only Diocesan high school to see an increase in enrollment. It is an exciting time at St. Edward with new faculty and staff. We have four new teachers, two new school counselors, a full-time Spiritual Director and a new Director of Development. We have added Advanced Placement Computer Science and Anatomy and Physiology courses. We have new programs to support English Language Learners and students

with learning challenges. We have also seen an increase in our ACT scores.  
St. Edward is an exceptional school with a dedicated staff and supportive community. Your generosity has provided tuition assistance for our students and has empowered positive change in our school. I am overwhelmed with the commitment of our community to our beloved school. By God's Grace, we have served the Elgin Deanery for 76 years, and we have been truly blessed as we begin our current year. Thank you for your continued commitment to St. Edward. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Barb Villont  
Superintendent/Principal

## New development/alumni relations director wants to hear from you



**S**t. Edward Central Catholic High School welcomes Donna Lake as our development director. In her role, she will oversee alumni relations, fundraising and marketing for the school.

Lake has significant experience in the non-profit world. Her previous experience includes overseeing communications and philanthropy at Northern Illinois Food Bank. There she helped the organization grow its food distributions to people in need by 116 percent over six years through strategic marketing communications strategies that increased awareness, volunteers

and donations for the food bank.

"I am excited to be part of the St. Edward family, and I look forward to meeting as many parents and alumni as possible," Lake said. "My goal is to ensure that every student, parent and supporter that walks through our doors knows they are valued, and that their St. Edward family is there for them, no matter where their life journey leads."

As editor of this publication, Lake encourages all alumni to email updates about their lives to her at [dlake@stedhs.org](mailto:dlake@stedhs.org). "Whether it's a new job, a new home or a new baby, we want to celebrate with you," she said.

Lake lives in Sleepy Hollow with her husband, Thomas. She enjoys travel, hiking and live theater in her spare time. ■

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Teaching Catholic Values

## Full-time Faith: Fr. Deitz named spiritual director

### Mass Intentions

Mass is said daily immediately after school in the chapel at St. Edward Central Catholic High School. Mass intentions to honor a loved one (living or deceased), or for a special intention, are available for \$10. To request a Mass intention for a specific date, please contact Fr. Deitz, [adeitz@stedhs.org](mailto:adeitz@stedhs.org) or 847-741-7535, ext. 102 to confirm availability. Checks, made out to St. Edward Central Catholic High School, can be mailed to St. Edward, 335 Locust St., Elgin, IL 60123.

**F**or anyone who has been at St. Edward for any purpose this year, you've probably seen Fr. Andrew Deitz. It's not that Fr. Deitz is new to our school. He was here last year a couple of days a week; but, this year, he's accepted the full-time assignment of spiritual director at St. Edward from Bishop Malloy. That means he's responsible for the spiritual formation of the students at St. Edward.

Fr. Deitz is present for students, faculty and staff throughout the day, and often into the evening and on weekends.

"I realize that in order to bring Jesus to the students, they have to trust me. And one of the ways I show them what's important to me is that I show them that they are important to me," Fr. Deitz said.

How does he do that?

"I go to the things that are important to them," he explained. That may be the fall play,

an open house, or sporting events. "Those are the biggest things in their lives right now, and those are the big things in our community, so I go to those because I know those are big things for the students."

Being full-time allows Fr. Deitz the opportunity to be build a rapport with the teens.

"There just wasn't enough time last year. If we are going to take care of the kids that are here, they need to see us every day. It's about

building trust with them and really letting them know you care about them," he said.

And so, Fr. Deitz is approachable. He offers adoration before school every morning, Mass after school every day, confessions during lunch periods, and support throughout the day. He has been known to cheer on sports teams as loudly as any fan, and offer prayers and reassurance for injured students.

He works with faculty, informally and through faculty and staff spiritual retreats each semester.

"Because unlike other schools, Catholic education is not just a job, it's a ministry," Fr. Deitz said. "And, I'm supporting the faculty in their mission, because we are in this together. We need each other."

With Fr. Deitz's guidance, the faculty and staff at St. Edward are working to show students that what they are taught in the classroom has an effect on their everyday life.

"The Catholicism that we learn is the Catholicism that we live," said Fr. Deitz. ■

**"It's about building trust with them and really letting them know you care about them."**

— FR. DEITZ





## One School, One Book

# Connecting

students, faculty, staff in education and empathy

**T**here are many benefits to summer reading. It's long been reported that students pick up on their studies faster when they come back to school in the fall if their summer included reading.

For three years, St. Edward Central Catholic High School has taken that concept a step further, asking all students, faculty and staff to read the same book. The book's theme is then carried through the school year in classrooms from language arts to fashion design to math and science. The goal is to create a greater sense of school community and increased discussions between students at different grade levels.

"The summer reading book goes beyond the classroom walls. The program helps connect students, faculty and staff. Subject matter is chosen in an effort to expand our worldview, understand history and to reinforce a message of tolerance and

going above and beyond," said **AnnMarie** (Wojciechowski) **Dufelmeier '98**, English instructor at St. Edward.

Past books have included "Left to Tell," a personal story of a Rwandan genocide survivor, and Michael Orr's "I Beat the Odds: From Homelessness, to The Blind Side, and Beyond."

This year, the school family read "Maus: My Father Bleeds History," which won author Art Spiegelman a Pulitzer Prize. Spiegelman presents the story of the holocaust and his relationship with his father who was a survivor in a "graphic novel" format. Maus reads like a comic strip; but, the subject matter is serious, and the illustrations provide context, depth and clarity to the narrative.

This format, freshman Raymond Alvaro said, made history come to life. "I never thought you could put such a really important part of history into a graphic novel. It made it really interesting. When you read

a graphic novel, you can actually visualize what is happening inside the story."

The book included diagrams of how families built fake walls to hide Jews from German soldiers, and outlined concentration camps.

Students also watched the movie "Anne Frank" in literature class, and then toured the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, where they met holocaust survivors.

"It was a really emotional experience going through the museum; it's very sad to see all these harmless people get persecuted just because they are Jewish," Alvaro said.

St. Edward faculty will continue to talk about the holocaust through second semester.

Alvaro is glad that the conversation will continue. "I don't want the story to go away," he said. "We have to learn from history to advance society." ■



Rotary Interact members, in collaboration with St. Edward clothing students, donated 60 activity-filled bags to pediatric students at Advocate Sherman Hospital.

## Selfless Service

## Rotary Interact Club Provides Community Collaboration, Leadership

**A**n invitation by the Elgin Noon Rotary Club to send four budding student leaders to a three-day Rotary youth leadership camp last April inspired the students to start a Rotary Interact Club at St. Edward. Seniors Alyssa Sto. Domingo and Ashley Treiber, and juniors Jessica Mote, Phil Welch and Madalynn Duffy lead the club of about 60 members who are committed to Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self." Academic advisor is **AnnMarie** (Wojciechowski) **Dufelmeier, '98**.

In just the first four months of school, Rotary Interact members have created a "Hate Has No Place Here" mural at St. Edward; coordinated a donation drive and collaborated with students in St. Edward clothing classes to create activity bags, sewn by our students and stuffed with donations of crayons, books and toys, for pediatric patients at Advocate Sherman Hospital; volunteered for Easter Seals and Anderson Animal Shelter, and more.

"Rotary's mission is service above self. The students at St. Edward have really embraced that. They have accomplished quite a bit in a short period of time," said former President of the Elgin Noon Rotary Randy Brittain.

Sto. Domingo, who serves as co-president of the Rotary Interact Club at St. Edward, said the club has provided her with confidence and wisdom. "Rotary Interact benefits me by the self-satisfaction of how many faces I can make smile just by simple acts of kindness.

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) and Interact taught me so much about myself that I never knew before. I learned that you should be good enough for yourself and not for anyone else, that you should be pleasing yourself before you please others because it helps you become a more confident and strong individual in order to help others," she said.

Sto. Domingo wants other students to know they are welcome. "I would like for all of the student body to know that we are an open club that does not restrict or have standards in order to be participate in our events. We encourage everyone to be involved because it is such a great experience," Sto. Domingo said.

This fall several Rotary Interact members attended the Rotary District 6440 Youth Summit. Attendees were energized to come back to St. Edward and create more programs that will make a difference in our community. And that is the goal.

"(Rotary Interact) is building future leaders in the community who are involved in working to help others," Brittain said. ■

Rotary Interact was started in Florida in 1964. Today, there are more than

**10,700  
clubs  
in 109  
countries.**

Students, faculty and staff participate in the summer reading program, One Book, One School. Pictured are Mrs. Donna Lake, development director; freshman Raymond Alvaro; and English instructor Mrs. Bethany Prenevost.





Senior Ashley Treiber, right, nominated Mrs. Nancy Gullickson for the international Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction Award.

## Teacher receives Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction Award

Spanish instructor Nancy Gullickson, was honored with the Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction by The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS). A role model to pupils, Nancy was nominated by student Ashley Treiber for outstanding dedication to excellence in the profession.

The honor recognizes exemplary educators whose passion and devotion inspire their students to grow and develop as scholars, leaders and citizens.

Ashley said she appreciates Gullickson's comprehensive teaching approach that ensures every student is connected in the learning process. "Every single person who has ever had Mrs. Gullickson has learned something. Her approach encompasses many different ways of presenting the information -- teaching concepts both through lectured and visual learning and then having students interact. She makes sure every single person in her classroom learns, and she cares," Treiber said.

Gullickson was humbled by the honor. "It means very much to me that Ashley believes the techniques that I use in the classroom were useful and helpful in her education. Helping students recognize that there are different ways to learn is extremely important to me, as these skills will help my students throughout their high school and college years." ■

## Students exceed state, national ACT averages

St. Edward Central Catholic education prepares our students for success in their post-secondary education. The composite ACT score for the class of 2017 was 23.2, exceeding the state composite of 21.4 and the national composite of 21. ■



Students study in the newly remodeled Learning Resource Center.

## Remodeled LRC focuses on technology

After much research, this summer, our Learning Resource Center (LRC) was upgraded to provide a more modern, college-like study experience. As students increasingly research and read books online, we've added computer stations, transformed storage rooms into group study rooms, and created an open space for studying. Students have given it the thumbs up. Freshman Delilah Bello-Herrera, said, "The new LRC is quiet, peaceful and you can get help from teachers when you need it." The LRC is open until 6 p.m. every school day, providing a place for students to study after school. ■

## Senior Reno Domel recognized in top 3.3 percent

About 1.6 million high school students each year take the PSAT test. Of those, about 3.3 percent are Commended Scholars and just 1.1 percent are chosen as National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalists. We are proud to announce that Reno Domel has been named a National Merit Commended Scholar. ■



Reno Domel

# FALL SPORTS ROUNDUP

### 1. CHEER

Nineteen girls rallied students and parents alike on the sidelines of this fall's football games. Highlights included a game-show themed homecoming routine, "SpongeBob" theme dances and a halftime routine on Neon Night. On Senior Night, the team was a part of the historic football win, when the cheer team and students prayed the Hail Mary together in the last two critical minutes of the game.

Tyler Holte, Brett Kruska, David Madden and Nick Wright were named All-Conference.

### 4. BOYS' GOLF

The boys' golf team finished the season with a 5-8 overall and a 4-2 conference record. Taking fourth out of seven in the Metro Tournament, Tom McQueeney placed fourth individually and was named All-Conference, and sophomores Michael Mindykowski and Oliver Inciong placed first and fourth, respectively, in their grade level. All three qualified for the IHSA Sectional Tournament.

Herscher ShootOut; PepsiCo Showdown LUNgevity Division Champions; Genoa-Kingston Regional Champions; Rockford Christian Sectional Champions; and Benedictine University SuperSectional Champions. Seventeen players were named MSC Academic All-Conference: Chase Brieger, Peter Cholewa, Adam Davis, Alex Doruelo, AJ Franklin, Connor Franczak, Jackson Godfrey, Josh Johansen, Eli Nordan, Josh Nordan, Zach Olenek, Evan Sajtar, Carson Scarnegie, Christopher Semler, Jacob Shepherd, Sammy Shepherd, and Marc Stasinski. Seven were named to the MSC Red All Conference: Chase Brieger, Uriel Carachure, AJ Franklin (MCS Red Player of the Year and Conference MVP), Will Gaston, Josh Johansen, Carson Scarnegie and Evan Sajtar. Senior AJ Franklin set the record for St. Edward single-season (70) and career goals (139), and was second in all-time single season IHSA goals. Josh Johansen set a record for all time assists in a single season (43) and career assists (59) for St. Edward. That put him fourth in IHSA single season assists. Will Gaston ended the season with a career 51 goals, placing him seventh in St. Edward history. Coach **Tim Brieger, '91**, celebrated his 1,000th game.

### 2. CROSS COUNTRY

Greenwave girls were conference champions. Earning Metro Suburban All-Conference recognition were Maddie Ellsworth, Katie Ellsworth, Sophie Danner, Kailey Wood and Jase Leonard.

### 3. FOOTBALL

The Greenwave football team went 5-4 this season, narrowly missing the IHSA state playoffs by a tie breaker. The team was bolstered by 15 seniors, one of the largest senior classes in recent history. The team had some exceptional wins, including week one over perennial 5A state powerhouse Metamora, and their homecoming game, where they beat Fenton 55-21. The most exciting game was arguably on Senior Night, a nail-biter in which a touch down was scored in the final two seconds, and the Wave's 2-point attempt for the 29-28 win brought the house down as the crowd, fans, water girls, cheerleaders, and even Father Dietz rushed the field to celebrate the Greenwave's victory!

### 5. GIRLS' GOLF

Finishing 6-5 in their matches, the girls' golf team marked a winning season for the first time in several years. Jordan Mattas and Katie Maloney both finished All-Conference and came in second and seventh, respectively, at the Conference Tournament. Qualifying for sectionals was a career goal accomplishment for senior Maloney. In addition to competing at sectionals, Jordan Mattas qualified and competed in the state tournament, finishing 27th in Class 1A Girls with rounds of 85-82. Three of the team's six players, Maloney, Mattas and Isabella Palacios, are graduating this year.

### 6. SOCCER

Placing third in the IHSA Class A state finals, the boys' soccer team finished with a 27-2-0 record for the year and set school records for number of wins and number of consecutive wins in a season. They also claimed the following titles: MSC Red Champions (7-0);

### 7. VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team finished third in the conference with a record of 17-18. Big highlights were beating Timothy Christian and Ridgewood once this season. Games were close in the regional championship; St. Edward lost to Walther Christian Academy 19-25, 25-21, 21-25.







# St. Edward Annual Award Honorees

Each year, St. Edward Central Catholic High School honors an alum, a teacher, a volunteer and a patron for their unwavering service to our students and our school. This year's nominees are exemplary role models for living our Catholic values. They will be honored at Tidal Wave: La Vita Bella on April 14, 2018.

## ALUM OF YEAR

*Ted Meyers*

Alum of the Year, **Ted Meyers, '78**, visited with students this fall. Meyers, a fourth-generation attorney in St. Charles, says being named Alum of the Year is, "a great honor."



## ST. GREGORY THE GREAT AWARD

*Jackie Tabbert*

Mrs. Tabbert, Foods and Clothing Instructor, center, has been recognized with the St. Gregory the Great Award for her years of devotion to our students.



## PATRON OF THE YEAR AWARD

*Joe Bero Plumbing*

Joe Bero Plumbing, has been awarded Patron of the Year. Maria Corso, left, and Donna Lake, right, presented Joe Bero, center, with a cake this fall.



## LOYAL ORDER OF ST. EDWARD

*Frank Celarek*

Tidal Wave Chair Maria Corso and Superintendent/Principal Barb Villont surprised Loyal Order of St. Edward nominee Frank Celarek with the news while he was announcing a girls' volleyball game.

## Hall of Fame Inductees: 1979 Golf Team



Top: The St. Edward Boys' Golf Team.

Bottom: The 1979 Boys' Golf Team today. L to R: Joe Snellgrove, Andy Schweik, Coach Jim Perkins, Mark Thorne and Tom Scalamera. Not pictured: Shawn Brady and Russell Spaulding.

The class of 1979 boys' golf team was inducted into the St. Edward Hall of Fame at the annual Greg True – Jim Biggins Hall of Fame Luncheon in October. **Shawn Brady, '82, Thomas Scalamera, '80, Andrew Schweik, '81, Joseph Snellgrove, '80, Russell Spaulding, '81, and Mark Thorne, '80** placed second in state amidst terrible weather conditions.

"I remember the last day in state tournament. It is something I will never forget; the wind was horrible. Everything that could go wrong did," Snellgrove said as he recalled hitting into a 40-mile-per-hour wind. "But it was a lot of fun."

The team also achieved many personal bests and records at sectional and district competition.

"I am grateful that I had the opportunity to play golf with some very talented individuals and under the leadership of Joe, Mark, Tom and Coach Perkins," Schweik said.

The group still enjoys the game of golf today.

"I still golf every week," Thorne told luncheon attendees.

All were humbled to be part of the team inducted this year into the Hall of Fame.

"It was truly an honor to have our team elected to the St. Ed's Hall of Fame, the recognition means a lot to us. Personally, my time at St. Edward's was some of the best times of my life. I feel very fortunate to have the great experience that I did there; I will cherish those memories for the rest of my life," Snellgrove said.

Proceeds from the luncheon support the Greg True Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to St. Edward students in need. ■



**Tidal Wave:**  
La Vita Bella

**Saturday,**  
April 14, 2018  
5:30 p.m.

**Chicago Marriott  
Northwest,**  
Hoffman Estates

**La Vita Bella**

## St. Edward High School 29th Annual Benefit Dinner Auction

Once a year, parents, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of St. Edward Central Catholic High School gather for food, fun and entertainment, all to raise funds for our school and for scholarships for students in need. The 2018 Tidal Wave, chaired by parent volunteers, Vito and Maria Corso, takes on an Italian-theme for the dinner-auction-gala that will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the Chicago Marriott Northwest starting at 5:30 p.m. "La Vita Bella" – a peaceful, uncomplicated, yet interesting, good life – reflects the spirit around St. Edward High School.

John and Lori Ann Pettet; Joe and **Lisa, '88**, (Sauceda) Busto; **Eric, '91**, and Nicole Sauceda; and Mike and Theresa Rolando hosted the "kick-off" party that was held in the school's beautiful courtyard early in the fall. The senior parents hosted a party that celebrated the senior class and gathered electronic gifts for the auction. Co-sponsors of this party were Blake and **Christine, '88**, (Hoffman) Rejman; **David, '83**, and **Erin, '84**, (O'Connor) Madden; Mark and Lisa Gaston; Mike and Amy Warner; **Dennis, '84**, and Jackie Knott; Dan and Jen Davis; Karl and Kristin Kruska; Mike and Louise Holte; Paul and Maria Cumpata; Scott and Mary Mattas; and Tracy Franklin.

Future parties will be hosted by freshman, sophomore and junior parents. More than 400 items are necessary to fill the auction tables to create interest and bidding. Some gifts already received include Cubs tickets with parking, Bears tickets, two nights at the Las Vegas Mirage, a week in Galena, outdoor patio set and patio bar and Google Home Mini.

A brunch for alumni is planned for Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018 at the Elgin Country Club at 11:30 a.m. Alums are invited to attend and meet the 2018 honorees. Entry is a gift for the Tidal Wave auction valued at \$100 or more.

In addition to donating gifts, sponsorship opportunities are available for both the brunch and Tidal Wave: La Vita Bella. For more information on volunteering, sponsorship, gift donations or tickets, please call Maria Corso at 847-372-9567 or the Tidal Wave office at 847-741-7535, ext. 123, or email tidalwave2018@stedhs.org. ■





# Alumni News

## 1950s



The **Class of '57** held a 60<sup>th</sup> class reunion on Aug. 20, 2017 at Randall Oaks Golf Club. It was chaired by **Patty (Aguirre) Anderson, Dave Edwards, Jim Johnston** and **Dorothy (Lehman) Schultz**.

## 1960s



**Manny Barbosa, '65**, received an honorary doctorate degree from the University of Matehuala, in Mexico, as well as a Lifetime Achievement Award from both the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute and ALIVIO of Chicago. In September 2017, the Elgin City Council voted unanimously to place the Honorary name of The Honorable Manuel Barbosa on Douglas Avenue downtown where he had an office for 20 years. The Honorable Manny Barbosa is a retired U.S. Bankruptcy Judge and serves on the Board of directors for METRA, and is chairman of the Kane County Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Rev. Robert Camacho, '60**, retired from St. Laurence Parish in Elgin, Ill., where he will continue to reside, on May 28, 2017. He will continue serving and saying Mass at area parishes.

The **Class of '67** met at The Public House in August to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.



## 1970s



The **Class of '72** came together at Danny's Pizza in August. Pictured are, Row 1: **Carole Sieracki, Pat Carmody, Debbie (Carr) Zimmerman, Christopher Dolan, Shawn O'Leary**. Row 2: **Rick Graffagna, Kathy (Pesch) Stefani, Karen (Real) Bassler, Mary (Hale) Limburg, Paula (Meyers) Feucht, Dan Dicken, Diane (Sterrick) Dinkheller, Linda (Kleiser) Conro, Connie (Oliviero) Kerber, John Schuman, Margie (Kanies) Washer, Paul Milnamow**.



The **Class of '77** held their 40<sup>th</sup> class reunion over Homecoming weekend. Several class members toured St. Edward before the game.

## 2000s



**Katie (Zurek) Cosgrove, '01**, married Brian Cosgrove on July 23, 2016 at St. James Church in Arlington Heights, Ill. They celebrated their wedding with St. Edward faculty and alumni.



**Katie (Yakle) Sengmany, '02**, and husband Johnny, show off future Green Wave graduate, Thomas.

**Have you recently changed jobs, gotten married, retired, had a baby? We want to hear from you! Please send your updates to Donna Lake, [dlake@stedhs.org](mailto:dlake@stedhs.org).**

## Biking Along the Danube River

For **Geoff Fox, '58**, touring by bicycle is ideal. In September, Geoff, his son Greg, a friend from Germany and a friend from Canada peddled across Germany and Austria.

"In a car or a train, you go too fast to observe details, and hiking can simply take too long. By bike you see everything and experience the smells, changes in temperature, as well as sounds along the way," he said.

Riding from Germany's Black Forest to Passau in Bavaria, Geoff and his German friend traveled along the Danube River, winding along vertical rock walls and flat plains, through towns including Ingolstadt, Kelheim, Regensburg, Staubing and Deggendorf.

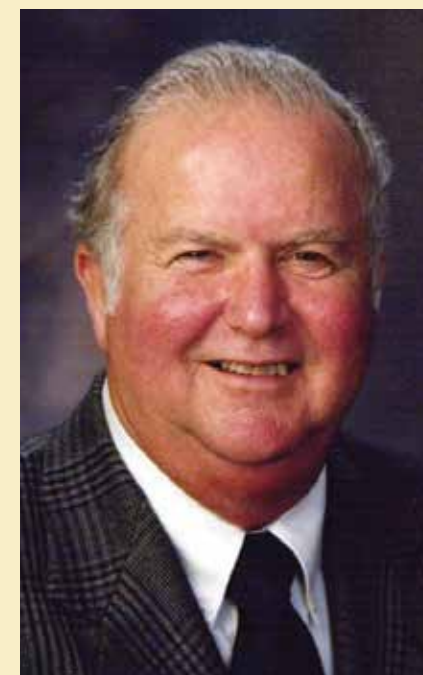
Among the highlights in Austria was touring the cathedral in Passau where they heard a concert featuring largest organ in the world – 17,974 pipes. The foursome visited two of Austria's historic sites: Stift Melk, a Benedictine Monastery founded in 1089 and rebuilt in 1702, and the Mauthausen concentration camp from World War II. When Fox, his wife, Josie and their two oldest sons visited the monastery in 1977, it was virtually unknown. Today, it's a major tourist destination.

In Vienna, Fox found transportation to be exceptional. "The subway, streetcar and bus lines are well integrated. A wait of 10 minutes is unusual," he said.

Still glowing about the experience, Fox encourages his fellow alums to take up biking, starting with the Fox River Trail. "Consider it as preparation for a future European bike trip." ■

## In Memoriam

A dear friend of St. Edward, one of the founders of the Greg True – Jim Biggins Hall of Fame Luncheon, supporter of our scholarship program and champion for our school in general, **Richard "Dick" Fitchie, '64**, of Elgin, was called home to our Lord on July 9, 2017 at the age of 70. Dick was a St. Edward High School Hall of Fame inductee and St. Edward Foundation board member. In addition to his great support for our school, Dick was past president of the Elgin Sports Hall of Fame, where he started the yearly golf outing to raise scholarship money for local high schools and college athletics. In his death, he continued his support for St. Edward students in need by leaving a generous \$30,000 gift to the Don Fitchie Memorial Scholarship Fund at St. Edward, a scholarship named for Dick's late father.



**Lou Ann (Martensen) Armstrong, '48**, of Elgin, Oct. 30, 2017. She had worked at Illinois Bell and at Burn's Pharmacy until its closing.

**Jo Ann Yates, '60**, of Washington, D.C., Aug. 18, 2017. She spent 43 years as an educator on the east coast, receiving Maryland Governor's Citations in 1985 and 2013 for outstanding service.

**Karen Diamond, '77**, of Elgin, June 10, 2017. She was employed as a school nurse at Channing Elementary School.

**Peter Andrew DeBoer, '50**, in Tyler, Texas. He served in the United State Marine Corps, and enjoyed a successful career as a realtor.

**Marylyn (McCord) Nottolini**, wife of **Jules Nottolini, '58**, of Johnsburg, Ill., May 7, 2017.

**Cipriano "Cip" Siete, Sr., '50**, of Elgin. He was an Air Force veteran where he was assigned to the Office of Special Investigations. Cip was the first Hispanic police officer in Elgin and raised through the ranks to Sergeant before retiring in 1981. Later, he was the

manager of security at Spring Hill Mall and a Kane County Deputy Sheriff.

**Ralph Gierens, '66**, of Winfield, May 10, 2017. He was the IHSA Boys Individual Golf Champion in 1966 and an inductee to the St. Edward Sports Hall of Fame.

**Timothy Ryan Johnston, '90**, of Loves Park, Ill., April 22, 2017. He enjoyed staging and designing spaces for major retailers and people's homes. Among his survivors are his father **James M. (Betty) Johnston Sr., '57**; brother **James M. (Michelle) Johnston Jr., '84**; and his aunt, **Shirley (Johnston) Bleser, '54**.

**Robert J. "Bobby" Saucedo, '72**, of Elgin, June 27, 2017. He was a starter on the 1972 St. Edward basketball team, the first team to make it to the "final eight." Surviving are brothers Peter and **Art, '56**.

**Lawrence J. "Larry" Sorce, '57**, of Elgin, passed away in Scottsdale, Ariz., Dec. 30, 2016.

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## Upcoming Events

### **Freshman Placement Test**

Saturday, January 6, 2018  
8 a.m. at St. Edward  
Central Catholic

### **Catholic Schools Week**

Sunday, Jan. 28 – Saturday,  
Feb. 3, 2018

### **Mass and 6th Grade Visit Day**

Thursday, February 1, 2018  
10:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### **Registration**

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018  
4:30 – 7 p.m.

### **Registration**

Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018  
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### **Tidal Wave: La Vita Bella gala**

Saturday, April 14, 2018

### **Spring Musical**

Friday, April 20 – Sunday,  
April 22, 2018

### **Fine Arts Festival**

Sunday, April 29, 2018

### **Baccalaureate and Graduation**

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

## Shopping at Amazon?

If your holiday gift giving takes you to Amazon, please consider using [www.Smile.Amazon.com](http://www.Smile.Amazon.com), Amazon's charity site, where, when you select St. Edward Central Catholic High School as your charity of choice, Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase to St. Edward!

## Support the St. Edward Legacy with a Year-End Gift

**F**or 76 years, St. Edward Central Catholic High School has been heralded for providing students with an exemplary college-preparatory education and helping them develop their relationships with Jesus Christ.

As an alum, you have played an important role in shaping our St. Edward legacy.

St. Edward remains an exceptional value. Yet, tuition covers just 59 percent of the cost of educating a student at St. Edward. We rely on our alumni family to help us bridge the gap, so our students continue to receive a high school experience that prepares them for success in college, and provides them a moral compass to guide their daily lives.

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