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An Alumna and Former Teacher Reflects on June Alumni Event

Wendy (Lamprecht) Parsons shares her thoughts about our Alumni event held on June 4th.

"It was special. I enjoyed visiting with some people with whom I attended St. John's, particularly two girlfriends (Jenny Hein Claudy and Ann Short Lesh), but I think the most fun for me was seeing so many of my teachers, as well as the people who served with me on the faculty during my tenure at St. John's. There were six of my former teachers in attendance, as well eight of my colleagues (not counting the three that overlap!) It was particularly surprising to see Vicki Goltermann and Paul and Vicki Groth. What fun it was remembering teaching with Vicki Goltermann and having Mr. Groth as a seventh grade/junior high/choir

teacher! Singing the anthem in church with everyone, including my mother and my aunt was a highlight as well. It really drove home what a touchstone St. John's has been in my life: my childhood there as a student, my family's long tradition in the school and church, and the connection with the faculty through my seven years of teaching there."



Walcamp

Memories of outdoor education at Walcamp abound. The program began in the spring of 1969 with the sixth graders leaving on Sunday afternoon and returning on Tuesday. In the spring of 1970 Mr. Zimdahl began directing the program and did so through 2013. Under his leadership the experience gradually grew from the two day program to a full week. In 1984 the second graders began coming out on Wednesday of the Walcamp week to share in activities led by the sixth grade. Several alumni have shared the following memories from their Walcamp time.

"Mud, mud, ...and more mud!"

"Trying to start a campfire when all the wood was soaking wet!"

"The river flooded and the floor in our rooms was wet. That may sound bad, but nothing was damaged. We sat around the campfire and laughed. It was just a lot of fun."



Memories to Share

Do you have a Walcamp memory, or some other memory from your time at St. John's that you'd like to share? We have a Memory Fund set up that will benefit St. John's School, and we have donors who will donate \$5 to this fund each time we have another memory that is shared. So far that fund has \$40. So we remind you...\$5 for your thoughts!

Simply click [here](#) to share your St. John's memory and a \$5 donation will be added to the Memory Fund.

Technology Grant

St. John's students this year will once again be blessed with a gift from the Harvery and Ethel Daeumer Foundation that will enhance our technology learning tools. The gift of more than \$11,000 will be used to purchase and install interactive white board technology in grades two through five, matching what is already in use in the first grade classroom. Part of the funds will also be used to bring the preschool's hands-on computer up to date. What a blessing the Daeumer Foundation is to many schools in the Fox Valley area, including St. John's!

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- 1/6 of the school year is already complete. Mid-trimester reports have been sent home.
 - Parent Teacher conferences will be the week of October 9th.
 - Teachers attended the NID Teachers Conference on October 6th.

Notes from the

- Sixth grade chrome books have arrived..
- Monthly baptism birthday celebrations are wonderful in building community.

Interim Principal

Facebook Page

We are currently working to create and active alumni Facebook page and engage a wide following for it. Look for more to come on this!



DINNER TABLE \$50	KENTUCKY AVENUE \$50	CHANCE	INDIANA AVENUE \$50	ILLINOIS AVENUE \$50	INDO BALCONY \$50	ATLANTIC AVENUE \$50	VIRGINIA AVENUE \$50	TEXAS \$50	MARYLAND GARDENS \$50	JOB
<p align="center">St. John's Lutheran Church & School Requests that you SAVE THE DATE</p> <p><i>What:</i> "MONOPOLY" Dinner Auction <i>When:</i> Friday, April 20, 2018, 6:00 – 9:00 pm <i>Where:</i> St. John's Gym, 115 N. Spring St., Elgin, IL 60120 <i>Why:</i> Drinks, Appetizers, Dinner & Celebrity Desserts, Silent & Live Auctions, "Take a Chance", "Go To Jail" (or Just Visit)</p> <p align="center">Bring your friends and Roll the dice!</p> <p align="center"><i>For reservations & more info: Please call 847.741.7633</i></p>										
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