

ALUMNI OF HOLY GHOST

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SPRING 2022

A LIFETIME AT HG:
DUANE DUBOIS REFLECTS
ON HIS EXPERIENCE

SUCCESS!
A LOOK AT OUR FIRST
COLLEGE CARE
PACKAGE DRIVE

DIRECTING A
MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Meet **AMY MCGLINN**

**INTRODUCING
HOLY GHOST**

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

From Melissa and Lynette...



Trunk or Treat – October 2021

We are pleased to present to you the second edition of the Alumni Newsletter, "The Embers." Throughout this process we have thoroughly enjoyed learning more about people we have known practically our entire lives. Being able to share these stories to the various generations of our school brings us great joy.

We also want to take a moment to thank you for your support of our efforts with this group. The response we received from our first newsletter was absolutely incredible. To everyone that emailed, called, wrote letters, and took the time to express your gratitude we appreciate it more than you know.



Lynette Boesken (Klettke)
Class of '97

Melissa Forsey (Fuerch)
Class of '95

This fall we had fun representing the Alumni group at a couple of school events. The outdoor craft bazaar in October was our kickoff to our first ever College Care Package drive. We were also able to share photos, "alumni merch" and information with those who stopped by.

At the school's Halloween Trunk or Treat event, we dressed up as the "Holy Ghost Flames" and handed out Hot Tamales, Fireballs, and Takis to the students. We also tried bringing back some old Holy Ghost cheers but couldn't quite remember all of the moves.

We have more fun planned in the future. Many have asked about an alumni gathering event. This is something we eventually hope to pull together so stay tuned.

In the meantime be sure to check out our website and social media pages to keep up with the latest news. Most importantly, invite your fellow alumni!

If you are joining us for the first time, be sure to complete our Alumni Survey.

Happy Spring!
-L & M

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Encourage your alumni friends and family to do the same!

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On Deck For Spring

Join your friends at these events coming up at the school!



HOLY GHOST CAKE AUCTION

FRIDAY, APRIL 29th

ST. JAMES
CHURCH
(AUDITORIUM)

DOORS 6:00 PM
AUCTION 7:00 PM

Half of money raised will go to a family at the school in need.



SPRING CRAFT SHOW AND CHICKEN BBQ

SATURDAY, MAY 21st

HOLY GHOST
PARKING LOT

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

FALL RECAP

The **2021 Bergholz 5K** took place on Saturday, September 25th. It was a great success with just under 80 participants in the 5K and many more completing the 1 mile fun run/walk. Many alumni joined in and alumnus Josh Klettke took home the 1st place stein for the top overall male finisher! Looking forward to next September's race!



Throughout the month of October we held our first **College Care Package Drive** – and your response well surpassed our expectations!

The week of November 22nd fourteen care packages were sent out to our alumni who are in their first two years of college, and those alumni who belong to the church in any year of college. The packages were **filled to the brim** with all sorts of goodies, including plenty of candy, snacks, a scripture advent calendar, socks, a blanket, and even letters from our current 2nd graders at HG. Several of the recipients responded with huge smiles on their faces. To some this was a complete surprise and a much needed package of joy to brighten their mood as they headed into the toughest part of the semester. Some have even written back to the 2nd graders encouraging them to continue working hard and always say their prayers.



"THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! I APPRECIATE THIS SO MUCH, IT'S THE PERFECT SURPRISE FOR A STRESSFUL TIME IN THE SEMESTER. HERE'S A PIC OF ME WITH MY CARE PACKAGE!"

"MY DAUGHTER RECEIVED HERS. THE SMILE ON HER FACE AND IN HER VOICE WAS HEARTWARMING."

"WHEN MY DAUGHTER RECEIVED HER CARE PACKAGE, SHE SENT ME A PICTURE AND SAID 'DAD THIS IS AWESOME, WHO DOES THIS?!?'"

"THANK YOU SOOOO MUCH! I LOVE IT AND SO DO MY ROOMMATES!"



Dear Second Graders,
It has been a long time since I was in second grade at Holy Ghost School! I am in my second year of college now and the work is hard. I remember studying for spelling tests. They helped get me ready for my tests now. Work hard and say your prayers!

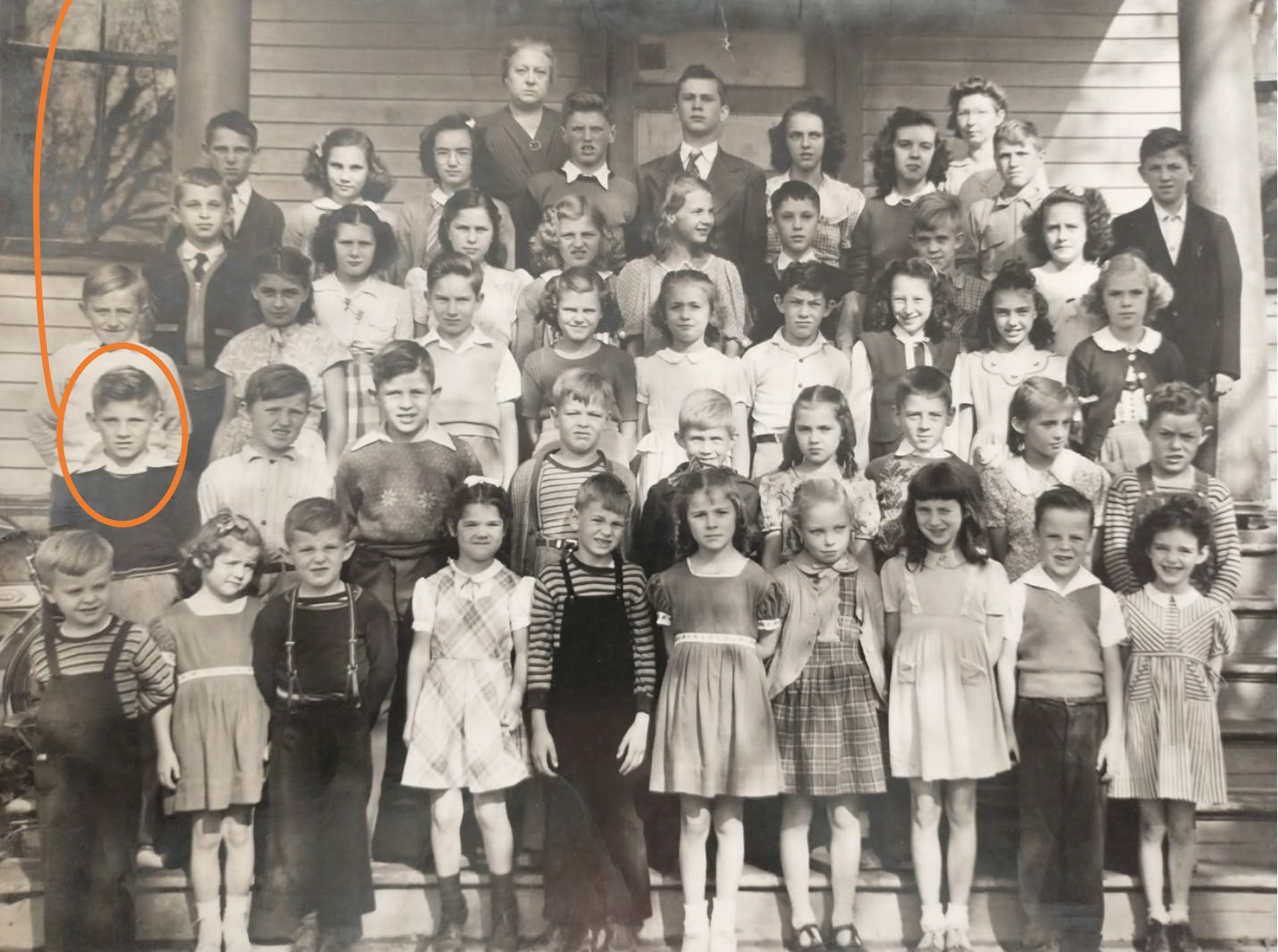


To the Holy Ghost Alumna,
Thank you so much for the care package, it was very sweet! It motivated me to study even harder :) Thank you for all the goodies. It means a lot to know everyone is rooting for me!
Sincerely,
Meghan Male



Sending a HUGE THANK YOU to all for your donations and support of our younger alumni. We hope this is the start of a yearly tradition and are already looking forward to this project for next year!

DUANE DUBIOS: A LIFETIME AT HOLY GHOST



HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN SCHOOL: 1948

Bottom Row: Gerald Buetel, ?, ?, Cecila Camann, Larry Steingasser, Betty Hassan, Nancy Camann, Nancy Mueller, Bill Fuerch, Helene Jones. **Second Row:** Duane DuBois, Norman Jagow, Lenord Camann, George Shultz, Gilbert Wilkson, Nancy Stoelting, ?, ?, Danial Krull. **Third Row:** Noel Eggert, ?, Harol Moll, Carol Steingasner, Dawn Furry, Richard Krull, Carol Fuerch (Hughes), ?, Helen Stoelting. **Fourth Row:** Wayne Stoelting, ?, ?, ?, Duane Stoelting, Curtis Wilkson, ? **Fifth Row:** ?, Dolores Hill (Jagow), ?, Lenard Jagow, Marvin Stoelting, Beverly Mueller, June Williams (Stenzel), ?, Donald Jagow.

"After graduating from Holy Ghost School I attended Gaskill Junior High School in Niagara Falls for two years and then went to Niagara Falls High School on Pine Avenue my junior year and senior years, graduating in 1958 and riding on a school bus for the first time. It was a huge change going from a small school to one that had 700 students. At Niagara Falls High School I played trombone in the school band and played varsity football, making All-League. I was selected to play in the Ad Club All Star football game at the old Civic Stadium in Buffalo and was voted the most valuable lineman. I received several football scholarship offers and chose the University of Nebraska on a full scholarship, playing with several men that were eventually drafted into the NFL. I attended the University of Nebraska for two years and then chose to take a different path in life.

"I came back to Niagara Falls and went to a welding school to learn a trade and then worked 38 years for Tribacher in Niagara Falls. After they closed the plant I worked for a company in Tonawanda for five years, retiring as an Industrial Mechanic in 2003 at age 63.

"In 1964 I joined the US Army Reserves stationed on Porter Road in Niagara Falls and served for six years. In 1965 I met my future wife, Kathy Marzolf from North Tonawanda, at a church softball game, where two friends introduced us. We were married in April 1967 and were blessed with two wonderful daughters, Amy and Heidi.

"Amy attended Holy Ghost from grades K-8, eventually graduating from UB with a Registered Nursing degree, working at Children's Hospital for several years. In 1995 she married Todd Murray and had two children, Jared (22) and Megan (19). Both her children, my grandchildren, attended Holy Ghost from PreK-8th grade and are now in college, Jared at UB studying Computer Science Engineering and Megan at Geneseo studying Anthropology.

"Jared and Megan are the fourth generation to attend Holy Ghost school in our family; their great-grandfather, Arthur Dubois, attended the first school, followed by myself and my sister, Jane Andrews, followed by my daughter Amy Murray and then her two children, Jared and Megan.

"I cannot express enough how important a Christian education was to me and my family. It has shaped all our lives through every generation, giving us all a strong faith and a purpose in life. It is a firm foundation that continues to mold our lives even today. The outstanding academics, personal attention and Christian love shown at Holy Ghost school by the wonderful and dedicated teachers and staff is still on display today, 178 years after my forefathers immigrated here from Germany.

"Thinking back to my experience at Holy Ghost school, I recall grades 1-4 were on the first floor with one teacher and grades 5-8 on the second floor with one teacher. I remember riding my bike to school and in the winter, walking through deep snow and snowstorms, living about a mile away. We had no organized sports activities, no musical instruction, and no field trips. We always looked forward to our special Christmas Eve program which included recitations from each student. After the service, all the kids got a brown bag filled with fruit, nuts and some hard candy; we all appreciated that.

"For Confirmation class the 7th and 8th graders were asked to memorize 300 questions and answers in the Small Catechism. On Question Sunday, Pastor Dahlke asked us random questions in front of the congregation. I remember one time in Confirmation class, one of the boys had checked his trap lines before he came to class and after walking into the room, Pastor Dahlke smelled something bad. The boy confessed he had been sprayed by a skunk while checking his traps. Pastor did excuse him from class that day.

"Every June there was a church and Sunday school picnic with games, food, chowder and children's parade, with all the kids dressing up. Everyone looked forward to the picnic, with fun fellowship."

"I remember working on the construction of our third school building in 1956 and fellowship hall in 1958. I helped put up the ceiling tile in the fellowship hall and us younger men put stones down for all the sidewalks and driveway, in preparation for the concrete being poured.

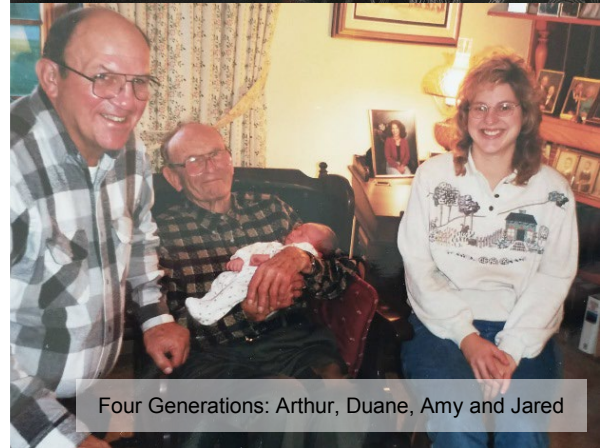
"The 1967 construction of our present church began with a lot of volunteer labor. My contribution was dumping a lot of stones by wheelbarrow for the church basement and cutting rebar holes in the I-beams for the heating pipes. One of the big jobs was nailing the roofing to the rafters with three pound hammers, using spikes that were seven inches long. Some of the men went into the woods to cut trees to support roof rafters during bricklaying for the walls. Men would work well into the night after working their day jobs; they were very dedicated. Norm Camann did the plumbing and heating, Norm Moll all the electrical work, and Charles Carr Sr. was overseer of the construction. Many members of the congregation participated and helped in some way, either physically, financially, or both.

"I've been retired now for 18 years and try to stay active and busy tending to my large garden and sharing the produce, playing trombone for the Bergholz German Band for 50 years, and taking hikes with Kathy on trails in the area. In past years, Kathy and I enjoyed bike riding and traveling the word, especially our trip to Israel and Jordan with other members of our congregation. Through the years it's been a privilege to do maintenance and handy-man jobs at Holy Ghost church and school, working with my fellow retirees. I also enjoy cutting grass and gardening at church and school, making things look neat and cared for. I am thankful for the health and strength God has given me and very blessed to have my immediate family live close by; we are all very close and enjoy being together and helping one another."

Duane Arthur DuBois
Attended Holy Ghost School from 1947-1954,
grades 1-8



Duane and Kathy



Four Generations: Arthur, Duane, Amy and Jared



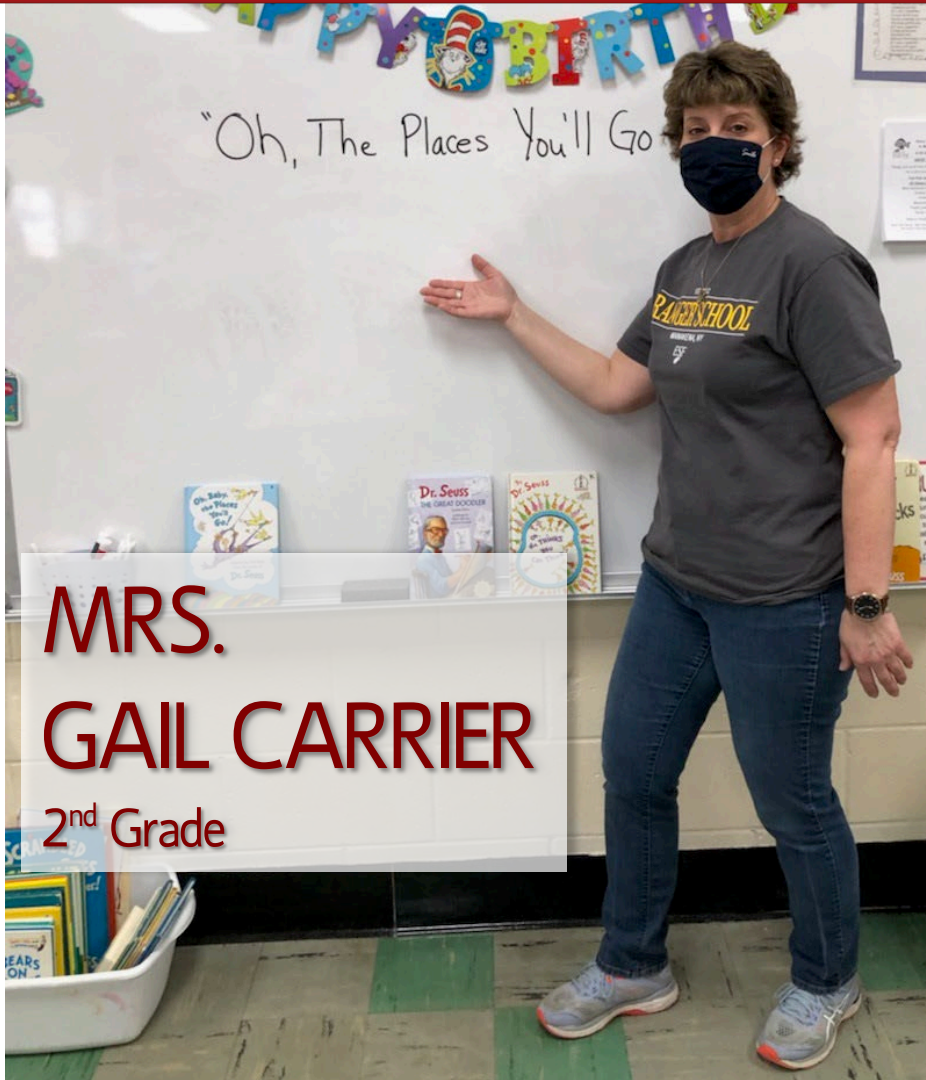
Confirmation Class 1954

Front Row: Gerald Mante, William Fuerch, Pastor Dahlke, Nancy Camann. **Back Row:** Duane DuBois, Yvonne DeVantier, Nancy Mueller.

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR THE NEXT ALUMNI TO SPOTLIGHT. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR HAVE AN IDEA OF SOMEONE WE SHOULD TALK TO LET US KNOW. EMAIL: ALUMNIOFHOLYGHOST@GMAIL.COM OR REACH OUT TO LYNETTE OR MELISSA ANYTIME.

MEET THE TEACHERS

WE OFTEN HEAR THAT THE BEST PART OF HOLY GHOST IS ITS TEACHERS. SO EACH ISSUE WE'LL INTERVIEW A CURRENT TEACHER AT HOLY GHOST, TO GET TO KNOW THESE AMAZING PEOPLE A LITTLE BIT BETTER.



**MRS.
GAIL CARRIER**
2nd Grade

As a child in the 1970s and 80s, Gail Carrier (Stoelting) walked through the doors of Holy Ghost Lutheran School each morning, usually after walking or riding her bike to school. The school buzzer would buzz five minutes before the school day started, and again at 8:30am to signal the beginning of the school day. Each classroom contained two grades of students with one teacher, her favorites being Mrs. Witkop for third and fourth grade and Mr. Kerr for eighth grade. She recalls going outside in all kinds of weather for recess- playing on the huge piles of snow in the winter, and playing kickball or spending time on the swings in nice weather. It might surprise current students to know that the teacher stayed inside the school during recess and would call the kids from the school doors when it was time to come back inside.

Mrs. Carrier was encouraged to become a teacher by the director of a daycare center where she worked. The director accommodated her schedule to allow her to keep her job but to obtain her teaching degree from Buffalo State College at the same time. After graduating, she took a long-term

substitute position at St. Peter North Ridge, and then in 1994 Mrs. Carrier walked back through Holy Ghost school doors on her first day as a first and second grade teacher. She had a sense of deja vu, as she found books in the school library that had her name in them from when she checked them out as a student years before! She was again able to experience chapel, the annual Christmas lunch, and track and field day, this time as a teacher instead of a student. Throughout her time teaching, Holy Ghost has grown with the addition of four classrooms, as well as additional classrooms where the stage used to be, and currently the "megaroom" being utilized for teaching inside the gymnasium.

Mrs. Carrier currently teaches second grade, which she says is her absolute favorite grade to teach! She particularly loves Tasting Tuesdays in second grade where they try a new food each week and journal the experience, as well as teaching her students about the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. She loves how the students embrace the Iditarod each year, and one of her favorite stories is when a student brought their life-sized stuffed Husky, Hank, to lead their sled dog team inside the classroom, and then continued the tradition at home for a couple of years with Hank as lead dog. The creativity and fun she puts into lessons she teaches in the classroom linger for years to come.

AT A GLANCE

Gail Carrier Second Grade

Graduated Holy Ghost: 1982
Began Teaching at Holy Ghost: 1994
Grades Taught at Holy Ghost: 1st and 2nd
2009 FASNY Teacher of the year



MEET THE TEACHERS

When Mrs. Carrier is not inside the classroom, she keeps busy as a 35-year volunteer firefighter/EMS with Bergholz Fire Company where she has held offices of trustee, secretary, vice president, parade lieutenant and currently serves as president. She is also a member and past president of the Bergholz Ladies Auxiliary, and serves Holy Ghost Lutheran church on the altar guild and as director of youth, and was a member of the adult choir. She enjoys reading, working outside in her garden and flowerbeds, and tent camping with her family and friends. She still lives down the road from where she grew up on Stoelting Street in Bergholz and shared an interesting fact: her house is on land that Holy Ghost used to own and use as a soccer field!

Mrs. Carrier has two grown daughters who are both Holy Ghost alumni, Hannah who is 25 and is a full-time Niagara County

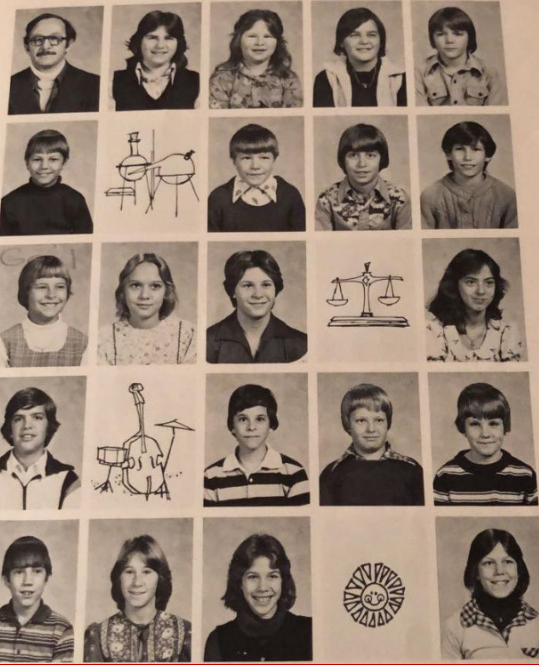
dispatcher, and Emma who is 21 and a recent graduate of SUNY ESF. Her husband, Mark, was called to his heavenly home in 2010. When he passed away, the school and church community wrapped their arms around her and her daughters, which she believes is part of what makes Holy Ghost so special, as this continues to be done to this day for families experiencing difficulties. She says Holy Ghost has always been family oriented, caring for each other, and that this helped her in her decision to become a teacher and volunteer in the community.

“Having experienced Holy Ghost school as a student, a teacher, and a parent has given me an interesting insight into our school. As a student, I was grateful for the education I received that made it an easy transition to the public high school that I was

“My friends Sharon Milleville (Walters), Beth Platt, Tina Mante, and Lisa Witkop (Hollinger) were all in the same class with me from kindergarten to 8th grade. Our favorite things to do together included playing kickball, playing on the swings, and walking around Bergholz.”



MR. CARRIGAN — GRADES 5-6



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able to excel in my classes... Being a teacher gave me the opportunity to build relationships with my students throughout the years that are still in place today, only it's changed to becoming friends with former students, or (yikes!) teaching their children in 2022! As a parent, I was confident that my daughters would be well prepared to meet the challenges of the public high school, and to share their faith as well.

I pray that Holy Ghost continues to grow, in number of students, grow a few more classrooms and a gym, and most especially, to continue to grow in Christ, spreading His Word to the students and families we meet.” ■

GAIL'S HOLY GHOST FAVORITES:

- Mrs. Witkop in 3rd and 4th grade. Her love of music was a big influence in my love of singing.
- Singing from the green and blue contact paper covered hymnals.
- Going home for lunch.
- Playing in huge piles of snow (where the current parking lot it) at recess.
- The operettas that the whole school was involved in. The best were:
 - a play about Candyland (“I was the princess”); and
 - a 50/60’s lip-synching play in 8th grade.
- Chapel together in the gym (7th and 8th grade got to set up/take down the chairs)
- Whole school Christmas lunch

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO PARENTS CONSIDERING HG FOR THEIR CHILDREN?

“HOLY GHOST IS A GREAT SCHOOL! CHRIST-CENTERED EDUCATION. TEACHING OUR STUDENTS TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD’S WORLD, HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED, AND VOLUNTEERING IN OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.”



Submitted by Jim Forsey, Holy Ghost class of 1965 at their 50 year high school reunion in 2019. From left: Jim Forsey, Paul Bahr, Ted Fees, Linda (Haseley) Stevens, Charlene (Ferchen) Scherrer, Sherryl (Schroeder) Rimer. *missing from photo Tim Camann.

From the cover – the old playground



Holy Ghost Class of 2021 facing each other on the high school volleyball court.



Cheerleading Competition in 2000.



Christmas caroling at the mall in 1994



Live Nativity during the Bazaar in 1998



Early 2000's yearbook covers



Seven members of Holy Ghost class of 1967 at their 50th NW high school reunion in August 2021. From the left is Tom Brauer, Ken Lass, Marcia Heuer, Barb (Haseley) Flow, Diane (Porter) Fox, Lois (Camann) Wiseman and John Hutchins.

MEET AMY MCGLINN (MASTERMAN) HG Class of 1998



The North Carolina coastal city of Wilmington is home to Amy McGlinn (Masterman), a 1998 graduate of Holy Ghost. An outdoor lover, you might find her paddle boarding, exploring hiking trails, spending time with her dogs, or visiting nearby beach towns with her family - her husband, Tim, and newborn daughter, Lucy June. You might also find her outdoors with her students.

Amy is currently the Middle School Director of the Friends School of Wilmington, an independent school which has a strong environmental education focus, utilizing the local habitat for learning by engaging with nature. Amy spent most of her career here, beginning as an art teacher (she holds a Masters in Art Education from RIT), and eventually

taking on more roles and developing an interest in school administration. She graduated from the Institute for Engaging Leadership in Friends Schools in 2017, which led to her current position. Her job allows her to work closely with students, families, and teachers. Amy is often reminded of her days at Holy Ghost while working with students and staff at the Friends School of Wilmington. "I've always known I wanted to work with



students in some capacity. I enjoyed my experience at Holy Ghost and was hoping to find a similar school setting. When I graduated and attended a much larger high school, I missed the close relationships I had."

Amy with her graduating class in 1998. From left to right: Mrs. Forsey, Matthew Cooper, Michael Fuerch, Paul Carella, Pastor Sallach, Amy Masterman, Jeanette Schmidt, Mr. Schroeder.

“ I gained a strong sense of community through my years at Holy Ghost. TEACHERS AND STUDENTS TRUSTED EACH OTHER. ”

- Amy McGlinn



She credits Holy Ghost with helping to shape who she is today. “I gained a strong sense of community through my years at Holy Ghost. Teachers and students trusted each other. I remember feeling like my teachers truly cared about me and my classmates. They had our backs and we wanted to do well in all aspects of school... Middle school is such a formative time as students explore who they are and build identity. Mr. Schroeder made learning fun and allowed us to explore our interests.” Amy says the most important thing she learned at Holy Ghost and has carried with her is the value of close relationships. She and her best friend from her school days, Jeanette Schmidt, are still just as close today. ■

HOLY GHOST FAVORITES

**TEACHER:
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ACTIVITY: SELLING SNACKS AT LUNCH TIME. I'M NOT SURE WHY I REMEMBER THAT SO WELL, BUT IT'S ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS I RECALL. WE WOULD ROTATE WHO WAS ON SNACK DUTY AND SELL TREATS FOR 25 CENTS.

BEST FRIENDS

“Amy is such an amazing and inspiring person! She continues to advance in her career by adding school administration and student advisor to her passion of teaching art. She is a part of the Wilmington (NC) community and rarely goes out without seeing someone she knows. Now she has added the adventure of motherhood to her life journey and I am awed by how she manages to do it all. I’m so thankful that we are still friends after meeting in preschool all those years ago and we’re continuing to make memories together.”

**-Jeanette Schmidt '98
Amy's best friend from HG**

It's no doubt that many friendships are formed at Holy Ghost. However, every once in a while something special comes along. A friendship that continuously reminds you of God's goodness. This is how one could describe Amy and Jeanette. From preschool through 8th grade, high school and beyond, these two have been through it all together – and it all began at Holy Ghost.



Jeanette, Amy and Amy's daughter Lucy

HELP US THIS SPRING WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We have a few projects we'll be working on this spring. Please head to our website or email us (alumni@holyghost.org) to submit information for any of the following:

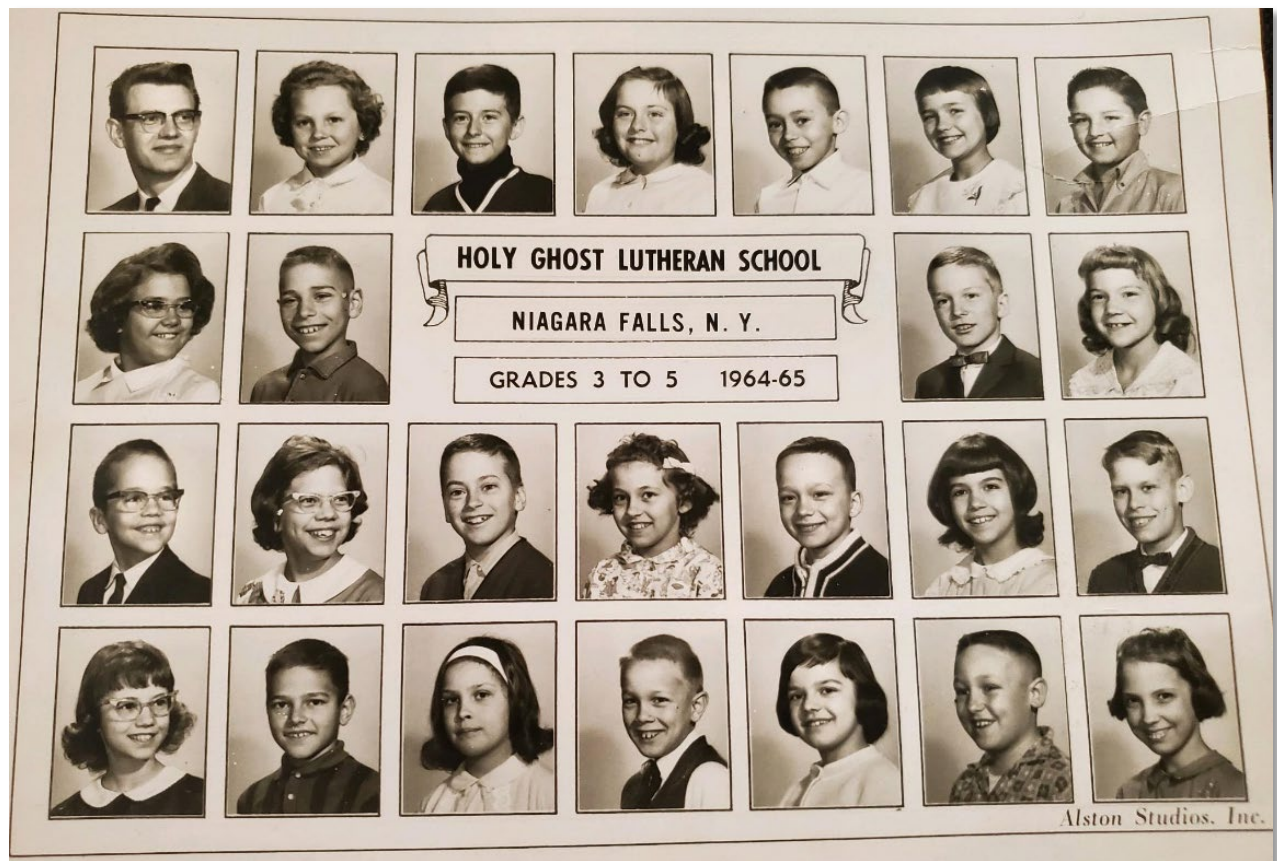
- ◆ **"FAVORITE HG TEACHER" FOR TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**
- ◆ **STORIES ABOUT BUILDING THE CHURCH**
- ◆ **"ADVICE "OR "WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT" TO PROVIDE TO THIS YEAR'S HG GRADUATING CLASS.**

CAN YOU NAME THESE ALUMNI?

Last fall we had some fun on social media determining who's who in this 1985-86 class photo:



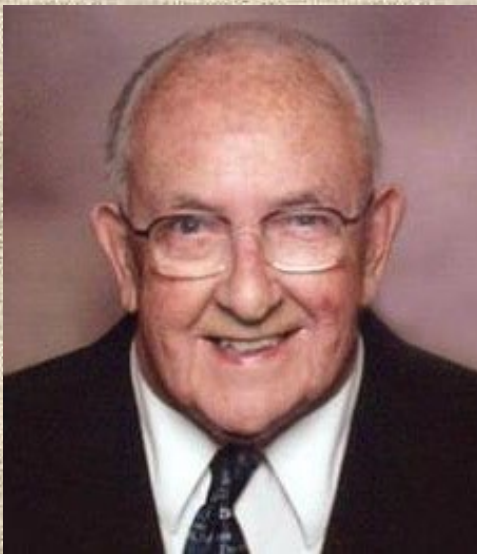
Let's see if we can do it again with this 1964-65 class photo:



Submit your answers to our social media pages, and check the next newsletter for the answers!

ALUMNI OF HOLY GHOST

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Beloved former pastor of Holy Ghost, Reverend Albert William Bahr was called to his heavenly home on November 20, 2021. During his 70 year ministry he served congregations in Milwaukee, Detroit, Buffalo, Bergholz (NY), Port Hope and Sebawaing (MI). He was blessed to lead 2 congregations to build new churches because they outgrew their existing facilities.

Al, more commonly known as “PB” or Pastor Bahr to many, was known first and foremost for giving credit to his Lord for everything, for his subtle but sharp wit, deep and unshakeable faith, humility, heart for service and ministry and a deep love for Christian education. He baptized and confirmed many of our alumni.

“I’m sure there were many others just like me who were motivated by this man’s faith and have tried to make a positive influence throughout this world. I was blessed to have known him and his family for many years while living in Western New York.”

“Pastor Bahr’s time spent here following His divine call influenced so many of us and generations that follow. It is inspirational to know that so many in the family remain engaged in Christian education.”

