



The  
**VOICE**

*For Alumni, Friends, and Families of  
Saint Joseph Central Catholic High School*

# On the Cover

Senior, Madi Michael, displays her award winning art! The piece was inspired by the city of New Orleans and won top prize at Downtown Fremont's Art Show this fall. Madi has taken four years of Art and her favorite medium is acrylic paints. Lisa Abdo, the SJCC art teacher, gives Madi creative liberties to choose her own projects! Madi is also active in volleyball, track and field, drama and quiz bowl. She plans to attend Ohio University next fall.



*Madi Michael, standing with SJCC principal Loretta Coil and Art teacher Lisa Abdo, Madi displays some of her many creative pieces.*



*Following a long-standing tradition, four-year Art student Madi, left her mark on the Art room wall with her mural.*

Dear Reader,

We are excited to share with you The Spirit of Fremont Catholic education in this issue of *The Voice*. St. Joseph Central Catholic has always been a special place filled with spirit. The spirit of learning, friendship, service and God, among others. In this issue of *The Voice*, we want to show a glimpse of how our spirit prevails both at home and abroad.

The alumni and students of SJCC have been expressing their creative spirit in many ways, such as Kristi Bilger who is featured in this issue with her work with Downtown Fremont along with one of our younger Streaks, Norah Root, and her blooming business. When it comes to the spirit of service, our community is second to none. The students continue to impress us along with alumni who want to give back to SJCC monetarily or by donating a slush puppie machine!

We believe this Crimson Streak spirit has made an impact inside and outside the walls of SJCC. We also pray that our Community will continue to use this spirit to make a difference locally and globally. We hope you enjoy this issue. As always, GO STREAKS!

Sincerely,  
Jenny Freeh '07  
Development Director

# The VOICE

## 2022-2023 BHCS Governing Board

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Hello to all the Alumni and Friends,

The BHCS Governing Board would just like to take a minute to present some general information on financials of the school system. You will find this information in this issue of *The Voice*. We would also like to introduce some of our new board members including Fr. Matt Frisbee as pastor of St. Ann and St. Joe parishes, Bill Schell; Sacred Heart representative, Ann Wright; St. Joe representative and Vince Militello; St. Ann's representative.

Bill moved to Fremont 30 years ago and was a teacher for Fremont City Schools and is currently a counselor. He has an undergraduate and Master's degree from Bowling Green State University and is married with two adult children. Ann was born and raised in Fremont and is a '94 graduate from SJCC. She has been a nurse at ProMedica Senior Care since 2002. Ann and her husband Andrew have four children that are the fifth generation to attend St. Joe: Evelyn '21, Jackson '23, Oliver '25, and Ava '26. Vince is an '85 graduate of SJCC and is married to Karla. They have three children: Nicholas '14, Sophia '17 and Jack '20. Vince is a pharmacist and recent inductee to the SJCC Alumni & Friends Heritage Awards.

All board members and up-to-date board minutes can be found under the governing board tab at [bishop-hoffman.net](http://bishop-hoffman.net). We are so grateful for all the staff and students at BHCS and for the support of our loyal alumni and friends!

Sincerely,  
Bishop Hoffman Governing Board 2022-2023

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## Mission Statement

*To reach and teach the mind, body, heart, and soul of each child to bring them closer to God.*

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### *Alma Mater*

*Our thoughts are held in loving thrall  
to dear St. Joseph's honored halls  
the seasons change from green to white  
and day makes way for starlit night  
This day that ere the years depart  
will shine again in each fond heart  
the flame of faith, the torch of truth  
shall ever guide the steps of youth*

### *SJCC Fight Song*

*We are the Saint Joe Central everyone  
We do our work and then we have our fun  
We have the spirit that is hard to beat  
We never die, we never see defeat  
We love the name of Saint Joe Central High  
We always try to keep our colors high  
And what we do we do with all our might  
Our mighty might, We're Saint Joe Central High*

# The Spirit of Service

The students of BHCS are focused on making a difference and giving back. Their sense of community is strong. One way the students have been giving back is partnering with the local organization Hands of Our Future or HOOF. HOOF is a youth focused organization whose mission is to create a safe, nurturing, and enriching environment for elementary school-aged children to meet each child's social, physical and emotional needs. The students worked with this non-profit which includes many alumni such as Sarah (Pietrykowski) Meade '01, Ailish Masterson '11, Tamara (Ochs) Miller '81, Brenda (Wasserman) Peiffer '00, and Christopher Haubert '02, along with friends of SJCC Elizabeth Pietrykowski and Jerry Jones.

For Make a Difference Day this year, HOOF invited youth of Fremont to connect with residents of local nursing homes for fellowship and fun. The students of SJCC also worked to make blankets for seniors citizens to be given out on this day.

"I am a very service oriented person and I enjoy a service oriented community. I'll do anything I can to integrate that and make the world a better place," added junior Andrea Gonzalez.

The kindness of our student body doesn't end with HOOF. The students collected items for our food pantry in a competition against Tiffin Calvert and defeated them on this very worthwhile cause. Socktober was a huge success as the students collected socks to donate to the Liberty Center where Ali (Davis) Reineck '02 works as a social worker.

When it comes to civic spirit, our students have it, and we are excited to see what they will accomplish in the years to come!



*"Those who bless others will be abundantly blessed themselves; those who help others are helped."*  
-Proverbs 11:25





*“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God’s grace.”  
- 1 Peter 4:10*



# The Spirit of Friendship

## The Andrew Wonderly Scholarship Fund

Who remembers racing down the SJCC halls to the cafeteria to jump in line for a cool, delicious treat? Blue, red, or if you dared, a “suicide” where all flavors were mixed? The sugary treat that was a pick-me-up for the afternoon lull. As time passed, this brain-freeze inducing snack disappeared from our beloved cafeteria. Kids were no longer getting to enjoy this dessert peddled by a dog in a blue cap.

In 2020, we tragically lost 1999 graduate Andrew Wonderly. Co-owner of Wonderly Collision and proud father of McKenzie, Andy was loved by many. He was a member of Millersville St. Mary’s and The Knights of Columbus. While gathering to remember Andy, many of the class of ’99 remembered his love for - you guessed it - slush puppies. Andy was a staple of the SJCC cafeteria and was famous for jumping in line to purchase the treat from Yolanda Reyna in the snack line. They remembered his generosity and how he would purchase his friends one if they were in need. Roger Kuns recalls Andy being famous for chugging a slushie in 1 gulp! What better way to memorialize their time at SJCC with their beloved friend than to bring it back for future generations!

The Wonderly’s decided to create the Andrew Wonderly Scholarship Fund which benefits students attending BHCS. The Class of ’99 purchased a Slushie machine along with the flavors and called upon their past teacher, Mr. Mike Gabel, to help them spread joy to the children of SJCC. Mr. Gabel faithfully serves slush puppies to the students at lunch time. All of the proceeds from the sales go to the scholarship fund. “It’s my privilege to honor Andy’s memory in this way,” proclaims Mr. Gabel.

In addition to the slushie sales, the family held a benefit in 2021 at The Front 9 in Bettsville. The benefit included some of Andy’s favorite things- the Buckeyes game, live music and poker. The Wonderly Family is so appreciative to the numerous people who contributed to Andy’s Scholarship fund to keep Andy’s legacy alive at his alma mater.



*The class of '99 continues their support of Andy by gathering at the “Andrew Wonderly Memorial” event held at the Front 9 in Bettsville. Mr. Gabel and his crew have diligently sold slushies during the lunch hour to the students of SJCC, raising money to support Andy’s scholarship fund.*



# A Giving Spirit

## Commitment to our Faith Community by Giving Back

This year's Annual Fund Campaign features Monsignor Walter Tad Oxley, a distinguished alumni of our school and Senior Director of Clergy, Consecrated Life & Vocations for the Diocese of Toledo, as Honorary Chair of our Annual Fund Campaign. The Catholic faith community of Fremont, Ohio played such an important role in the life of his family and his formative years which impacted his decision to become a priest.

The Annual Fund closes the financial gap between tuition and the school's actual operation costs and is the main fundraiser for Bishop Hoffman Catholic School. You can bless us with your donation now at [www.bishop-hoffman.net/donate](http://www.bishop-hoffman.net/donate) or by returning the enclosed envelope.

"As a teacher and spiritual leader, I can attest that the annual fund campaign is vital to covering the operating expenses that are not covered by tuition. Your contribution will position BHCS students to serve their local and global faith communities by forging the foundation for virtuous lives as Catholics and continue to provide a superior learning environment to enable them to reach their full potential."

Thank you for your continued support of BHCS!



Monsignor Walter Tad Oxley with his parents Karel (Bowlus)'68 Oxley and Dr. Walter Oxley '64.

### Other Ways to Give

- Planned Giving: Wills and living trusts, life insurance, annuities including charitable gift annuities, retirement plans, charitable remainder trusts, life estate arrangements
- Scholarships/Tuition Assistance
- Endowed Scholarships
- J. Craig & Cheryl Wendt Teacher Retention Fund
- Amazon: Simply visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to register
- Kroger Plus Card: go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) register and search for Bishop Hoffman Catholic School

### Bishop Hoffman Catholic School Audited Income Statement Year Ended June 30, 2021

Revenue	2021	%	Expenses	2021	%
Tuition and fees	\$1,991,686.00	41%	Salaries and wages	\$1,789,555.00	45%
Subsidy from parish	\$549,633.00	11%	Payroll taxes and fringe benefits	\$528,896.00	13%
Student services	\$420,115.00	9%	Student services	\$429,830.00	11%
Gifts and donations	\$273,967.00	6%	Building	\$279,615.00	7%
Mandated services	\$264,490.00	5%	Office	\$95,725.00	2%
Other income	\$44,874.00	1%	Other	\$79,792.00	2%
PPP Loan Forgiveness	\$533,000.00	11%	Instructional	\$63,714.00	2%
Non-Operating revenues	\$808,366.00	16%	Marketing and fundraising	\$29,291.00	1%
Total	\$4,886,131.00	100%	Interest	\$917.00	0%
			Capital expenses	\$7,433.00	0%
			Other revenue (expense)	\$680,103.00	17%
			- non-operating		
			Total	\$3,984,871.00	100%

# An Entrepreneurial Spirit

## *Norah Root, Cofounder & CEO of NKR Polished & Savvy*

Meet Norah Root-- SJCC Junior High Academy 6th grader, thirteen-year-old entrepreneur and future mogul of the skin care industry. Norah, daughter of Amber (Reineck) '94 & Bryan Root has been making skin care products since 2014. What started as a mother-daughter hobby quickly evolved into a business that continues to grow and thrive.

In 2015, the Roots moved back to Fremont from Cleveland. After moving, Norah noticed a building down the street that she was intent on purchasing to sell the "scrubs" that mom and she were making to help with dry skin. She soon realized she didn't need a storefront to sell when a local store approached her about selling her items in their store.

The business became a family effort. Amber helped Norah establish her LLC: NKR Polished & Saavy and put together a website. Her Grandpa Mike Reineck '72 helped her find a fair trade vendor from Ghana, Africa. Norah, however, has creative control over her brand--testing new scents and products. The business continued to grow organically and gain momentum.

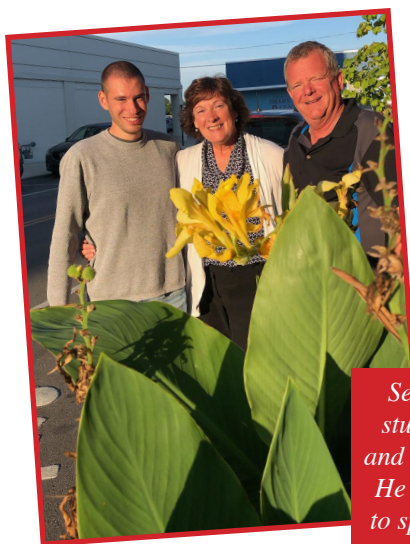
"I saw that Norah enjoyed it and I saw the spark in her eye," remarked Amber. She realized that Norah had an eye for business. They have had some learning curves-- learning square space, testing products, time management and sales. Recently she had a customer remark they were buying the product not because they needed it but because Norah sold them on it.

You can find Norah's products online at [www.nkrpolishedsavvy.com](http://www.nkrpolishedsavvy.com), at The Orchard in Port Clinton or at Gypsy Soul Jewels & Hair Boutique in Fremont.



# International Spirit

## *Former SJCC Foreign Exchange students come back to visit*



*Sebastian Ruegg was a student of SJCC in 2014 and hails from Switzerland. He was back this summer to spend time with Mike & Beth Gabel.*



*Scott Rutkowski, Roman Rupert, Bob Freeh and Sarah Meade gathered with Felipe Plaza Escudero to reminisce of his time spent in Ohio. Felipe was at SJCC in 2000 and hails from Chile. "It was really magical and felt like a dream to be with Pat, Mary and Roman after 22 yeras," stated Felipe.*



*Nicolas Komerek topped by SJCC to show his sons where he attended school in America. He also spent time with his former host family - Mark & Nancy Reilly. Nicolas attended SJCC in 2005 and is from Germany.*





# Creating Spirits

*Q&A with Sophie Militello; Head Distiller at American Fifth Spirits in Lansing, MI*

*Sophie is a 2017 graduate from SJCC. After High School, she continued her education at Michigan State University where she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Food Science and Technology. Sophie is currently the Head Distiller at American Fifth Spirits in Lansing, Michigan.*



## **How did you become a distiller?**

I started college majoring in Food Science, and around my sophomore year my department offered a minor in Beverage Science and Technology. Seeing that the minor was only a few extra classes, I decided to go for it. In these classes, I learned everything from viticulture and yeast growth to the principles of brewing and distilling. The combination of a chemistry-heavy major and lab work from my minor gave me a good starting point to get into the beverage industry. From there, it was luck that the distillery I had a college internship with needed a distiller, and they took a chance on me. Within a year, I went from washing dishes as a bar-back to being the head distiller of Lansing's first distillery.

## **What makes your spirits special?**

We try to use locally sourced grains and spices whenever possible. It is all small batches, fresh ingredients and simple. Many bigger distilleries use processed flavors and colors for some of their products. We are small enough to control every step of the process and use as many fresh ingredients as possible. However, this does mean some days are spent driving across the state to pick up a few hundred pounds of grain and milling it out in our tiny parking lot.

## **What is the best part of your job?**

My favorite part of my job is the product development of a new spirit or cocktail recipe. Creating a new product allows me to use my knowledge of how food molecules interact with each other while also allowing me to be creative with unique flavor combinations.

## **What is the worst part of your job?**

As with any job, mainly the paperwork. But honestly, 60% of my job is cleaning and sanitizing our equipment to ensure we do not have cross-contamination. Keeping up on cleaning and maintenance allows my equipment to be ready at any moment, so it does not slow down the next production day. As important as it is, it can be very time consuming and messy!

## **Are there any skills you learned at your time in SJCC that you use at the distillery?**

Skills I learned at SJCC and find very important at the distillery and, in general, are critical thinking and time management. For example, most weeks, I have multiple projects running at once, and things sometimes go differently than planned. Taking a second to think about the best action to fix the problem saves a lot of mistakes and time in the long run.

## **What is the favorite product your distillery makes?**

It depends on the day, but my current favorite is our Fall Gin!

## **What do you like to do when you are not at the distillery?**

I am always at the distillery one way or another! When I get out, I love to go camping and hiking. While at home, I enjoy cooking, researching new cocktails, playing board games with friends, creating things out of stained glass, and playing with my cat Olive.



*You can learn more about American Fifth Spirits by visiting them at  
112 N Larch St. Lansing, Mi 48912 or online at  
[www.americanfifthspirits.com](http://www.americanfifthspirits.com)*

# Class Notes

*“We do our work and then we have our fun....”*

## '62

The class of 1962 celebrated their 60th class reunion at The Live Edge Center in Downtown Fremont this past summer.



## '82

The class of 1982 celebrated their 40th class reunion at the Fremont Yacht Club in October. Many laughs were shared and a good time was had by all.



## '95

Louis Gabel '95 was recognized as a “Midwest Trailblazer” in the May 2022 issue of The American Lawyer. Louis works for the global law firm Jones Day.

## '67

Kim and Carol (Keegan) Morelock '67 celebrated 50 years of marriage on September 22, 2022.

## '01

Kyle Eshleman '01 recently opened the gym Fitness Factory CLE in Mayfield Heights, Ohio.

## '72

The class of 1972 had a joyful 50th class reunion at The Live Edge Center with over 40 of their classmates in attendance.

## '02

Pete Bush '02 was recently promoted to Sergeant for the City of Fremont. Pete is a United States Marine Corp Veteran.



## '77

A group of classmates from '77 had an impromptu 45th Reunion at the Depot this past Spring.



The class of 2002 celebrated their 20th class reunion this summer. They enjoyed time together reminiscing and singing karaoke at Tim's Bar & Grill.



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## '03

Ryan Autullo '03 is a reporter for Austin American-Statesman and covers city government and politics. He reported on a story that was featured on the NBC TV show Dateline. Ryan appeared on many segments during the episode.

Robbie Lejeune '03 married Alexis Normand in New Orleans on November 12th. The couple resides in Wooster, Ohio. Pictured below is Robbie and some of his '03 classmates who attended the wedding- Justin Carmack, Ryan Autullo, Britt Price, Jimmy Haas and Robbie.



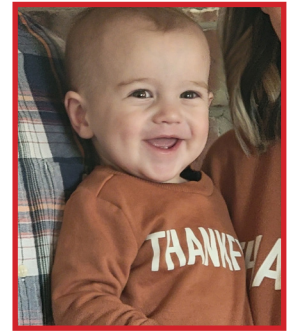
## '10

Chris '10 and Erin Liebold welcomed Noah Anthony on June 28, 2022. This is their second boy, and the couple resides in Fremont. Chris is a City Councilman and works for Albrechta & Coble Law Firm.



## '11

Paul '11 and Jessie Szymanowski Wendt had a baby boy, Hudson James Wendt, on October 7, 2021



## '05

Jessica (Merrill) '05 and David Rice '05 welcomed Cohen Joseph into the world on November 1st.

## '06

Jodi Carmack '06 married Shane Dentinger on October 22nd.

## '07

Molly (Wise) '07 and Dale Freier welcomed Alden Brian Freier into the world on June 25, 2022.



## '12

Emily Ronski '12 and Chris Alleman were married on May 28, 2022. Emily & Chris both work for First Solar and reside in Fremont.



## '09

Jacob '09 and Emily Kusmer welcomed Grady Steven Kusmer on September 7, 2022.



## '16/'17



Morgan (Collins) '17 & Collin Spader '16 wed on September 10, 2022. Morgan is Marketing Coordinator at First National Bank in Bellevue and Collin works for Spader Freight Services.

## '18

Nate Vasquez '18 and Jordan Smith '18 are both new members of the Fremont Police Department. Both have preserved through a rigorous program and joined the road patrol. Jordan graduated from Bowling Green State University and Nate from Tiffin University.

# Hometown Spirit

## *Kristie Bilger '99 brings fun to Fremont!*

Have you cruised down Front Street in Fremont recently? If so, you will notice the many fun changes to the establishments that make up the downtown. Restaurants, a coffee shop, gift stores, a candy store, and even a nightclub make up a variety of fun in Fremont. Not only does downtown have shopping and eating covered but there are also a healthy amount of fun events to bring you downtown. Back in the 1980's, business owners in the area would gather to figure out how to help downtown thrive. Years later, Downtown Fremont Inc. was formally created and in 2014 our very own Kristie Bilger became the Executive Director.

After graduating from St. Joseph Central Catholic High School, Kristie obtained her Bachelor's Degree from Lourdes University and then went on to receive a Graduate Degree at Bowling Green State University. Kristie was working at Firelands Historic Museum when she found out about the opportunity in her hometown of Fremont. She started off part time but just a short two years later the work grew to full time. Kristie recalls spending many open lunches at SJCC heading downtown to grab a coffee and shop. She now has the opportunity to help this area that she enjoyed so much grow and thrive!

Putting together diverse events that are mostly free is a driving factor for Downtown Fremont Inc. The goal is to have as many ages come together and feel comfortable. Currently the downtown provides a unique experience with a mix of everything and is only growing. During Covid, five new businesses opened up. An interactive mural was painted on the side of a building to incorporate art and fun.

In the next year an amphitheater is being built that will create another entertainment avenue. The most popular Farmers Markets bring 6,000-7,000 people downtown!

While event planning isn't always glamorous, Kristie is facilitating a magical experience. This New Year's Eve, Front Street will be turned into "Fremont Street". Downtown will be transformed into that famous street in Vegas which will include axe throwing and a zip line! By keeping people in town, she is advocating for small businesses that make the community great. The job isn't always glamorous, and Kristie puts in a lot of hours, but in her own words, "Fremont's worth it."

We strongly encourage you to head Downtown and check out what downtown Fremont has to offer. Check out [www.downtownfremontohio.org](http://www.downtownfremontohio.org) for a list of events or to buy a "Think Fremont" gift card which can be redeemed at over 30 participating businesses.



# BHCS Celebrates Virtues

*Each month, two students are recognized for displaying their virtues in everyday life.*



September

Ethan Grahland Isabella Palomo



October

Ben Yount and Vivian Knisely



November

Kaleb Grant and Catie Woolf

# With Gratitude

Ben Hall, Tony & Doni Paradiso: Donation for our updated weightroom

Bob Fisher: His help at Sacred Heart Campus

Crown Battery: Donation of a refrigerator at SJCC Campus

Damschroder Roofing along with Mike, Bryan & Jeff Gottron: Labor and materials for SJCC roof

Doni Paradiso: Fertilizer for Naderer Sports Complex

Gabel Construction: Drop down ceiling at Sacred Heart Early Childhood Education Center

Grant Mercer: Storage for Naderer Sports Complex

Joan Steinle: Donation of trumpet to our music department

Larry Fisher of Wetzel's Sewer Cleaning

Mary Luc, Sarah Meade, Liz Pietrykowski, Amy Ronski, Carly Ronski and Jeff Radde: Voice contributions and editing

Root's Poultry: Shredded chicken for SJCC and visiting team's band at each home football game

Tom Babione: Hosting a softball tournament that raised funds for repairs at both campuses and also for his work on the Biology lab tables over the summer

Vic Frederick: Painting the SJCC school ramp

Vince Snyder: landscaping at Sacred Heart

Everyone else who helps our BHCS Community!

## In Memoriam

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

Dolores (Faist) Brunner '41

William Rimelspach '47

Margaret (Bumb) Wagner '47

Audrey (Zienta) Kupka '48

Janice (Shondell) Lehman '49

Marilyn (Bintz) Bergers '50

Joseph Gottron '50

Marilyn (Esker) Dunn '51

Wilfred Widman '51

Rose Marie (Gegorski) Koralewski '52

Steven Link '52

Sandra (Carte) Russell '55

Vernon Nause '56

Ronald Fisher '56

Marilyn (Lehman) Beckman '58

Lawrence Ziebold '62

Gerald Johnson '63

Patricia (Shiets) Girand '63

Kathleen (Bakel) Sito '65

Susan (Giebel) Stevens '65

Lawrence Hoelzle '67

Raymond Stover '71

Joseph Burns '73

Sandra (Dohanos) Sorg '74

Thomas Kowaleski '75

Lisa Vernarsky '78

Brian Wammes '79

Gary Chamberlain '82

Christopher Sanchez '01

Brittney Contreras '09

## Prayer Warriors

We currently have a group of alumni and supporters who are committed to praying a rosary for our school once a week, and we invite you to join! Each month, we have a new specific intention. This month's intention is for our community to place Christ at the center of our hearts and homes! Prayer is an integral part of BHCS, and we hope you join us.



# The Spirit of SJCC Football

*Alumni celebrate three legendary coaches*

Accepting the award for her father, Bob Smith, Jeanne Kerr stands with Rick Wonderly and Tom Narducci.



A group of football players celebrate the success of their former coaches, Tom Narducci and Rick Wonderly.

On Saturday, September 24, 2022, St. Joe Alumni celebrated and honored three legendary football coaches: Coach Robert Smith, Coach Rick Wonderly and Coach Tom Narducci. Robert Smith coached from 1946-1973 with a 183-68-10 record. Rick Wonderly coached from 1974-1980 with a record of 44-28. He would return to coaching again from 1995-2005 with a 55-58 record. Tom Narducci coached from 1981-1992 with a 82-44-2 record.

On April 7, 2020, I created a group page on Facebook named “Fremont, Ohio Sports: A Pictorial History of St. Joe and Ross.” The goal was to have everyone post their sports’ memories on my page. As the page began to grow, I started to find articles, photos and videos of St. Joe and Ross. Starting the page has brought back so many memories, and for me, a history lesson in Fremont, Ohio sports. St. Joe and Ross have strong traditions with many great and legendary

alumni who have attended both schools in Fremont, Ohio.

As my page began to grow, I reached out to several past alumni including John Sidell and Dan Hoffman. I went back and visited my coach, Tom Narducci after 30 years. I went to visit Rick Barbour, my receiver’s coach, after 30 years. There were so many memories to look back on along with gathering photos, articles and videos of St. Joe history.

Over the summer of 2020, a few alumni and myself came up with an idea to have a reunion for all former St. Joe football players and coaches. We formed a committee of 15 former players to help plan the event. The reunion would be held at the Naderer Sports Complex in late June of 2021. Planning of the event was interrupted by Covid 19.

As time went by a new idea was formed to honor three legendary coaches. We would choose a home football game where former players and coaches would be recognized and honored before the game and then have a gathering back at the school to hear the coaches speak.

Honorary coaches were recognized on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at the SJCC Homecoming game. Over 50 former St. Joe football players and coaches attended. After the game, everyone headed to the SJCC Cafeteria to continue the celebration. The cafeteria was packed with many former St. Joe alumni and visitors. Jeanne Kerr spoke for her father, Robert Smith on his career and accomplishments. Rick Wonderly and Tom Narducci gave their speeches as well. The evening brought back many memories and pride.

I want to thank everyone who helped put this event together. This was truly a once in a lifetime event. A scholarship was formed to honor these three legendary coaches. Please contact Jenny Freeh at 419-332-9947 for more information on how to donate.

Thank You!  
Jeff Radde, Class of 1989



Scan the QR code  
to watch a video of  
the celebration!

# Out of This World Spirit

*Homecoming 2022: It's a Space Invasion!*



*Grinning from ear to ear, senior Julissa Reyna is crowned Homecoming Queen. Kayla Lopez, last year's queen, returned to do the crowning.*

*Our 2022 Homecoming Court  
(From left to right)*

*Freshman Attendants: Gabe Ramirez, son of Vernoica Ramire, Sarah Holman, daughter of Robin and Scott Holman; Sophmore Attendants: Zach Krumnow, son of Shelley and Brent Krumnow, Emma Kelbley, daughter of Kelley & Mike Kelbley; Junior Attendants: Jacob Wetzel, son of Karyn and Kirk Wetzel, McKenzie Kirsch, daughter of Patti and Kreg Kirsch; Senior Attendants: Santos Noriego, son of Flora Gallegos and Danny Chavez, Julissa Reyna, daughter of Iris and Juan Reyna, Jack Dummering, son of Charity and Martin Dummering, Marissa Wammes, daughter of Brandi and Randy Wammes, Laddie Alocer, son of Azucena and Raul Alocer, Rylie Holland, daughter of Tracy and Chris Holland*



*Prior to the big game, the SJCC Spirit Club painted the faces of some of our little Streaks and helped them create signs to carry in the parade to Don Paul Stadium. Pictured here are Neil & Nora Miller, children of Kyle and Alison (Chudzinski) Miller '07.*



*At the Homecoming Assembly, the laughs could be heard from Croghan Street as the Emcees of the day; John Connell and Jack Dummering, struggled to capture a bright green Martian as he ran around the gym.*



*Continuing the long standing tradition of taking Homecoming photographs on the porch of the Rutherford B. Hayes home at Spiegel Grove, our Senior class poses for the posse of proud parents.*



*Channeling their inner Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones, the football players transformed into the "Men in Black" while the cheerleaders were neon green Martians. The girls and boys had fun collaborating on this fun and creative dance.*

# The VOICE

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