



# Blue Jay Briefings



Little Flower School Alumni Newsletter

Winter 2009

## School News

### Greetings from the PTO!

Little Flower School's Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) includes the parents and guardians of LFS students and members of the faculty. We meet four times throughout each school year. PTO has committees that serve the school in various ways. Currently, Christie Jaeger, is president, Denise Lagasse is vice-president, Jacinta Schmaltz is Treasurer and Kris Blessum is secretary.

Parents, teachers, students and staff work together to accomplish fundraising goals and show school pride and spirit. Many of our fundraisers double as social events for our school community and parish. We coordinate candy sales, the fall supper and a silent auction at the Rugby Eagles. At the end of January, PTO brings together our school carnival, which kicks off Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools Celebrate Service."

The school marathon in May has become PTO's most successful fundraiser. The PTO is just one reason LFS is special. The organization creates social opportunities for the school, parish and community in a setting that reminds us all of how great God's love is for us.

### Featuring...Nancy Graner: 20 years of dedication to LFS

Nancy Graner is in her 21<sup>st</sup> year of teaching fourth grade at LFS.



She grew up in Bismarck and attended college at the University of Mary, graduating in 1975.

Nancy moved to Little Rock, Arkansas and taught for a year. She then returned to her home state and taught in New Rockford and Jamestown. Nancy was married in 1978 and moved with her husband, Al, to Cooperstown where she worked with special needs students. Later, they moved to Rugby.

Nancy taught in Dunseith until she decided to stay home to raise her two children, Jennifer and Mike. She started teaching at Little Flower in 1988.

Nancy reflects on LFS: "It feels like family here. You get to know the children on a personal level. There is a close-knit feeling. The faculty works well with everyone, and the families are supportive."

Her husband teaches adult farm management classes in the community. Nancy and Al enjoy spending time with their children and their granddaughter, Ally.

### LFS "Pupil's Pen"

Rebekah Wangler ~ Grade 5



Dear Alumni,

**Happy New Year!** I'm really looking forward to the upcoming activities planned this year at Little Flower School such as Catholic Schools Week, the school carnival and our school marathon! Most importantly, I cherish the times we come together to honor and worship Jesus Christ!

It's sad to know that public schools can't pray or say "The Pledge of Allegiance" because using the name God may offend certain groups of people. We are very fortunate here at Little Flower School to have the privilege of saying prayers every morning, before and after lunch and at the end of each school day! It's nice to know that we can ask God to be with us and keep us safe during our day!

I know that God has definitely blessed me with wonderful teachers, priests, sisters and staff here at Little Flower School! May He continue to bless each one of you also!

### Catholic Schools Week Raffle

The winners of the Catholic Schools Week raffle are: Orville Grenier, Rolette—40" HDTV; Tina Trottier, Rugby—\$1,000 gift certificate to St. Michel Furniture; Cheryl Hager, Balta—100 lb. of hamburger; Bill Krick, Rugby—\$500; and Peter Dauphinais, Devils Lake—Nintendo Wii.

# Alumni News & Reflections

## Where are the alumni?

**Lindsey (Wangler) Anderson ('94)** married Jason Anderson in 2006. They live in Canby, MN. Lindsey teaches third grade at St. Edward Catholic School. On Nov. 17, 2008, they were blessed with a baby girl, Rhilyn Kharn.

**Stephanie (Hooker) Brossart ('98)** and her husband Jerrod are the proud parents of a son, Clifdyn Kenneth born Sept. 30, 2008. Clifdyn's big brother is Landyn.

**Rachael (Schniebel) Condit ('98)** and her husband Tim are the proud parents of a daughter, Mylee Marie born Sept. 26, 2008.

**Jessica (Schneider) Fritz ('93)** and her husband Jesse were blessed with a son, Kiefer Douglas, Nov. 25, 2008. Kiefer's big brother is Kristian.

**Dean Selensky ('93)** and his wife Sarah were blessed with a son, Zachary Dean, born Oct. 14, 2008.

**Jamie (Wangler) Wiesner ('91)** received her master's degree in occupational therapy in 2002, from the University of Mary in Bismarck. She married Chad Wiesner in 2003 and moved to Brandt, SD. They have two daughters. Haydyn is three and Adysyn was born last March. Jamie provided OT services in the school system for almost six years and currently works part time in Clear Lake for Sanford Deuel County Medical Center.



(Year refers to graduation date from LFS)

## Little Flower Alumni Association

The goals of the Alumni Association are to inform former students of the activities of the students at LFS and to share events in the lives of our alumni. Working toward these goals, we have been trying to update the class lists and addresses.



We will begin to publish the names of Little Flower graduates by year and will note those for whom we do not have addresses. If you see that a graduate has been omitted or you have an address for a classmate, please contact us with that information. See back of insert for more class lists.

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Email: lfsalumni@gondtc.com

## Class Lists

### 1943

Mary Bachmeier \*  
Irene Burgard Scheet (D)  
Catherine Gange \*  
Beatrice Gross \*  
Mary Haley \*  
Albert Heilman \*  
Evangeline Hoffart \*  
Margaret Jundt \*  
Emanuel Schaan \*  
Lucille Waite \*  
Rose Wentz Hoffart

(D) denotes deceased.  
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### 1944

Donald Bednarz \*  
Dolores Bickler \*  
Frances Brossart Schneider  
Andrew Buchl \*  
Mary Buckmeier \*  
Mary Ehli \*  
Isabel Ehli Bertsch  
Walter Goldade \*  
Nicholas Heilman \*  
Barbara Kambeitz \*  
Irene Massine \*  
Rayond Mayor \*  
Joseph Peters \*  
Daniel Schiff \*  
Ann H. Tuchscherer \*  
Theresa Voeller \*  
Delores Volk Bianco

## Memories from Deanne (Schell) Fedje ('75)

Everyone in the fifth and sixth grades looked forward to "their week" in the kitchen, helping serve food and running the dishwasher. The two main cooks, who were so very patient with us, were Mrs. Volk and Mrs. Jundt. They seemed like grandmas to us. On Friday of the week we helped, when we finished with everything after the meal, we were given a candy bar and thanked. That was pretty special.

Also, the annual school carnival...Each classroom and the library hosted an event. Before the carnival, we cleaned and decorated "our" classroom. The artwork was displayed and the carnival games were so much fun.

## Reflections from Lindsey Wangler Anderson ('94)

The year I was to start third grade, my parents made the decision to send us to LFS. As I walked through the doors for the first time that fall, I remember asking myself why my parents were taking us away from the school and friends that we already knew. I even remember feeling angry towards them as we made this big change.

Not only did I receive a wonderful education from LFS, but I had fun doing it! I will never forget the time I was dared to pull off Sr. Genevieve's veil at recess (Sorry!) or the times my friends and I would pretend to be Sr. Donna by jamming out on our air guitars. At lunch, I would purposely be one of the last to finish eating so that I HAD to do the dishes...who knew singing and loading trays was so much fun?!

I now know that my parents were giving me a great gift...a more one-on-one education with terrific teachers, new friends and the ability to practice my faith every-day with other people. A special thank you to Nancy Graner who made a big impact on me. I believe that my experiences at LFS helped to shape who I am today. I currently teach in a Catholic school where we can pray and talk about God, and I love being a part of the Catholic community I live in. I pray that my children will have the opportunity to attend a Catholic school. Thank you Mom and Dad for making that decision 15 years ago. I am proud to be a former LFS student.

## Reflections from Joyce (Duchscher) Teigen ('66)

I attended all eight grades at Little Flower. How can a person summarize the years in such a few words?



Each day began with prayer. All the students would gather on the steps and in the hall on the upper floor. I recall at advent time, we would have an advent wreath hanging in the middle of the hall.

Whenever a priest or teacher (most of the teachers were nuns except Mrs. Hager and Mrs. Bowersox) would enter the room, we all would stand and greet them. It was like a chant in unison.

Hot lunch was great; we would take turns serving the food. The cooks, Mrs. Jundt and Mrs. Volk, would give us cheese to eat. Of course we had to do the dishes. There were large metal trays. We did the dishes by hand- no automatic dishwasher. We enjoyed the task. One time the cooks put spinach in the meatballs—this didn't sit well with a lot of us so we put the meatballs in our milk cartons. Needless to say, this didn't go over well with the cooks or teachers.

The principal's office seemed to me to be a place where Rapunzel would hang out, because it was the top room in the school. I always prayed that I wouldn't have to go up there. The principal at the time was Sister Louise.



Msgr. Cloos was the priest. I loved his hat; it was a fancy black one with a purple fuzzy ball on top. I don't know if he had a lot of hair or not because we never saw him without the hat. He always wore long black garb. After our Christmas programs, he would give each child a bag containing an orange, peanuts and a candy cane. I was always afraid of getting close to him. Maybe I thought he was so holy that we shouldn't get close, but I remember his smile and that he was kind.

I have many other memories, but I would like to thank all the parents and families who supported LFS and those who are still supporting it. Some say we should have different plans for the school. When you think of what is the best thing for our children, our faith and how we give this to our children to grow and bloom daily, our school offers a lot today. We never had the opportunities like students do today: to take part in the Mass, to do the readings and be up on the altar. Some might say this is a step into public speaking. Students also are able to get to know our priests and sisters on a pleasant level.

For me, the memories live on and the prayers continue for all who touched my life, from the friends I made to the teachers that taught.

*Joyce is the director of activities at Heart of America Medical Center in Rugby. She and her husband, Chuck, sent their three grown children to Little Flower School.*

*The mission of Little Flower Elementary School  
is to provide a Catholic atmosphere that  
educates each child to his or her fullest potential:  
spiritually, academically, physically, socially and emotionally.*

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**Share your news  
& reflections!**



Are there any recent milestones, weddings, births or special awards in your life? Do you have memories or reflections from your time at Little Flower School? Please let us know so we can share them with fellow alumni in our next issue of *Blue Jay Briefings*.

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# Can You Help?

Little Flower Elementary School is pleased to announce the creation of an annual fund to support the school and would like to invite you to make a gift to the fund.

Why an annual fund? You may be surprised to learn tuition for the first student of a family at Little Flower is \$1,200, but the actual cost per student is \$4,600. This leaves an average gap of \$3,400 per student that is funded by parish subsidy and fundraising activities. For example, in 2007-2008, the parish subsidized the school \$225,400, about 68% of that year's school budget.

Most Catholic elementary schools across the country now realize that tuition and parish subsidy alone are not sufficient to maintain a thriving school. The missing link? Support from alumni and friends.

You are invited to make a gift of any size by returning the bottom portion of this announcement.

## *Alumni and Friends Invited to Become DreamBuilders*

For those that wish to give monthly support to Little Flower Elementary School, we invite you to join our new DreamBuilder program. For just \$30 a month, you can help sponsor Little Flower students. As our way of saying thanks, you will receive:

- ✦ Special thank you notes written by the children
- ✦ Recognition on our annual DreamBuilder "Wall of Fame" located in the main school hall
- ✦ A wonderful feeling knowing you gave others the opportunity for a Catholic education!

*Detach and return to Bruce Gannarelli, Principal, Little Flower Elementary School,  
218 3rd St SE, Rugby ND 58368-1893 Phone (701) 776-6258*

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I would like to make a single gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support Little Flower Elementary School. Check enclosed

*(Make payable to Little Flower Annual Fund.)*

I would like to become a DreamBuilder by committing \$30 a month to Little Flower Elementary School beginning (date) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

I would like Little Flower Elementary School to mail periodic reminder notices.  
*(Reminders will be sent on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.)*

Save \$ on postage. Please send my reminder via email. My email address is:

\_\_\_\_\_.

Reminders will NOT be necessary.

~ ~ ~

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**1945**

Emil Bickler \*  
 Genevieve Brossart \*  
 Gladys Buchl \*  
 Stanley Burgard \*  
 Betty Hannis \*  
 Frank Freezon \*  
 Arthur Goldade \*  
 Paul Hager \*  
 Jerry Healy \*  
 Irene Heintz \*  
 Eugene Jundt (D)  
 Casper Koble (D)  
 Mary Massine \*  
 Ray Schneider \*  
 Frederick Volk \*  
 Lawrence Volk  
 William Volk \*  
 Dorothy Waite \*

**1946**

Delores Bickler \*  
 Leota Bickler Dalthrop \*  
 Rose Brossart \*  
 Marguerite Buchl Freund  
 Walter Ehli \*  
 George Koenig \*  
 Beatrice Schiff \*  
 Rosanna Schmidt Heilman  
 Elizabeth Volk Duchscher  
 Joyce Waite Thompson\*

**1947**

Donna Lou Bickler Smith  
 Isabel Bickler \*  
 Martha Bosch \*  
 Delores Ehli Rootes \*  
 Marjorie Gross Wright  
 Dale Hannis \*

Leonard Kuntz \*  
 Catherine Massine (D)  
 Margaret Massine \*  
 Daniel Sitter \*  
 Kenneth Schmidt \*  
 James Tuchscherer  
 Juliana Volk \*  
 Katherine Vetsch \*  
 Fred Wangler \*  
 George Bachmeier \*  
 Robert Gerardy \*

**1948**

Winnefred Buchl Petsinger  
 Della Burkhardtsmeier \*  
 Daniel Brossart  
 Leonard Eisenzimmer \*  
 Francis Costello \*  
 Helen Fettig \*  
 Raymond Hoffart  
 Donald Jundt \*  
 Richard Schmaltz  
 Wilton Schmidt \*  
 Raymond Scheet \*  
 Daniel Scheet \*  
 Pius Tuchscherer  
 Dennis MacDonald \*

**1949**

Nick Bachmeier  
 Barbara Bohl Recktenwold \*  
 Bobby Buchl \*  
 Betty Freezon Suchor  
 James Fettig \*  
 Blaine Hannis \*  
 Beverly Hilzendager \*  
 Jerome Hoffart \*  
 Adeline Jaeger Senger  
 Jacky Jaeger (D)  
 Julianne Kraft Odegaard \*

Adam Koble  
 Angela Kuntz Tiunkle \*  
 Charles Liming  
 Helen Ripplinger Fix  
 Theresa Ripplinger Gefroh  
 James Torgerson \*  
 Leo Vetsch \*  
 Rose Wentz Schell  
 Mary Volk Frederick \*  
 Agnes Welk Heilman

**1950**

Charlotte Bickler Blessum  
 Irene Bickler (D)  
 Leo Eisenzimmer \*  
 Margaret Freezon \*  
 Joan Gagner \*  
 Florence Heilman Bickler  
 Richard Hoffart  
 Rosella Jaeger Grabinski  
 Rose Mary Jundt \*  
 Marie Koenig Emineth  
 Magdalene Kuntz Degenstein  
 Helen Lesmeister Garmen  
 Dwight Liming  
 George Meyer \*  
 Antoinette Sitter \*  
 Barbara Schneider Niess  
 Marlene Schmidt Wentz  
 Alcuin Scheet \*  
 Stanley Scheet \*  
 Bertha Volk Liming  
 Robert Volk \*  
 Marie Welk Selensky  
 Mary Wentz \*

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