The Pax et Bonum magazine seeks to share with the reader the spirit of St. Francis Catholic High School. Stories and pictures of the activities and accomplishments of students, parents, staff and alumnae provide glimpses into the ways in which the school’s mission is carried out and its legacy continues. St. Francis benefactors are gratefully acknowledged in the Annual Report of Donors.

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When the weather permits, Serra Court is alive with Troubadours sharing their stories and their spirit.

At St. Francis, food and community go hand in hand. It is fitting that the most prominent project in this phase of the campus expansion is the construction of a new dining hall.

Located adjacent to the gymnasium, the new kitchen and dining hall now supports the school’s major gatherings such as the Revelry Gala, the Crab Feed, and meetings of alumnae and friends. The dining hall is a clear and eloquent expression of St. Francis’ commitment to its mission and its community.

The school’s existing cafeteria was built in the 1960s when enrollment totaled 600 students. Since then, St. Francis has reached nearly 1,100 students. The new dining hall is vibrant in color and its esthetic is lively and energetic, just like our Troubies.
“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”

- Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

The words of Blessed Teresa provided the foundation for our spiritual journey last year. Our liturgies, our activities, our gifts of service within the community and for all the occasions that brought us together. But more than that, these words remind us, as a community we come together and we can do great things.

The groundbreaking of the dining hall in December demonstrated the long-term commitment of many to do great things for the environment and aesthetics on the St. Francis campus. Over the last ten years, the gifts of many have enable us to do many great projects to better serve the young women who are entrusted to our educational ministry. The dining hall creates a vibrant gathering space to build community, prepare nutritious food to nourish our minds, bodies and spirit as well as show a collective fidelity to our mission demonstrated by the gifts from alumnae and parents for the construction of the beautiful dining hall.

The call of stewardship to the mission of St. Francis challenges each of us to give small things with great love to make a great impact on the lives of current and future students. A state-of-the-art facility enables our graduates to meet the ever-changing landscape of colleges and the world beyond college.

In April 2014, St. Francis acquired the National Guard Armory property. An updated Master Planning process will begin in 2015 to assess the future needs of our growing student body. Whether it is a swimming complex, softball fields, soccer and lacrosse fields or a classroom structure, it can only happen with your support.

As we reflect on our first seventy-five years (fifty years on this campus), we challenge ourselves to be present and ready to prepare the young women of Sacramento for the next seventy-five years. Your small gifts collectively given with great love for our community at St. Francis allow us to do great things!

“We graduate young women who change the world.”

Margo Reid Brown ’81
President
The pages of this Annual Report record two incredible years of generosity that are a part of the nearly 75-year old story of support for St. Francis Catholic High School. We are blessed beyond measure to have the backing of so many generous supporters that include current and past parents, alumnae, faculty and staff, businesses, members of the clergy, and those who simply seek to support our mission. This mission calls us to:

- Ensure that young women who seek to experience a St. Francis education are able to do so - regardless of their financial circumstances.
- Prepare our Troubadours for collegiate life (and beyond) by offering an exceptional curricular and Christ-centered education.
- Imbue our students with the principles of Pax et Bonum (peace and goodness).

In truth, this would not be possible without the philanthropic support that St. Francis receives each year and we thank you for making the school a priority in your life.

The short version of our two-year charitable giving “story” is: outstanding years! Overall, gifts and donations to the school totaled $1.42 million in 2012-2013 which represents an amazing 42% increase over funds raised in the prior fiscal year. In 2013-2014 the school raised $1.55 million which is another increase of 9.6% from the prior year.

A strong and positive response to Revelry, Annual Giving and 24/24/24, our unique crowdfunding day, are the main reasons for this fundraising increase. In 2012 Revelry alone brought in $570,000 and $654,000 in 2013! Your generosity has set a new course that will directly benefit today’s Troubadours and bodes well for continued resource funding in future fiscal years.

Thank you for partnering with us to help write two very positive chapters in the school’s story. Please know we recognize that philanthropy is a personal choice and that we greatly appreciate your individual decision to support the Troubadours of St. Francis Catholic High School. Through your support, we strive to educate young women who will change the world!
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St. Francis Catholic High School
Management’s Discussion & Analysis
Years Ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013

INTRODUCTION
This discussion and analysis provides an overview of the financial position and activities of St. Francis Catholic High School (SFHS, St. Francis, or the School) for the years ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013. It was prepared for presentation to the St. Francis High Catholic School Board of Directors. By their authority, action taken will be reported to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Sacramento. Its purpose is to capture the historical context in which this year’s activity occurred and to project future challenges and outcomes. This overview has been prepared by management.

BACKGROUND
St. Francis Catholic High School, established in 1940, is a college preparatory school dedicated to serving young women. This Diocesan school with enrollment of 1,072 at June 30, 2014 and 1,088 at June 30, 2013 is located in the heart of East Sacramento, serving students primarily from Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, and Yolo counties. These percentages have remained relatively constant the last several years, with only a small percentage increase in students from Sacramento County and an offsetting decrease of students from other counties.

St. Francis Catholic High School Enrollment by County
2013-2014

- Sacramento, 72%
- Placer, 12%
- El Dorado, 10%
- Yolo, 5%
- Other, 1%

GOVERNANCE
SFHS is owned by The Roman Catholic Bishop of Sacramento, a corporation sole. In 2013, the Diocese of Sacramento established the St. Francis Catholic High School of the Diocese of Sacramento, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit religious corporation. Subject to the provisions and limitations of the California Nonprofit Religious Corporation Law, and subject to the limitations set for in the bylaws related to reserved authority, the corporation’s temporal activities, business, and affairs shall be managed, and all corporate powers shall be exercised by, or under the direction of, the Board of Directors.

St. Francis operates on the President/Principal model. The roles of the President and Principal are separated by function and purpose. Both serve our Catholic mission. The President serves as Chief Executive Officer with special focus on business, development/advancement, and capital improvements. The Principal oversees academic and co-curricular programs.

WASC & WCEA Accreditation
St. Francis Catholic High School is jointly accredited by the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA) and the Western Association for Schools and Colleges (WASC). This accreditation provides the SFHS community and the general public with confirmation by an outside authority that our school is credible and delivers a quality educational program preparing students for college. In 2012, the School was awarded a six year term of accreditation with a midterm review. As required, a Progress Report has been completed and will be provided to WCEA/WASC. In February 2015, members of the visiting committee will meet on campus. For further information, please see www.wascsenior.org or www.westwcea.org.
**Description of Basic Financial Statements**

Individual program accounting is maintained in-house in accordance with relevant Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). The Statements of Financial Position provide information about the assets, liabilities, and net assets of SFHS as of June 30, 2014 and 2013. The Statement of Activities reports the operations of the organization for the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013. The Statement of Cash Flows is presented on the direct method to reflect the inflow and outflows of cash of SFHS for the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013.

Below are exhibits of sources and uses of funds for the 2013-2014 year.

**Endowment and Other Investments**

**Analysis of Overall Financial Position & Change in Net Assets**

The financial position of St. Francis Catholic High School has changed from June 30, 2013 to June 30, 2014 with an increase of $254,881 in total net assets of $1,733,153 at year-end. This increase in total net assets from 2013 to 2014 can mostly be attributed to an increase in Gifts and Donations designated for capital improvements.

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**Performance** – The School’s endowment accounts are deposited with the Diocesan Investment Fund. This fund is managed by the Diocesan Investment Committee with the assistance of independent investment consultants. The annual return for the School’s endowment account was 13.8% for the year ended June 30, 2014, as compared to 10.4% for the year ended June 30, 2013. The results for the year ended June 30, 2014, are reflective of fluctuating market conditions primarily during the first and second quarters of 2014.

**Distribution** – In 2003 the School Advisory Board adopted a formal spending policy for endowment funds which calls for 6.5% of the endowed scholarship account to be distributed each year to help offset the cost of financial aid. For 2014, Management decided not to take the distribution and fund financial aid through operations to allow for the endowment fund to grow. In 2013, the distribution was $287,087.
Capital and Debt Activities

St. Francis Catholic High School continues to implement its long range plan of improving its capital assets to provide the optimal learning environment for students.

Capital additions consisted of approximately $1,812,000 during the 2013-2014 school year and $133,000 during the 2012-2013 school year. Over $1,200,000 was spent to acquire the National Guard Armory property adjacent to St. Francis. With the addition of the 5.93 acres of property, the campus increased to over 17 acres. The next largest expenditure was nearly $400,000 in bond and breakage fees that were capitalized as part of the bond refinancing. The remaining $200,000 represented additions and improvements to our technology and facility departments.

Also in 2014, the School qualified for SMUD rebates totaling $129,263, compared to $134,362 in 2013. These continued savings were the result of a solar panel system installed in 2012. The system incorporated 1,316 panels on the rooftops of seven buildings. It is estimated to generate 30% of SFHS’s current electricity needs and has a projected cost savings of more than $1,000,000 over the next 25 years. The total three-year savings is over $643,624 and includes $380,000 from a federal grant.

During the 2012-2013 school year, the primary expenditures were in the IT department for hardware to support the WiFi infrastructure, software licensing, and new laptops and iPads for teachers and the Technology Lab. Additionally, a living wall was created by St. Francis teacher and artist, Adan Romo, to house the solar monitor. The living wall structure, containing succulents, is 12 feet wide by 16 feet tall and is mounted on the south side of the Performing Arts Building.

Debt – SFHS obtained a ten-year note in May 2004 from Allied Irish Bank for $10,750,000 in order to build portions of the Phase II plan during Phase I construction. The additional structures included the gymnasium, staff workroom, and administration building. The monthly payments were $76,954 which covered both principal and interest with a balloon payment of $7,415,414 in May 2014. The fixed interest rate was 5.99%.

In April 2013, the Board of Directors approved SFHS to refinance its existing loan prior to the end of the ten-year term in order to take advantage of lower interest rates and to borrow additional funds for building the dining hall. The School chose a tax-exempt bond loan as its financing option. U.S. Bank offered a $10 million tax-exempt bond at a fixed rate of 3.21% due on August 2, 2038. The loan transaction was completed on July 31, 2013 and monthly payments of $48,772, covering both principal and interest, began on September 1, 2013.

The School entered into a lease agreement in November 2011 with Belvedere Equipment Finance for $859,478 for the installation of solar panels. The monthly payments through June 2014 were $9,976 and cover both principal and interest. Subsequent monthly payments vary each year. The interest rate is 6.49% and the final payment is due April 1, 2019. At that time, the School can purchase the equipment or extend the lease for twelve months with monthly payments of $43,363.

Also in November 2011, SFHS entered into a lease agreement with CalFirst National Bank for $132,901 for the re-roofing project necessary for the installation of solar panels. Monthly payments are $3,975 through March 1, 2015 and cover both principal and interest. The interest rate is 4.70%.

Enrollment

St. Francis Catholic High School continues to attract a consistent pool of applicants to meet the enrollment projections in the School’s Financial Plan. While maintaining its college preparatory mission, SFHS reaches out to all students who have the desire for academic excellence and spiritual growth - regardless of ability to pay. The incoming freshman class enrollment is consistent with long-term projections. The peak enrollment, during the 2009-2011 school years, reflects the enrollment of students from Loretto High School after its closure in June 2009. The graph below depicts both the historical and projected enrollment reflecting statistical data on population figures and birth rate information.
FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Financial aid grants have increased at a higher rate than the increases in tuition and fees since 2008. The average annual increase in financial aid from June 30, 2008 through June 30, 2014 was 12%, compared to the 2.7% increase for tuition and fees. St. Francis had an increase of 2% in financial aid in school year 2013-2014, compared to a 20% increase in school year 2012-2013. It should be noted that the $1,391,386 awarded in 2014 only represented what was granted in tuition assistance, not the demonstrated need. The demonstrated need in 2013-2014 was $2,720,000. The financial aid amount also does not reflect support in areas such as retreat assistance, uniforms, books, and other fee waivers, which are covered through the generosity of the SFHS community. In 2014, 26% of total enrollment received financial aid with an average award of $4,409, compared to 2013 in which 24% of total enrollment received financial aid with an average award of $4,580.

St. Francis Catholic High School
Historical and Projected Financial Aid

Year End (June 30)

$1,600,000 $1,400,000 $1,200,000 $1,000,000 $800,000 $600,000 $400,000 $200,000 $0


STATEGIC PLANNING

Building on the accreditation process where the primary focus is on student learning, SFHS is developing a formal strategic plan to focus on long-term institutional goals. The Educational Improvement Plan addresses areas of growth throughout the institution. However, it does not sufficiently set a long-range vision or organizational strategies. The Board of Directors is currently engaged in a comprehensive institutional assessment and strategic planning process. The plan is expected to be completed and published in June 2015.

TECHNOLOGY

The School is actively engaged in creating a technologically advanced learning environment that supports the current and future needs of our community. In 2013-2014, SFHS continued with campus-wide enhancements, including broader bandwidth, increased speed and wireless coverage to support the growing mobile technology. The School also expanded the use of Google Apps to support collaboration in the classroom and sharing documents. Student information moved to cloud-based systems including academic, financial and development records - making this data accessible from anywhere. In an effort to reduce paper usage, SFHS moved to online admissions, registration and enrollment.

The past year also marked the successful launch of the 1:1 iPad program and the creation of the liliPad - a student-supported help desk. With an iPad mini in every student's hand, interest grew in the visual arts and computer science classes. The iPads also facilitated the use of digital books helping to reduce the overall costs of books for our families. Additionally, the School is committed to funding professional development to focus on the integration of iPads into the classroom. It is essential that faculty have the training to maximize and enhance the potential of the technology in the learning environment and throughout all curricular areas.

STEWARDSHIP

Our major annual fund appeal, Stewardship for St. Francis Catholic High School, contributes substantially to the School’s financial health. Because SFHS does not charge full-cost tuition, it is imperative that the difference between the total cost of education and the tuition paid by families is covered. After several years of utilizing only a digital campaign for Stewardship, the past two years an active engagement of all families commenced with tremendous success. Personalized letters and solicitation produced a marked increase in revenue. The 24/24/24 online “crowd sourcing” program was continued. This outreach appeals to our larger and younger alumnae base with more than $70,000 raised in twenty-four hours from more than one thousand donors – many first-time givers. The donations were directed toward the scholarship fund. This crowd sourcing effort will continue to provide the opportunity for outreach, as well as cultivating new donors.

FUND DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Fund development events continue to be essential revenue sources for St. Francis Catholic High School. The School has developed annual events that help cultivate the many constituencies - alumnae, parents, alumnae parents, grandparents, future parents, students, and community supporters - who financially advance the mission of SFHS.

Revelry Gala & Auction is the major school-wide fund development event that continues to be supported by the community. The revenue has increased significantly in the last several years as the event continues to draw a variety of our constituencies. The specific “Fund an Item” portion of the event has allowed for pilot testing of iPad technology, the launch of a new Media Arts program and, most recently, interior audio visual and aesthetic enhancements to the new dining hall.

A comprehensive fund development plan clearly is the most important and effective way to provide for long-term sustainability
of the School. The plan would build on community support from alumnae, parents of alumnae, current parents, and other groups to sustain the School. Other activities that have contributed to the support of campus life include events sponsored by the Parents' Guild, Booster Club, Patrons of the Arts, and St. Francis Filipino Families & Friends auxiliary organizations. The proceeds from these events go directly to the School to enhance the specific student programs.

**CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**New Principal & Assistant Principal** – In 2013, Principal Patrick O’Neill announced his departure from St. Francis effective June 30, 2013. After a thorough and exhaustive process, the Principal Search Committee recommended Theresa Rodgers as the new Principal based on her more than twenty years experience in secondary education. She demonstrated an understanding and passion for Catholic education in transitioning her career from public education. During her first year she was successful in providing educational leadership through the transition to a seasoned and experienced faculty. She was able to introduce more effective professional development training across disciplines adding the Professional Learning Communities model to collaboration.

Also in 2013, Assistant Principal for Academics, Ivan Hrga, accepted a position in the Bay Area. Mary Castellano assumed this role and the responsibilities over curriculum. Mary brings nine years of St. Francis faculty experience to the administration transition. Her experience leading our WASC Accreditation team provided continuity and broad-based knowledge of the School’s goals and areas in need of focus during this transitional year.

A thorough review of all policies and practices continued throughout the year. Student daily learning objectives were articulated in the classroom. The focus and single highest priority remains our Mission of educating young women who seek academic excellence and spiritual growth.

**National Guard** – After nearly eighteen years, St. Francis Catholic High School and the State of California Military Department executed the sales agreement to transfer the title of the 58th Street Armory property to the Diocese of Sacramento. The ongoing discussions with the National Guard and the Diocese regarding the acquisition and future use of the property increased in intensity in January 2013. In anticipation of acquisition and transfer, the School completed work in assessing all possible environmental issues present at the Armory. The transfer of ownership was completed on April 28, 2014. An assessment of current campus needs and capital improvements is currently underway as part of the master plan portion of the institutional strategic plan.

**New Dining Hall** – The first of three phases of construction and campus renovation was completed in 2004. After nearly a decade, the construction of the final phase, the dining hall, was initiated in December 2013. A construction advisory team was assembled to participate in the interviews and selection of a contractor, to oversee the construction process, and to ensure proper oversight of the project. The dining hall construction is ahead of the anticipated completion timeline of August 2014. The dining hall will provide a much needed community gathering space.

**Advancing the Mission** – Management has engaged the services of a consultant to work directly with the Advancement Department to secure long-term and sustainable support for St. Francis. The consultant will begin work in January of 2015 and is anticipated to be working with the department building the foundation for a successful advancement program and possible future capital campaign.

**Mission Effectiveness/Catholic Identity** – The Mission of St. Francis is to prepare each student to “develop her gifts and talents to become a model of Pax et Bonum (Peace and Goodness) through leadership and service.” The school integrates the Catholic Church’s seven Catholic Social Teachings in a four-year cycle and incorporates the teaching into curriculum and other student activities. Annually, Campus Ministry formulates a school theme that captures the Catholic Social Teaching Principles, giving the students the opportunity to think, analyze, and reflect upon its principles. For the 2013-2014 year, the theme was “Do Small Things with Great Love,” from a prayer by Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.

**Future Outlook**

School leadership is committed to graduating young women who embody our four pillars, the foundation of a St. Francis education – faith, excellence, leadership, and service. St. Francis Catholic High School recognizes that parents have many educational choices. With the escalating costs of private education, SFHS is working to ensure that our graduates demonstrate the values of a faith-based Catholic education and that prospective parents will see that St. Francis Catholic High School is the best choice for their daughters.

Margo Reid Brown, President

Tara Leung, Director of Finance & Business Operations
On February 24, 2015 donate $24 (or more) to support the Scholarship Fund at St. Francis Catholic High School

Many small gifts...ONE BIG IMPACT

(Current Troubies and Alumnae attending colleges around the country helped to promote the 2014, 24/24/24 campaign.)
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Giving is a response to the gifts that God has given each of us. The following represents the benefactors of St. Francis High School who have continuously given to the school and through their individual cumulative donations* have supported St. Francis at a substantial level. We are truly grateful for the generosity of these exceptional supporters. Over the years and with their support we have and will continue to educate young women who change the world. This report reflects donations through June 30, 2014.

*Donations to the school have been recorded in our data base dating back to 1983. Gifts received prior to that date may not be reflected in our Cumulative Giving list. We apologize for any errors or omissions and ask you to please report them to Elmarie Hoffmann Brown, Director of Advancement, at 916.737.5033.

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Theresa Rodgers was appointed principal of St. Francis Catholic High School in July 2013. After a busy and productive first year, we’ve asked her to reflect on her experience and her goals for the future.

You came to St. Francis with nearly twenty years of experience as a teacher and vice principal in public high schools, and a commitment to youth ministry in the Diocese of Oakland. What have been the highlights of combining your faith and skills in leading a Catholic high school?

This job is the perfect marriage of my love of our Catholic faith and my love of education. I finally feel like I can be my authentic self in this community, able to articulate clearly and boldly the mission of the Church and help our young women discover who God is calling them to be.

Professional development for teachers is something you are passionate about. Can you tell us about professional learning communities and how they are being used at St. Francis?

A Professional Learning Community (PLC) is group of teachers working together to improve student learning. We are blessed to have built-in collaboration time in our schedule. During collaboration, our teachers gather in course-alike teams to clarify essential learnings for each course, create common assessments, and share best teaching practices so students can be successful. The bottom line for any PLC is student learning. At SFHS, we want our students to be able to master course objectives, and our PLC teams work together to ensure that this is happening.
How is being an administrator at an all-girls high school different than being at a coed high school?

I LOVE that our young women choose to be here. They choose St. Francis because of its wonderful community, faith component, academic standards, and safe environment. When students choose their school, they are empowered in ways that I have not seen at other schools. The all-girl environment allows our students to blossom into confident, articulate, passionate, service-oriented women who will change the world. Our girls are encouraged to try new things- they lead retreats and liturgies, build robots and design sets, participate in team and individual sports, learn Latin and hula, volunteer their time with the marginalized in society, and understand what it means to be a woman who embodies the spirit of Pax et Bonum.

With recent changes to the SAT and the proliferation of Honors and AP options at public high schools, how does St. Francis ensure that its students stay competitive in the college admissions process?

St. Francis Catholic High School has an outstanding reputation. When our students apply to colleges and universities, those schools know that our girls will be prepared to attend their institution. That said, we always need to be aware of changes to high stakes tests like the ACT and the SAT, which are both being aligned with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). We are well aware of the CCSS and our teachers are ensuring that our students are mastering those skills. Our Honors and AP options are quite varied and continue to be rigorous for those students who desire a more advanced course load. Our AP teachers examine their students’ scores and set goals to improve them every year.

What changes or additions to the curriculum do you anticipate over the next few years?

We would like to develop our technology plan a bit more to ensure that our students are fully prepared for the world beyond high school. That also means investigating programs that are STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) focused. The next big project on the horizon will be to implement an Engineering program, which will bring together all pieces in a STEAM curriculum. In addition, we also need to meet the needs of students with learning differences. This would entail hiring a Resource teacher who will be able to provide interventions for our students and professional development for our teachers.
Differentiated learning (accommodating different learning styles and abilities) is increasingly important in high schools. How do you ensure that St. Francis students receive appropriate instruction?

We know that students retain information in different ways. Differentiated Instruction is how we make our curriculum accessible to all students, regardless of their learning style. In this model, teachers collect and review student data, get to know students’ interests and prior knowledge, identify the best tool for the appropriate learning experience, and select the best strategy for various groups of learners. This process takes a lot of time and reviewing of our current practices. Our talented faculty, in their PLC teams, are looking at ways to differentiate their instruction so all our students can be successful.

How do you maintain effective communication and a meaningful connection with St. Francis parents?

We implemented a weekly Principal’s Newsletter which details upcoming events and highlights our successes. Parents have commented that they appreciate the thorough and timely information.

You relocated from the Bay Area to become principal at St. Francis. How are you enjoying Sacramento and what do you like to do in your free time?

After looking for seven months, my husband and I finally bought a home in Carmichael and we love it. Sacramento is a wonderful, family-friendly community and we feel blessed to be here. My husband is an avid golfer and finally persuaded me to join him on a course. I recently started playing and taking lessons, and to my surprise, I love it! We’re happy that there are many, many golf courses in the Sacramento area to play.

Finally, what are your goals for the coming academic year?

We will continue collaboration in our PLCs, working together to align curriculum and improve student learning. We also want to ensure that our curriculum reflects our Catholic identity, which makes our school unique. Since this is our third year with our current schedule, it is time to assess its efficacy and impact on student learning. I also want to continue to build relationships with our feeder schools and work with them to help our students with a smooth transition into St. Francis Catholic High School.

St. Francis is a high school rich with tradition. What are some of the special traditions that you have most enjoyed this past year?

I have to say that I LOVE our school-wide Masses. After 20 years in public education, without any sort of faith component, I am thrilled to celebrate the Eucharist with my faculty, staff and students. It is always a beautiful and moving experience for me.
The 258 graduates of the Class of 2013 celebrated together with family and friends at Memorial Auditorium. Valedictorians were Jasmine Florentino and Ashley Jones, Salutatorian was Ashley Rose, and the Graduates’ Prayer was given by Victoria Quiniola. Members of the SFHS graduating class of 2013 earned a combined total of $24,998,133 in one-time and renewable college scholarships.

“My fellow classmates, my fellow Americans, my fellow sisters in Christ, as we venture into our futures, we must recognize that we are called to be people for others. We must recognize that we are not the only school of fish in the ocean, that there are many, many others who need us to live for them. We must recognize that in whatever we do, we are called to witness to the love, charity, and service that we have so well established within our family at St. Francis.”

Jasmine Florentino,
Excerpt from Valedictory Address
6.1.13 - 6.8.13 New York Service Trip
Twelve Troubies served at “Part of the Solution,” a soup kitchen in the Bronx, and the Jeanne Jugan Society, a retirement community run by the Little Sisters of the Poor.

7.7.13 - 7.13.13 San Diego Service Trip
Students and staff volunteered at a summer camp for low-income preschool and elementary school students; Troubies read to preschoolers and kindergartners, tutored elementary-aged kids, played games, taught yoga and made arts and crafts. Students also toured the University of San Diego and attended Mass on the beaches of Coronado.

7.14.13 - 7.20.13 San Francisco Service Trip
Students and Campus Ministry staff worked at The Lantern Center for Hospitality and Education which offers immigrants a place to practice their English, learn computer skills, and prepare to take their citizenship tests. Throughout the week the group cleaned and organized the facility. Students also served breakfast to day laborers and re-painted part of the hall at St. Anthony of Padua Church.

“Everything we did came out of love and compassion for the people we worked with. In addition to forming strong friendships, this trip gave me the gift to love unconditionally. I was happy to do work on a daily basis for people that I genuinely cared about. I think that the SF immersion trip is a truly enlightening experience and I’m really glad I went.” Athena Nguyen ’14

7.21.13 - 7.27.13 Nebraska Service Trip
While in Winnebago, NE students and Arts Staff performed a number of clean-up projects on the grounds of the St. Augustine Indian Mission for residents of the reservation. Students focused on weed clearing at local playground and helped stain and seal a newly decked meeting area at St. Augustine school. At the end of a week of fellowship and service, the group attended a powwow and were treated to the colorful native Indian dances, food, and crafts.

8.15.13 Back to School Mass
With our 2013-2014 St. Francis school year theme, “Do Small Things With Great Love,” the St. Francis community came together to celebrate our first Mass. School-wide Eucharistic liturgies and prayer services mark key moments in the liturgical and school year. The Mass is the source and summit of our Christian life. Our Eucharistic celebrations call together the whole community to give thanks for God’s works in creation, redemption and saving grace.

8.15.13 Welcome Back Parents BBQ
Over 500 parents gathered in Serra Court to celebrate the Troubie Spirit and the start of a new school year. Co-hosted by the Troubie Club, Parents Guild and Patrons of the Arts, the annual Welcome Back Parents BBQ, “Heart of a Troubie,” was filled with great fellowship, lots of “catching-up” and a scrumptious BBQ dinner!

8.16.13 Senior Sunrise
Our seniors began the Class of 2014 festivities with their early morning Senior Sunrise.

8.17.13 - 8.18.13 Freshman Overnight Retreat and Family Mass
Freshmen were welcomed into the St. Francis Family by meeting their Big Sisters, getting a school tour along with their Fall class schedule. SF planned a special day just for the Freshman Class and their Big Sisters on campus. The retreat night is filled with fun games and activities that promote sisterhood and building of life-long friendships.

8.27.13 Back to School Night for Parents
8.29.13 & 9.10.13 Meet a Parent/Grandparent for Lunch Days
Twice each year, the St. Francis Campus Ministry Department sponsors “Meet a Parent/Grandparent for Lunch Day.” Students look forward to their relatives bringing a favorite lunch or purchasing one from the cafeteria. Perfect for a picnic in Serra Court!

9.5.13 - 9.6.13 “Finding Strength in God” - Sophomore Retreat
Students explore the way they are living their lives, what they value, and how they can create their ideal life.

9.8.13 Elly Award Winners
St. Francis was honored with the following awards: Sound Design - Steve Decker and David Blanchard for “Into the Woods;” Supporting Actress: Caroline Mixon for “Into the Woods;” Lead Actress: Delaney Feener for “Into the Woods;” Lead Actress: Ashley Rose for “Imaginary Invalid.” Congratulations to our talented staff and students who brought recognition to our school!

Students reflect upon their lives by exploring their personalities, their gifts and talents, and the many blessings they have received.
October 19, 2013 | Revelry

St. Francis High School’s annual fundraising gala, Revelry, raised a precedent setting $654,000 in 2013! This outstanding outcome surpassed our $600,000 goal and was 112% of last year’s highly successful Revelry which set its own record in 2012 at $570,000. In 2011 the event grossed $480,000 so the trend in extremely positive and our generous St. Francis community is to be credited and thanked.

Revelry’s earnings are the essential funds that enable the school to offer college preparatory academic programs, create an enriched spiritual environment, support highly awarded and regarded arts programs, and foster superior athletic opportunities. These are the resources that provide our Troubadours with an exceptional high school experience...the years where many young people set their life’s course.

Some 560 supporters attended the event which was themed after a night in Rome. After the cocktail hour and silent auction, patrons were treated to dinner by Chef Patrick Mulvaney, Culinary Specialists at the B & L. Once dinner was finished, some 40 + live auction items were sold to high bidding patrons with the marque item being a 6 night/7 day trip to Rome - the destination inspired by the night’s theme. Revelry revelers finished the night at the post party where the ladies were given complimentary slippers to provide an alternative to high heels.

Special thanks to all supporters, volunteers, and in particular, Celestine Syphax our amazing 2013 Revelry Chair! This event is the combined product of many talented and dedicated individuals who seek to provide the best for the young women of St. Francis. In so doing, the legacy of the school continues to flourish and generations of Troubadours are taught in the spirit of Pax et Bonum.
The St. Francis Catholic High School community mourns the loss of Sandra Geary Cook ’54 (1936-2014), a beloved Alumna and generous benefactor.
9.12.13  **Benefactors’ Recognition Reception**
The annual Benefactors’ event, held on September 12, 2013, was a special evening on the Campus of St. Francis as it gathered parents, alumnae, faculty and clergy who represent the financial backbone of the school. President Margo Reid Brown ’81 welcomed 125 supporters and all happily joined in celebrating the future of the institution. Additionally, she announced the build-out of the dining hall in lower Serra Court which the benefactors could see from their vantage in upper Serra Court. The new school principal, Theresa Rodgers, was introduced and she immediately thanked the attendees for their long-standing commitment to the mission of St. Francis Catholic High School.

9.14.13  **Troubie College Day**
This annual event is led by the Guidance Department, along with representatives from several colleges and universities. Various workshops were offered for our college-bound Troubadours. Guest speakers included staff from the Guidance Department and representatives from visiting colleges.

9.17.13  **The Arts “Season Sampler”**
The Season Sampler is a showcase of what the Arts Department has in store for the year, which includes Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Dance, Choir, and Orchestra.

9.25.13 - 9.27.13  **Kairos Retreat #46**
Students explore the roles of spirituality, religion and God in their lives. Kairos is an international retreat program based upon Ignatian Spirituality. There are activities to promote community, to build a sense of reflection and to encourage trust and openness. Kairos lives out the Gospel command to love and care for each other. Students speak of their difficulties, joys and hopes in ways new and rewarding to them. Family and friends become important, along with a generous increase of self-esteem, understanding and forgiveness.

9.27.13  **Father Daughter Spirit Day**
This fun and challenging event brings fathers and daughters together to build relationship, communication and trust.

10.4.13  **St. Francis Feast Day Community Celebration**
This community celebration, where we come together as a school community to honor our patron, St. Francis of Assisi, included Mass and plenty of food and games.

10.5.13  **Pearl of the Orient**
Sponsored by the St. Francis Filipino Community, the Pearl of the Orient is an annual dinner-dance showcasing Asian-Pacific culture and food. In 2013 we celebrated its 20th year of service to the school community. We thank all those who have come and supported the event, especially those who come and celebrate with us every year.

10.9.13 - 10.11.13  **Junior Retreat**

10.13.13  **Open House for Prospective Families**
1,200 prospective students and family members visited campus during Open House to experience what it means to be a St. Francis Troubie. Visitors took student-led tours of campus, met faculty members, and learned about all St. Francis has to offer.

10.21.13 - 10.26.13  **Spirit Week 2013**
Spirit Week kicked off with our Spirit Prayer Service and Canned Food Drive. The amazing spirit & generosity of our St. Francis community showed strong by collecting 47,313 cans and 8,677.6 oz of baby formula. The week’s festivities included the Sports Day Rally, Theme Day, Rally and Celebration and concluded with the Homecoming Dance on Saturday.

10.31.13 - 11.1.13  **Sophomore Retreat**

11.13 - 1.14  **Shadow Days for Prospective Students**
From November through February, St. Francis hosted 541 prospective students for Shadow Days. These students from 104 schools around the Sacramento area got the chance to be a “Troubie for a Day” as they attended classes, were treated to lunch, and toured the campus.

11.1.13  **Feast of All Saints Mass**
11.3.13 Water Polo Season Highlights
St. Francis advanced to the Sac-Joaquin Section Finals before losing to Davis in the first season under former Olympian and USA Water Polo Player of the Year Heather Moody. The Troubadours went 18-13 on the season. Three St. Francis water polo players, senior Eileen Walsh and juniors Emily Reini and Lauren Charter, garnered Academic All-America honors from USA Water Polo with outstanding achievement designation for qualifying with a 4.0 GPA or better. CIF Sac-Joaquin All-Section: Brinnley Barthels (First Team), Lauren Charter (First Team), Maggie Oys (Second Team), Marisa Zanobini (Second Team); River Cats All-City Team: Brinnley Barthels, Marisa Zanobini.

11.4.13 Golf Season Highlights
St. Francis finished eighth at the NCGA/CIF Girls Nor Cal Championship. The Troubadours advanced with a third-place finish at Masters. Head Coach Cindy Mah-Lyford was named the Northern California Girls’ Golf Coach of the Year by the California Coaches’ Association. Senior Ileana MacDonald shot a team-best six-over par 78 to lead St. Francis to the Sac-Joaquin Division I North Section title for the eighth consecutive season at Rocklin Golf Club. St. Francis completed league play undefeated to capture the Delta River League title for the second consecutive season. All-Delta River League: Emily Laskin (MVP), Victoria VardanegaI, Ileana MacDonald, Kate Swanson; River Cats All-City Team: Emily Laskin; First Tee Scholar: Emily Laskin.

St. Francis hosted 81 prospective parents on campus for a school overview, classroom visits, and tours.

11.11.13 Tennis Season Highlights
The Troubadour tennis team advanced to the Sac-Joaquin Section quarterfinals before losing to Del Oro. The team posted a 10-4 overall record under first-year head coach Kristi Spector, including a 9-3 DRL mark to finish second. All-Delta River League: Avery Spector, Kendall Spector, Jane Sadler, Anna Kropf; River Cats All-City Team: Avery Spector.

11.13.13 National Letter of Intent Signing
Athletics celebrated 18 senior Troubadours who signed letters of commitment to play their respective sports at the collegiate level. The press conference styled event took place in the CLC along with many similar events held at high schools across the country on the early signing day of the “National Letter of Intent” program adopted many years ago by the NCAA. Anna Baytosh, Volleyball, Chico State; Karson Bisharat, Volleyball, Central Arizona; Caroline Boals, Crew, USC; Lea Felton, Volleyball, Hawaii Pacific; Alejandra Garcia, Softball, Cal Poly; Hannah Gasser, Crew, San Diego State; Chloe Hakim, Volleyball, UC Irvine; Jacqueline Holben, Crew, California; Maddison Johnson, Swimming, TCU; Sophie Kersha, Crew, Georgetown; Ali Koumelis, Volleyball, Portland; Emily Laskin, Golf, U.S. Naval Academy; AnnClaire MacArt, Swimming, Dartmouth; Alexis Martinez, Swimming, Seattle; Noa Nightingale, Volleyball, UC Santa Barbara; Nina Obaldia, Crew, California; Jullisa Romani, Crew, San Diego; Megan Sullivan, Volleyball, UC Santa Barbara.

11.9.13 Model UN
Model UN attended UC Berkeley MUN Delegate Workshop.

11.13.13 Volleyball Season Highlights
St. Francis advanced to both the CIF State Volleyball Nor Cal and Sac-Joaquin Section Finals before losing to eventual state champion Granite Bay in each match. They were the No. 2 seed in both brackets. The Troubadours posted a 34-9 overall record under Head Coach Alynn Wright, who celebrated her 25th season directing the St. Francis program. The Troubadours won the Delta River League title with a perfect 10-0 record, winning the league title for the 16th consecutive season. MaxPreps California All-State Volleyball: Ali Koumelis; Sacramento Bee All-Metro Team: Ali Koumelis (First Team), Anna Baytosh (First Team), Chloe Hakim (Honorable Mention), Megan Sullivan (Honorable Mention), All-Delta River League: Ali Koumelis (Player of the Year), Anna Baytosh, Chloe Hakim, Megan Sullivan; River Cats All-City Team: Ali Koumelis, Anna Baytosh.
The Secret Life of the Circus: The SF Dance Co. and Apprentice Companies performed with special appearances from SF Alumane and Hula: Na Wahine ‘O’Olu (The Women of Grace.) The show was choreographed by dance teacher Christy Costales and guest choreographers were Dana Bueno, Laureen Macugay, and Nicole McKeever.
11.14.13  **Mathletes**
Mathletes placed 7th of 21 teams at competition at Florin.

11.16.13  **Robotics Hosted FIRST Lego League**
Robotics hosted FIRST Lego League event for more than 20 local elementary and middle school robotics teams.

11.16.13  **Speech Team**
The speech team participated in their second tournament of the season and earned 6 awards.

11.18.13 - 11.19.13  **CA STEM Symposium**
Select Robotics team members attended the first CA STEM Symposium at the Convention Center.

11.27.13  **Alumnae Association Basketball Scrimmage**
The Athletics department hosted the annual Alumnae Basketball scrimmage against the Varsity team.

11.28.13  **“Team Trouble” Run to Feed the Hungry**

11.29.13  **Alumnae Association Water Polo Match**

11.30.13  **Cross Country Season Highlights**
St. Francis finished ninth at the CIF State Championships, recording a Top-10 finish for the third consecutive season. Senior Lauren LaRocco finished sixth overall and junior Miranda Myers was 10th. St. Francis was second overall in the Sac-Joaquin Section meet to Davis. LaRocco won her third consecutive Delta River League title to lead the St. Francis team to the team title. The Troubadours placed four runners among the top 10 and six among the top 13 in the race, winning the league title for the third straight season. Sac-Joaquin Section Cross Country All-Star team announced by the PrepCalTrack.com. The Troubadours were the only team to have three runners on the first team. St. Francis was ranked 15th in the nation in the DyeStat.com Preseason National Girls Cross Country Top 120 and No. 11 in the NHSCA national preseason poll. All-Delta River League: Lauren LaRocco, Madison Rawson, Miranda Myers, Camille Boudreaux; SJS Section All-Star Team (PrepCalTrack.com): Lauren LaRocco, Madison Rawson, Miranda Myers.

12.11.13  **Hour of Code**
During National Computer Science Week, the Troubadours joined 6 million other students in 34,000 classrooms from 167 countries, as part of an Hour of Code, the inaugural year for this global campaign. In all, an Hour of Code involved 20 million students worldwide - twenty-five percent from the United States. Founders of computer education nonprofit Code.org, Ali and Hadi Partovi, along with support from school districts, Google, Facebook, Twitter, President Obama, and many others, developed this program after discovering that only five percent of U.S. schools offer computer science education. St. Francis has offered Robotics for over a dozen years and remains one of a handful of schools in the nation with an all-girl team. Girls Who Code was a new club on campus in 2013. St. Francis has offered AP Computer Science classes since 2010 and has future plans to further develop our technology offerings.

12.12.13  **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass**
The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe commemorates the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin in 1531 to St. Juan Diego on the hills of Tepeyac near Mexico City between Dec. 9 and Dec. 12, 1531. Mary appeared four times to the Juan Diego and left her image on the simple peasant’s cloak that is still preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Under this title, Mary is named the Patron of New Spain (1710), Latin America (1910), Queen of Mexico and Empress of the Americas (1945) and patroness of the Americas (1999) by the late Pope John Paul II. She is also the Patroness of the Diocese of Sacramento.

12.13.13  **Father-Daughter Dinner Dance**
A revered and longstanding tradition, the Father-Daughter Dinner Dance melted hearts as our Trouble Dads and Daughters rocked the dance floor at the Sacramento Convention Center. It was indeed a “Roman Holiday” for the nearly 1,100 guests that enjoyed strawberry “Troubie-Daiquiris,” the exciting Treasure Chest table, a sit down dinner along with great music.

12.20.13  **Advent Mass & Celebration**
Advent is a season of great joy and anticipation as we await the coming of Christ. We celebrated this season at our school-wide Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

1.9.14 - 1.10.14  **Sophomore Retreat**
1.12.14  **Grandparents Day Mass**  
Troubies and their Grandparents gathered on campus together this year on for a beautiful mass in the theater followed by a delicious pancake breakfast. While grandparents and students (over 500 people attended!) enjoyed a fully prepared IHOP breakfast together, student performers showcased their talent on stage. Grandparents were also given a St. Francis coffee mug, as a memento to take home and remember this special day.

1.15.14 - 1.17.14  **Junior Retreat**

1.21.14 - 1.24.14  **Kairos Retreat #47**

1.25.14  **Speech Tournament**  
Congratulations to members of the Speech team who participated in the National Catholic Forensic League Qualifier tournament. The following students earned an invitation to compete in the National Tournament in Chicago over Memorial Day weekend 2014: Sophia Fox, 2nd place in Extemporaneous (both International and National); Mia Bonini, 1st place in Oratorial Interpretation in Poetry and 1st place in Declamation.

1.29.14  **Pax et Bonum Mass**  
“Pax et Bonum” (Latin for “Peace and Goodness”) was the traditional welcome and parting phrase used by St. Francis of Assisi when he came in contact with someone. As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week with our Pax et Bonum Mass, we strive to always live out our Catholic values with “Peace and Goodness.”

1.29.14  **SF Players “One Acts”**  
The SF Players performed solos, duos, monologues and One Acts on our campus for three nights and at the Lenaea High School Festival. They took home two gold, one silver and the Synergy Award. The Synergy award is for the school that is organized and respectful.

1.30.14 - 1.31.14  **Mother Daughter Retreat**  
Students of all grade levels took two days away with their mothers or mother-figures to connect, reflect and enjoy each other’s company while experiencing a spiritual retreat together.

2.1.14  **Booster Club Crab Feed**  
What’s winter without a Crab Feed? Our SFHS Booster Club hosted this annual event, which featured a hearty menu of antipasti, salad, homemade “secret sauce” and rigatoni, lots of fresh crab, and delectable desserts. This year’s event was record breaking with over 700 guests! The gym was rockin’ with the return of the live band, Clean Slate, while supporters enjoyed an exciting raffle and silent and live auctions - all in support of our amazing Troubadour athletes!

2.2.14  **National Letter of Intent Signing**  
Six St. Francis High School seniors signed a National Letter-of-Intent or made a commitment to play collegiate sports next year at schools across the country. Terra Carden (soccer, Pacific), Emily Egan (soccer, Georgia Southern), Lauren LaRocco (track and field, Portland), Kayla O’Brine (track and field, UC Santa Barbara), Madison Rawson (track and field, Ole Miss) and Amanda Schnabel (track and field, Bellermine (Ky.) University) made commitments.

2.4.14  **SWAP Day**  
SWAP (Switch With A Parent) Day was a great way for parents to learn what goes on in their daughter’s classroom!

2.6.14  **International Night**  
Every year, the Modern and Classical Languages Department hosts International Night, an evening that includes dinner and performances of ethnic dances and musical numbers.
2.11.14 **Young at ART**
About 300 pieces of art from 22 area middle schools were displayed in the theatre foyer gallery.

2.13.14 - 2.14.14 **Sophomore Retreat**

2.19.14 - 2.21.14 **Junior Retreat**

2.19.14 **Mock Trial Competition**
The St. Francis prosecution team competed against Country Day at the Sacramento County Courthouse.

2.24.14 **24/24/24**
Many small gifts...One big impact. Our second Annual Day of Giving was a huge success with donations received from around the globe and cities across the U.S. Alumnae, parents, students, grandparents, past parents and friends all clicked to donate in 24 hours! It was social media frenzy on campus with the incredible response!

2.27.14 **Basketball Season Highlights**
St. Francis advanced to the second round of the Sac-Joaquin Section playoffs, losing to McClatchy. The Troubadours defeated Edison in the first round. They went 6-4 in Delta River League action, finishing third overall in the standings. All-Delta River League: Susie Rogers (First Team), Lauren Craig (First Team), Kyra Huffman (Second Team), Abby Dow (Second Team).

3.2.14 **Sophomore Family Mass and Ring Ceremony**
This Mass is a bonding experience for the class and a powerful visual and physical symbol of their sisterhood here at St. Francis and of their family support. It is also a celebration of class unity and the blessing of class rings.

3.5.14 **Ash Wednesday Mass**
The St. Francis community celebrated the beginning of the Lenten season at our Ash Wednesday Mass.

3.7.14 **MUN Conference**
Model United Nations (MUN) had an exciting weekend at the UCB Conference. All 23 of our SF delegates did a phenomenal job during their speeches, resolution writing, and caucusing with fellow high school delegates from across the nation. Four Ambassadors of Egypt won awards: Athena Ngyeun ’14, Commendation; Hannah Berke ’17, Commendation; Kayla Weher ’17, Research; Caroline Vihelauer ’16, Research.

3.8.14 **Golden Empire Music Festival**
St. Francis had a wonderful showing at the Golden Empire Music Festival. Many congratulations go out to our phenomenal students and their dedicated teachers! Superior scores were given to the following students:
- String Quartet: Kristi Lee, Rebecca Nicholes, Jessica Shortley, Olivia Dewey
- String Trio: Kristi Lee, Rebecca Nicholes, Celia Karim
- Sara Warady, clarinet
- Meredith Ray, saxophone
- Marie Ybarra, flute
- Kristi Lee, violin
- Jessica Shortley, viola
- Celia Karim, cello
- Olivia Dewey, cello
- Selena Shannon, voice
- Ireland Webb, voice
- Shashi Miereles, voice
- Isabel Petty, voice
- Alexandra Oliva, voice
- Elizabeth Perlas, voice
- Amanda Hoffman, voice
- Laura Cabral, voice

Students who received Superior scores advanced to the State Finals May 10, 2014.

3.8.14 **Second Saturday Art Show**
The crowds of art enthusiasts enjoyed seeing incredible art of all mediums, met St. Francis student artists, and enjoyed live music and appetizers.

3.11.14 - 3.14.14 **Kairos Retreat #49**
March 12, 2014 | Topping Off Ceremony
Current students and parents, alumnae, past parents, and current and past faculty were invited to a ceremony to “top off” the dining hall. Everyone signed a beam that was hoisted into place in the dining hall that day. Monsignor Kidder joined President Brown as the officiant of the brief ceremony.

March 21-29, 2014
Spring Play: “Reviving Ophelia”
The show was an incredibly insightful look into high school girls’ lives and situations that they face in today’s society.

March 14-15, 2014
FIRST Robotics Competition
The SF Robotics team made it to the finals at UC Davis in the FIRST competition.
3.25.14 & 4.8.14  “Meet a Parent/Grandparent for Lunch” Days

3.26.14 - 3.27.14  “Body and Soul” - Freshman Retreat
During the second semester, freshmen attended this one day retreat with their theology class to reflect on the deeper meaning and implications of being created in the image of God. During this special time together as a class, students learn a little bit of who they really are; but more importantly, who God created them to be.

4.1.14 - 4.4.14  Kairos Retreat #50

4.2.14  Henriette Doglietto Art Exhibition
Students, teachers, administrators and friends gathered for this special evening’s culmination of the many accomplishments of the visual artists at St. Francis. A panel of judges selected winners in categories of: Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, Printmaking, and Watercolor.

4.5.14  Mother-Daughter Fashion Show
The Parents’ Guild presented the annual spring Mother-Daughter Fashion Show on April 5 at the historic Sutter Club in downtown Sacramento. An SFHS tradition dating back more than 40 years, the spring Fashion Show showcased our senior Troubadours and their mothers dressed in edgy and current fashions from area clothiers. Over 400 attendees enjoyed either the afternoon show or the evening show, including the memorable “Shining Moment” scene.

4.30.14  National Letter of Intent Signing
Athletics celebrated Spring College Commitment signings, bringing the total to 34 Troubadour seniors who will continue their athletic careers in college next year. The Troubadour commitments include Allison Autrey (Diving, UC Davis), Brinnley Barthels (Water Polo, Pacific), Ryanne Brust (Lacrosse, Fort Lewis), Hannah Frech (Water Polo, Sierra College), Alexa LoGiudice (Volleyball, Dominican), Ileana MacDonald (Golf, Chico State), Victoria Vardanega (Golf, Pomona-Pitzer) and Alexis Viramontes (Softball, CSU Dominguez Hills).

4.11.14 - 4.18.14  New Orleans Service Trip
Students and staff worked at Corpus Christi - Epiphany Church in New Orleans to help the community prepare for various Holy Week festivities. Work throughout the week included cleaning the church, pressure washing the grounds, and painting projects. While staying at the church’s Katharine Drexel Center, students rescreened more than three dozen windows, re-upholstered kitchen seating, and cleaned the basement. Additionally, the group prepared lunch for low-income seniors and spent a few hours with them playing bingo and listening stories of what the city was like pre-Katrina. Students also met SFHS alums for tours of Tulane and Loyola Universities, took a Creole history walking tour of The French Quarter, and were treated to lots of great music, food, and Southern hospitality.

4.4.14  Lenten Prayer Service

4.4.14  Spring Music Concert
All St. Francis orchestras and choirs perform at this lovely show that usherers in the spring season.

4.10.14 - 4.11.14  Sophomore Retreat

5.1.14  The Arts “Dance Showcase”
The SF Dance Co. choreographed the dances for the company and apprentice companies. Show Choir performed their new songs to the lively crowd.

5.6.14  Softball Season Highlights
The St. Francis softball team went 13-11-1 overall and 5-5 in the Delta River League. Head Coach Al LoGiudice celebrated his 25th season as the head coach at St. Francis. Sacramento Bee All-Metro Selections: Alejandra Garcia (Second Team) Amy Marks (Second Team)Rhyann O’Mara (Honorable Mention)Alexis Viramontes (Honorable Mention); All-Delta River League Selections: Alejandra Garcia, Amy Marks, Alexis Viramontes, Rhyann O’Mara; Optimist All-Star Game Participants: Amy Marks, Alejandra Garcia, Alexis Viramontes.

5.7.14  Awards Ceremony
We held our annual Awards Ceremony to honor and acknowledge the many wonderful achievements of our student body. Congratulations to all of our students and a special congratulations to the Class of 2014.
May 21, 2014 | Class of 2014 Commencement

The 283 graduates of the Class of 2014 celebrated together with family and friends at Memorial Auditorium. Valedictorian was Melissa Ann Woodard, Salutatorian was Katie Schembri, and the Graduates’ Prayer was given by Racquel Gonzales. Members of the SFHS graduating class of 2014 earned over $28,000,000 in one-time and renewable college scholarships.

“I believe that we will shock the world with our accomplishments because as young women of St. Francis High School, we are leaders. It is important for us to remember that we bloom where planted, and we have deep, deep roots in the St. Francis community. Now is the time to explore what being a Troubadour means to you. This is our opportunity to sing out and make our lives what we want them to be. Allow your life to be the song that you sing to the world.”

Melissa Woodard,
Excerpt from Valedictory Address
5.8.14 Booster Club Golf Shootout & Booster-Que Blow-Out

The lush greens were calling for the Golf Shootout & Booster Que Blow-Out hosted by the SFHS Booster Club. After playing a casual round of golf, qualifying participants battled it out for Shootout under the lights while enduring the pressure of cheers and jeers from the gallery! The last party of the year, the Booster Que Blow-Out featured an incredible spread prepared by our Booster Club master grillers.

5.10.14 Diving Season Highlights

Senior Allison Autrey finished seventh and junior Patty Sullivan was ninth at the Sac-Joaquin Section Diving Finals contested at McClatchy High School. Sullivan won the Delta River League individual title, scoring a 375.25 to claim the individual league diving title and earn All-DRL honors. Sullivan also won the St. Mary's Invitational on April 11, 2014 in Stockton. All-Delta River League: Patricia Sullivan

5.14.14 Farewell Mass & Celebration

5.17.14 Swimming Season Highlights

The St. Francis swimming team finished third overall at the Sac-Joaquin Section Championships at Tokay High School, finishing behind Granite Bay and Davis. St. Francis won the Delta River League title for the sixth consecutive season, recording an impressive 19 event wins at the El Dorado Hills swimming complex. The Troubadours had nine varsity event winners at the Delta River League Championships, earning each individual All-League honors. Seniors Maddie Johnson and AnnClaire MacArt and sophomore Chloe Mitchell each won two events. All-Delta River League: Patricky Sullivan

5.18.14 Junior Family Mass & Commissioning Ceremony

Parents presented their daughter with a pin symbolizing our four pillars of faith, excellence, leadership and service.

5.20.14 Class of 2014 Baccalaureate Mass

The Class of 2014 and their families attended the Baccalaureate Mass on the eve of their graduation. The Baccalaureate Mass (Mass of Thanksgiving) is the first of two ceremonies that make up the graduation experience from St. Francis Catholic High School. The Class of 2014 processed into the transformed SFHS gym in their graduation gowns. Students placed an item at the base of the altar which represented their time at St. Francis (sports, drama, dance, service, retreats, etc).

6.6.14 Track and Field Season Highlights

Head Coach John DuCray led a school-record seven qualifiers to the CIF Track and Field Championships in six events, finishing tied for 21st overall. St. Francis won the Sac-Joaquin Section title for sixth time in school history and the 17th Delta River League title in school history. St. Francis placed eight student-athletes in 12 events on the Delta River All-League team. The Troubadours broke eight school records during the season. The St. Francis 4x400-meter relay team recorded the highest finish in school history in the event, placing third in the state in a school-record 3:45.02, the second-best performance in section history. The time ranked ninth in the nation following the California prep season. State Championship Qualifiers: Kiani Reyna (4x100, 4x400), Sydney Hunter (4x100, 4x400), Lillian Enes (4x100, 4x400, 400m), Amanda Schnabel (4x100), Ariane Arndt (4x400, 800m), Lauren LaRocco (3200m), Kayla O’Brine (Discus), Elizabeth Hennessy (Alternate): Section Champions: Lauren LaRocco (1600m), Lillian Enes (400m); All-Delta River League Selections: Ariane Arndt (4x400m), Lillian Enes (4x100, 4x400, 400m), Sydney Hunter (4x400), Lauren LaRocco (3200m), Kayla O’Brine (Discus), Kiani Reyna (4x100, 4x400), Amanda Schnabel (100m H, 300m H, 4x100).

6.19.14 Soccer Season Highlights

The St. Francis soccer team earned the No. 1 ranking in the state of California and No. 17 national ranking by MaxPreps following their Sac-Joaquin Section win. St. Francis won their 13th section title in school history and first since 2010 with a 1-0 win over Oak Ridge. The Troubadours finished a 21-3-5 season with a postseason run that included wins over Arnielo (4-2), Enochs (5-4), Granite Bay (1-0) and Oak Ridge (1-0) in the SJS playoffs. All-Delta River League: Anna Gregg – Co-Player of the Year, Rachel Schafer, Catie Brown, Hailey Barrett; River Cats All-City Team: Anna Gregg – Co-Player of the Year, Catie Brown, Hailey Barrett.

6.20.14 Lacrosse Season Highlights

St. Francis advanced to the North Coast Section playoffs and lost in the first round at Granite Bay. The Troubadours finished the season with a 9-10 overall record. St. Francis placed six players on the Sacramento Valley Lacrosse Conference All-League team: Hayley Kusserow (First Team), Ryleigh Bone (First Team), Erika Palmer (First Team), Lyndsay Carpenter (Second Team), Colleen McClain (Second Team), Maddie Merwin (Honorable Mention).
1960s

Judy Dias Allen ’67 lives in West Sacramento and has 3 children and 7 grandchildren. She retired as a Section Manager from DMV after 38 years and now works part-time for the Office of Clergy Formation of the Diocese of Sacramento.

Sue Romanello Olson ’67 reports that she and six SF schoolmates walked the Camino de Santiago in Spain in May 2013 from Samos to the Compostela in Santiago - 142 kilometers (approx. 94 miles). The group included Mary Geary Ellingson ’67, Mary Ann Scully Haines ’67, Carolyn Geisler Perry ’67, MaryJane Craviotto Sutliff ’67, and Nancy Leonard Szydelko ’67.

1970s

Mary Krug Sklar ’70 became a grandmother for the first time in October 2013. She is enjoying weekly visits from the new baby and her parents.

St. Francis grads from the Class of 1971 celebrated their 60th birthdays with one big celebration and danced the night away. Fellow classmates, friends and family members shared in the festivities. They are looking forward to sharing their 70th birthdays together in true Troubie fashion! They consider themselves blessed by the St. Francis spirit of sisterhood and sense of community they’ve experienced over their lives.

1980s

Karin Nilsson ’81 shared the big news of her marriage (first time, at age 50!) on January 19, 2014. She and her husband Dan live in Davis. Karin works at UC Davis for student counseling services and has a private practice as a psychologist in Sacramento. Now she is also a long distance step-mom to Dan’s 21 year old daughter, who attends college in Washington, DC.

Laura Facino ’83 recently finished her Master of Information Systems degree and was promoted to Regional eBusiness Manager for Airgas NCN. She spent the month of October traveling through Italy before boarding a cruise ship that sailed transatlantic to Florida – a bucket list trip! After returning from Afghanistan, her son Luke purchased his first home and is in process of joining the Highway Patrol. Her daughter Carolyn is married and living in South Carolina and attends college. Laura is very proud of both of them.

Friends from Class of 1984 and, 35 years later, they are as tight as ever! Judi Bagley Kane, Helen Fox McCloy, Kim Corderman Stahlman, Erina Lucchesini Soria, Katie Baker Villegas, Betsy Pearya Bryan, Jill Tobia Broughton, Liz Baker Martinelli, Lisa Grecchi Page

Katie Baker Villegas ’84 was elected to the Washington Unified School District Governing Board and is currently serving as Vice Chair of the WUSD Board.

Julie Padilla ’85 is an elementary school math teacher in Denver where she boasts some of the highest math scores in the district. Together with her Australian husband, Paul, she has three sons (Rio, Kai, and Narrah) who are all avid soccer players (to say the least) and who play too many musical instruments to enumerate.

Julie, her youngest son Narrah, and a few of her 4th grade students on College Friday.

Mollie Munizich Nelson ’86 and Sandra Giordano Ramsdell ’86 trained and ran in the 2014 Shamrockin’ Half Marathon. While both are proud of their accomplishment, it is safe to say that long distance running is not in their future. Side note: while rehabbing a running injury at a local sports therapist’s office, Mollie bumped into Jane Trippet in the waiting room where they caught up on the last 25+ years.
Alison “Ali” Morr ’89 was appointed as the Executive Director of Development and External Relations at the School of Education, UC Davis in April 2014. Previously, Ali served as the Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving at the Mondavi Center for Performing Arts, UC Davis, and Associate Director of Development at the Stanford School of Engineering. She holds a J.D. degree from the Santa Clara University School of Law.

1990s

Liz Berta Miller ’95 gave birth to daughter Autumn Elizabeth Miller on October 8, 2012. Autumn weighed in at 7 lbs 13 oz and was 21 inches long. Liz, her husband Kevin and big brother Decker are all doing great and are adjusting nicely to the Miller “party of 4!”

Grace Arullo Rodriguez ’96 married Luis Rodriguez on September 28, 2012 at St. Anthony’s Church in Walnut Grove. They celebrated by becoming PADI certified and spent their honeymoon diving in St. Thomas and St. John. In 2013, she and her sister, Annie Arullo ’02 went on a sisters’ trip to China, climbed the Great Wall, explored the Forbidden City, toured Xi and shopped in Shanghai. Most recently, with her husband, mom and Annie, she travelled to the Philippines and visited Manila, Boracay and Coron. On the career front, she is very pleased and honored to report that in May 2013 she was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to serve as the Deputy Director of Legal Affairs for the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development. “Thank you St. Francis and thank you to my parents for sending me and my sister to such a wonderful college preparatory school!”

Karin Moore Sweigart ’97 and her husband Lewis celebrated the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Athena Sweigart on June 25, 2014. She weighed 8 lbs 9 oz and was 21 inches long at birth. After a rough first couple of months, she is now a very smiley, chatty, giggly, and ridiculously tall little girl.

After three years in Okinawa, Japan, Tara Heintz McCall ’98 and her family moved to southern Arizona where her husband continues his career in the US Air Force. They are happy to announce the birth of their newest addition, Kelsey Renee, born on August 26, 2014. Her older brothers, Dutch & Shane, and older sister, Regan, are thrilled to have a new sister.

2000s

Alison Marie Reta ’00 graduated from the University of Southern California with a BA in Spanish in 2004, and from UC San Francisco with a PharmD in 2008. She returned to USC to complete a pharmacy practice residency, and earned her Certificate of Diabetes Education in 2013. Alison has now been working for USC as an ambulatory care clinical pharmacist for six years in its affiliated community health centers throughout the Los Angeles area. Alison will be marrying Sean Toshima of South Pasadena, CA in a ceremony in Los Angeles in March 2015.

Claudia Castaneda ’02 resides in Milan, Italy where she is completing a Master’s program in Curatorial Studies.

Lindsay Clutter McCarl ’02 and her husband Clayton are celebrated the birth of their daughter, Sophie Ann McCarl, on September 28, 2012 at St. Anthony’s Church in Walnut Grove. They celebrated by becoming PADI certified and spent their honeymoon diving in St. Thomas and St. John. In 2013, both Lindsay and Clayton are attorneys currently stationed in Norfolk, Virginia serving in the Navy’s Judge Advocate General’s Corps.

Erica Jahn ’05 started her own professional soccer career as an Account Executive with Sacramento Republic FC as her little brother, Adam Jahn (Jesuit ’09), finished his rookie season with the San Jose Earthquakes. She looks forward to being a part of a bright future in professional soccer in Sacramento! Go Republic!

Krista Shelby Newberry ’05 is happy to announce that she married her best friend, Travis Newberry, on August 10, 2013. Travis is pursuing his education towards becoming a respiratory therapist and Krista is working at the UC Davis Medical Center as a Program Administrator for the Clinical Laboratory Science program.

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Spenser Brown ’06 recently purchased a home in Sacramento and works as a Civil Engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineering on the Folsom Dam. She was hired as the new Varsity Head Coach for the SFHS Lacrosse team and looks forward to this season. Spenser got engaged on Thanksgiving Day while running on Team Troubie with her fiancé Jesse.

Lauren Piwinski Burkhardt ’06 married her best friend of four years, Kyle. They live in Camino with their two cats. Kyle is a licensed contractor and Lauren teaches preschool while working on her teaching credential with a Masters in education. They have a home in the Apple Hill area where they help the local farmers.

Colleen Callaghan ’06 is engaged to Chris Wright (Jesuit ’05) and getting married on May 9, 2015. Classmate Taryn Wright ’06 is a bridesmaid.

Gillian Emmerich ’06 graduated cum laude with a Juris Doctor degree from USF School of Law in May 2013, with a certificate in Public Interest. In December 2013, she was sworn in to the State Bar of California and the United States District Court for the Northern District of California by the Honorable Lucy H. Koh.

Sarah Gold ’06 recently graduated from UC Davis School of Law and passed the California Bar in November 2014. She was appointed by Governor Brown to serve as a Deputy Legal Affairs Secretary in the Office of the Governor. She is engaged and will be married in May 2015.

Raquel Leon ’06 graduated in May 2013 from California State University, Long Beach where she received a Master’s of Public Health with a concentration in Community Health Education. She has since moved back to Sacramento and is currently working as an Air Pollution Specialist with the California Air Resources Board providing outreach and compliance assistance for CARB’s various diesel regulations.

Gina Stack Maraist ’06 married Chris Maraist, whom she met at the University of Portland in Oregon. She works in the Advancement Department for La Salle Prep, a sister school of Christian Brothers in Sacramento. Her husband is an emergency room RN at Oregon Health & Sciences University.

Elizabeth Shirey ’06 graduated from UCLA School of Law in May 2014 and just received word that she passed the California bar! Currently, she is a legal fellow at Inner City Law Center in LA, where she works with disabled homeless veterans trying to access VA benefits.

Elizabeth Shirey ’06 & Marlena McMurchie Moore ’06 at a UCLA game at the Rose Bowl.

Sarah Stark ’06 earned a degree from California State University, Chico, then attended the teaching credential program and received two credentials, Multiple Subject (Elementary Education) and Education Specialist (Special Education). After graduation, she applied to international schools overseas and accepted a one-year position in Panyu, China teaching 2nd grade Chinese students. Panyu is a suburb of Guangzhou, China, which is a city of 15 million people, located in southern China. The experience gave her the opportunity to travel throughout China, Japan, Thailand and Cambodia. Sarah now teaches Special Education in Sunnyvale, CA.

Sarah Couch ’07 graduated in May 2014 from Sacramento State with her MA in English Literature. She currently serves as the President of the California State Student Association, advocating for the 437,000 students of the CSU system in the largest statewide student association in the nation. She is the first female president of the organization.

Katie Lawlor ’01 married Alex Scott McHardy in July 2013 in Carmel-by-the-Sea. SF classmates Catherine Flynn ’00, Kendall Reedy Skillicorn ’00, Becky Solie ’03, Kerry Lawlor Hernandez ’03, and Erin MacEneaney Weeden ’92 served as bridesmaids. Katie will started a doctorate program in Clinical Psychology at Stanford in fall 2014.
Taylor Aviles ’08 went to South Korea as a TaLK Scholar for an 8 month assignment, teaching English to 100 first through 6th graders. On her way home, she stopped in Thailand, Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia and Singapore.


Dana Knudsen ’08, who was a sophomore on the St. Francis State Championship volleyball team in 2005, played her final year of eligibility in NCAA volleyball finishing #5 in the nation in 2013. She graduated with a Masters Degree from the University of Minnesota and worked for a professional soccer team in Minneapolis in marketing and sales. She landed a professional volleyball contract in Murcia, Spain with one of the top A-1 teams in Europe. Dana has never appreciated her professional volleyball contract in Murcia, Spain with one of the top A-1 teams in Europe.

Stasia Uhrhammer ’09 graduated Magna Cum Laude from University of Portland with a BS in Nursing in May 2013, and pursued a full time nursing job in Salem, Oregon shortly thereafter. She was invited into a “magnet” hospital (top 10% of nursing hospitals in the US) and their ‘residency’ program that gave additional training and mentoring throughout her first year. She continues to enjoy her nursing career on the ‘med’ floor and living in the great Northwest!

Erin Rost ’10 jumped into the Buffalo Wild Wing Bowl with five other members of the “Wings of Blue” Parachute Demo team on December 28, 2013 carrying the Michigan Flag. Erin has over 600 jumps and continues training Academy Cadets to get their jump wings.

Carmyndee Fields ’11 lives in Los Angeles and works full time as a public safety dispatcher for the California Highway Patrol. In her free time, she has been travelling the country via Amtrak. “I have been to dozens of new cities! Through my travels I have met many great people from around the world, while having a blast! I plan to travel to more states soon.”

Kristen Mansfield ’11 attended Boston University and studied abroad in London, living in South Kensington. She majored in public relations with a minor in political science. During her course of study in London, she interned at Parker, Wayne and Kent Public Relations. She has travelled to Pembrokeshire, Wales for an adventure weekend of sea kayaking and coasteering (exploring a rocky coastline by climbing, jumping, and swimming), as well as to Edinburgh, Scotland; Barcelona, Spain; Paris, France and has trips planned for Istanbul, Turkey and Rome, Florence & Milan, Italy. She has been playing volleyball with the students at the local university, Imperial College, and has made friends from all around the world (Greece, France, Columbia, Finland, Italy). She says it has been an amazing educational and cultural experience.

Morgan Pigman ’11 spent the spring 2013 semester studying abroad in Southern Australia at the University of Adelaide. While there, she caught the travel bug! She not only traveled around and experienced Australia, but also Thailand, Fiji, and New Zealand. “I am now a firm believer in the idea of wanderlust.” Saint Mary’s College offers a Jan Term every year so this year she is taking an ancient athletics course which travels to Turkey and Greece.
It’s Reunion Time!

If you have graduated in a year that ends with a 4 or an 9, this is your year for a Reunion.

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Upcoming Reunions
Class of 2004: Please contact Laura Hanusek at lhanusek@stfrancishs.org.

Class of 1994: Please contact Sojourner Augustine at sojourner@erganicdesign.com for more info.

Class of 1989: Has anyone begun planning for your 25th reunion? Please email Laura Hanusek at lhanusek@stfrancishs.org with info or if you would like to be involved in the planning committee.

Ann Marie Perry Faires ’71, Megan Musilli ’12, and Alex Chan ’10 with Major Robert Dyer at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis!

Jordan Borg ’12 is pursuing a Bachelor of Music with a French minor at NYU. She is studying Music Theory and Composition under the tutelage of acclaimed composer Youngmi Ha. In addition to her composition studies, Jordan is an active trombonist, formerly a student of renowned bass trombonist, John Rojak and a regular performer with the NYU Brass Choir, NYU Symphony Orchestra and Philharmonia, NYU Players Club, and various chamber ensembles. She has also enjoyed working as assistant to the music director on multiple NYU theatre productions. In November 2013, Jordan had the first ever live performance of an original composition, a very important milestone in her career as a composer. Her piece, “Day After Day” for Soprano and Tenor Voices and Piano, was performed at the Provincetown Playhouse in New York City as part of a concert featuring new works by NYU composers.

Rachael Hoxsie’12 is currently working at FEMA Headquarters in Washington, DC, as a member of FEMA Corps. She processes paperwork associated with the Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Katrina disaster recoveries as she awaits deployment to the site of Midwest tornadoes. Her primary position in FEMA Corps is to work as a liaison between FEMA and onsite volunteer organizations during the aftermath of a large disaster.

Allison Kang’12 is studying at Sac State as a cello performance major. Her string duo was the winner of the Festival of New American Music student artists performance competition in 2013. Her string quartet also won first prize at the A.J. Watson Student Chamber Music Scholarship Competition in 2012.

Emilie Uhrhammer’12 found a passion for Italian language and culture while studying under Signora Bertini for three years at St. Francis and traveling through Italy with St. Francis students and teachers in the summer of 2009. After continuing language studies at Georgetown University, she participated in a service and language immersion trip to L’Aquila, Italy in the summer of 2014, followed by a semester abroad in Florence alongside fellow Troubies from the Class of 2012. Pursing a degree in International Politics, Emilie will be interning with the State Department at the American Embassy in Rome for the 2015 summer, working in the Political Section. After graduation she hopes to follow a career based in service to others that can combine her background in politics and Italian studies.

Taylor Kandris’13 attends Texas Christian University, where she was involved in the production of the TCU 2013 Frogs for the Cure Video – featuring Green River Ordinance, the largest music video ever produced for breast cancer awareness. Taylor is so proud to be a part of this amazing organization. She has been a champion for breast cancer research and awareness for several years and has raised over $12000 through an organization she started at the age of 13 called Crowns for a Cure.

Kate Meissner’13 was the featured artist for Sacramento’s Union Hall Gallery in January 2014. Her “Faces” collection of works includes large-scale acrylic portraits of Kate’s young cousin Annika, along with other watercolor and acrylic paintings. “At the age of eighteen, her natural talent and bold scale is unusual and impressive.”

Alecia Clark’14 won Miss Teen Placer County Queen 2013 and was crowned by her predecessor, Taylor Kandris’13. Alecia’s painting, Madonna and Child, won Best of Show, Best in Division, and First Place at the Placer County Fair.

For the Fall 2014 semester, nine SF Troubies from the Class of 2012 studied abroad in Florence, Italy with various universities and programs. Now in their junior year of college, the girls enjoyed the incredible opportunity to reunite halfway around the world. Many from the group selected Florence in a continuation of the love for Italian language and culture born under the instruction of Signora Bertini, where they first began their studies freshman year in her Italian 1 class. Pictured at the Piazza della Santa Croce in Florence during the Christmas markets: Emma Kuchera, Cara Emard, Emilie Uhrhammer, Caitlin Petersen, Madison Kenny, Natalie Crone, Kathleen Menz, Alyssa Cook.
February

24/24/24 Online Fundraiser
Tuesday, February 24, 2015
On February 24th, 2015 donate $24 (or more) to support The Scholarship Fund. Hundreds of young women with various backgrounds want to attend St. Francis High School. The demonstrated need* of our families that apply for financial aid is over $2.4 million each year. St. Francis is able to grant only half that amount. We thank you in advance for your support of the Mission of St. Francis High School. Through your support, we endeavor to educate young women who will transform the world. For more information, please go to www.stfrancishs.org/242424. Spread the word! For more information, contact Jessica Mindt, jmindt@stfrancishs.org, 916.737.5020.

Spring Play “Macbeth”
March 12-21, 2015
During the time Shakespeare was writing, all performers were men. However, strong female performers such as Sarah Bernhardt played Hamlet in the 20’s and other women performers started to take on strong male parts. There is a resurgence of all female casts in the US, Canada, UK, and now St. Francis is excited to be part of the trend. Macbeth is probably the most driven by gender of all Shakespeare’s plays because of Lady Macbeth. SF has a unique opportunity to not only play male roles but also explore the sociological and psychological issues of gender in his plays. For more information, please call Elizabeth Danielson, 916.737.5002 or visit www.stfrancishs.org/arts. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 under 19 and can be purchased at www.ticketguys.com/stfrancis or at the door.

Second Saturday Art Show
March 14, 2015, 5:00pm to 7:00pm
The art on display is submitted and judged work from St. Francis High School students. Come join the reception. Enjoy seeing incredible art of all mediums and meeting artists while enjoying live music and appetizers. We hope to see you here! Admission and parking are free. For more information, please call Elizabeth Danielson, 916.737.5002 or visit www.stfrancishs.org/arts.

April

Pearl of the Orient
April 18, 2015, 5:00pm
Sponsored by the St. Francis Filipino Community, the Pearl of the Orient is an annual dinner-dance showcasing Asian-Pacific culture and food. Everyone is invited to this spring event. It is an exciting fun-filled event with live entertainment, delicious food, games, prizes, and dancing. For more information, please contact Maria Cisneros, maria.la.cisneros@gmail.com.

Mother Daughter Fashion Show
April 25, 2015
The St. Francis Catholic High School Parents’ Guild is pleased to present the annual spring Mother-Daughter Fashion Show on Saturday, April 25th at the historic Sutter Club. An SFHS tradition dating back more than 40 years, the Fashion Show showcases senior Troubadours and their mothers. This special event is a fabulous day for making memories along with seeing the season’s current fashions! For more information, please contact Melissa Deiro, Advancement Department, mdeiro@stfrancishs.org.
Mr. Brian Dodson was an inspired educator who left an indelible impression on our campus and community.

In addition to chairing the Theology department and teaching all class levels at St. Francis, Mr. Dodson led summer classes for junior high school and incoming freshman students. He was very involved in campus life, coaching the St. Francis Mock Trial and Model United Nations academic teams and mentoring the Fembots robotics team. He was also the faculty advisor for the Mini-Lifesavers pro-life student club and represented St. Francis at the annual Walk for Life.

Mr. Dodson will be fondly remembered for dressing up like St. Francis of Assisi on feast days and for “Dodson Says,” his ultra-challenging version of Simon Says that allowed victorious students to record their name on the Golden Scroll of Victory in his classroom.

He will be greatly missed, but we take comfort in knowing that he is wrapped in the arms of our loving God.
Sing to the Lord, all creatures!
Worship God with your joy;
Praise God with the sound of your laughter.
Know that we all belong to God,
That God is our source and our home.
Enter God’s light with thanksgiving;
Fill your hearts with God’s praise,
For God’s goodness is beyond comprehension
And God’s deep love endures forever.

Psalm 100

St. Francis High School Memorial and Tribute Program

Contributions in honor or memory of a loved one go directly to the St. Francis High School Scholarship Fund, providing financial assistance for students. Your gift will be recognized in the Pax et Bonum Annual Report edition in the fall. Remembrance cards are sent to the family as requested, with no donation amount mentioned.

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The St. Francis High School community mourns the loss of the following alumnae & Faculty:

Ada Anne Panattoni Daugherty ’47
Chloe Watson Krause ’48
Maureen Street Roberts ’48
Helen McDonagh Kelly ’49
Alyssa Mock Quint ’49
Mary White Ravizza ’49*
Mary Ann “Pat” Reissig Rienti ’51
Susan Balshor ’67
Julie Hanretty ’68
Carol Suarez Klick ’68
Kathleen Angela McGovern ’68
Kimberly Johnson ’75
Riley Warren ’80
Sharon Achondo Howze ’87
Susan Fox McGrath ’90
Juliet Miller ’02
Lorena Sanchez ’02
Kristina Perscheid ’06
Marissa Madrid ’08
Brian Dodson*

*SFHS Teacher
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27 Honors & AP Courses are offered.

In 2015, more than 300 SF students completed nearly 500 AP exams.

SFHS has 9000+ Alumnae, 21 currently on staff.

8 Counselors are on staff for academic, college and personal counseling.

99% of our graduates go on to college.

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55 Elly Nominations in the last 5 years

55+ Performances/ shows per year

3 levels in Dance Courses

4 levels in Choir

12 Visual Arts Courses

1 Orchestra

1 Dance & Voice

3 levels Dramatic Arts

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