

Alumni & Friends
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Fall Edition 2018

FOOTPRINTS



HOP AND HIS CRU

Coach Todd Hopkins has been a driving force at Marquette for 20 plus years. With the Crusaders' 10-1 victory over Peoria Christian last season, Hopkins gained his 500th win! That includes 12 seasons of at least 25 wins, the first of those in his second year at the helm of the Cru when he led them to fourth place at the IHSAA 1A State Finals. This season's program consists of 24 wins and 8 losses. His winning percentage of .748 is believed to be the highest of any coach with at least 500 wins.

"To do anything like (500 wins) you have to have good players, good assistant coaches and a place that believes in you and lets you do your thing, and Marquette did that. It was a collaborative effort by everyone. ... It's nice, probably something that I'll think about 20 years from now," Hopkins said.



Photo courtesy of Marquette alumni Annette Barr

The 2018 30-2 season was impressive, but not expected. No one had the foresight to see what this team was capable of accomplishing. The Crusaders were a team that got along, had fun together and kept grinding until the very last play of every single inning.

After winning the Regional, Sectional and Super Sectional, the Cru advanced to State in search of the 1-A Championship title. After a 13-8 loss against Aurora Christian, Marquette played for 3rd place against Goreville. Goreville broke the 1-1 tie with a game-changing two runs in the bottom of the fifth. MA pulled within one in the sixth but went down in the seventh to bring home the fourth in State Hardware. A celebratory reception at Bader Gym awaited our heroes. Hop and his Cru made Marquette history, again.

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GOD IS LIGHT

No matter what terrible things happen in the world, no matter what confusion I experience in my life, **"God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all"** (1 John 1:5).

Following the school shooting in Parkland, Florida last February, students around the country responded by voicing their fear, and by pleading with the adults who run this country to do something to ensure their safety. This prompted a national discussion about how to stop the recurring theme of students expressing their rage by shooting up their school. Some called for more gun control, others suggested arming teachers, and many suggested more counselors, psychiatrists and armed guards on campus. While some of these things might be helpful, none of them addresses the root of the problem: why all the rage?

One member of the Florida State House of Representatives had a different response. Rep. Kimberly Daniels said, "We cannot put God in a closet when the issues we face are bigger than us," and, "God is the light...our schools need light in them like never before." Unfortunately, it was the adults who run this country that outlawed in-school prayer in public schools in the 1960's. Without God in our schools and in our American public life, our young people are left without any moral guidance. They don't know who they are, they don't know right from wrong, and they don't know where to turn when life's problems are bigger than them...and it's not their fault. Because of the sense of meaninglessness and confusion this causes, it's no wonder young people have so much rage.

Rep. Daniels made some concrete progress in helping to right this problem. She helped pass a bill that took effect this past July requiring all state schools in Florida to prominently display their state motto: "In God We Trust." Although God has not been kicked out of our Catholic school, we are always affected by the ethos of the time. I want this same message of hope to speak at Marquette loud and clear, so this school year will have a theme: "God is Light (in Him there is no darkness at all)". It will be proclaimed from banners, posters, and holy cards alike. For when we know the Light of God, our lives are never meaningless, our problems are never too big, and when making difficult decisions, we always have a Light to guide us.

May this school year be filled with the pure Light of God,

Father Corey Krenziel, *Chaplain*



WHAT'S NEW!

Thank you to all who generously donated to our Capital Campaign and May Merriment. Because of you, we were able to complete a big list of accomplishments:

- Completion of new roof and repairs at the HS
- Bader Gym wall has been reinforced for structural stability
- Installation of new ventilation/cooling system in Bader Gym
- The GS gym has been given a facelift with new paint, logos, and wall pads
- We have converted all the glass at the GS campus for safety/security
- We are implementing a new CAD program to our Fall curriculum at the HS and GS junior high level with new faculty member Ed Frankenburger
- We offer FFA and AG Education with new faculty member Jenny Wold
- New winch system for the basketball hoops in Bader Gym is completed
- New freshman lockers are installed

On behalf of our students, faculty and staff, thank you for supporting Marquette Academy.

HEARING GOD'S CALL, AND ANSWERING

Three Marquette Academy alumni are in the Seminarian Program. Please keep these young men in your prayers.

TAYLOR CAPUTO
Alumni Class of 2008
Parents: Robb and Mary Jean Caputo
Studying at: Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD
Ordination Class: 2020

JACOB MARTINI
Alumni Class of 2014
Parents: Tom and Sherrie Martini
Studying at: Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD
Ordination Class: 2024

RYAN MANN
Alumni Class of 2017
Parents: Glenn and Mary Mann
Studying at: Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona, MN
Ordination Class: 2025



TAYLOR CAPUTO



RYAN MANN



JACOB MARTINI



AG IS BACK!

**JENNY WOLD- Biological Science
Agriculture Education/FFA**

MAHS has currently introduced the AG program back into our curriculum. We now offer Introduction to Agriculture and Environmental Science. Students enrolled in these classes are able to participate in the FFA organization, which is the largest youth organization in the nation. Through the FFA, they are able to attend leadership conferences and conventions, participate in contests, serve in leadership roles, and much more! Program goals for the future are to provide dual credit agriculture courses with IVCC, increased FFA and career exploration activities, and to host an agri-science camp for elementary students.



GLORY DAYS!

Marquette Alumni participated in football games and performed the school song at our Gather@Gould event on September 2. Everyone is welcome to this family-fun day, please save the date for next year 9/1/19.

ALUMNI UPDATE

A special thank you to those who worked so tirelessly in helping us update our Alumni Database.

Committee: Dee Anderson, Deanna Crowley, Kay Hughes, Judy Kiesig, Diane Barla-Kummer, Judy Dougherty, Doris Jessen, Alice McGinnis, Peg McGrath, Gail Pillion, Dianne Thompson, Anna Mattes and Janice Wiesbrock.

This group of women were assisted by a multitude of volunteers who did research on the graduating classes of Marquette.

A huge thank you to all!

Marquette Academy continues to operate the school at a profit. The Annual Report is available online at marquetteacademy.net, or at the High School Campus.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 7, 2018
Go Club Pig Roast

Oct 28, 2018
Rip's Party

Nov 4, 2018
Turkey Dinner

Nov 9, 2018
Merry Everything: Food Tasting and Christmas Bazaar

Jan 16, 2019
HS Open House

May 4, 2019
Marquette May Merriment

To view the full calendar of events and athletic schedules visit: marquetteacademy.net

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Contact Diane Whalen with phone, email or address updates at dwhalen@marquetteacademy.net 815-433-0125 ext 1018. If you would like to receive this newsletter via email, opt in by contacting Mrs. Whalen.

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OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

Jennifer L. (Anderson) Czech, a 1979 graduate of Marquette (High) Academy, is our Spotlight Alumni. Jennifer's parents are Dolores and the late Donald Anderson. Her siblings include Scott, Greg, Susan and J.P., all Marquette (High) Academy graduates.

Jennifer, a resident of New Canaan, CT and Newport Beach, CA, is married to Stephen J. Czech, Chief Investment Officer of Czech Asset Management, LP. Jennifer and Steve are the parents of daughter Sydney, a recent graduate of Villanova University. The Czech family is a very generous supporter of Marquette Academy for which we are extremely grateful.

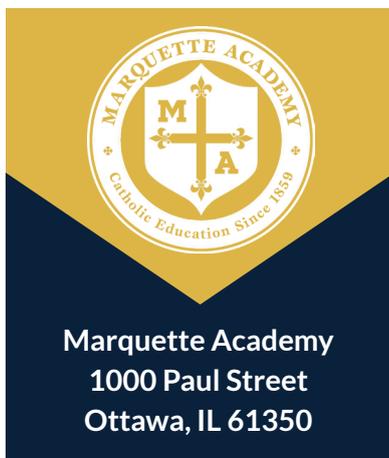
Jennifer and Steve's only son, Mikey, passed away from a rare pediatric brain tumor known as Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) in 2008 at the age of 11. DIPG is a brain-stem tumor that affects the cranial nerves of children ages 3-16 years of age. This cancer destroys the nerves that supply the muscles to the eye and face and muscles involving breathing. Notwithstanding this physical deterioration, the children maintain their mental faculties and are fully cognizant of what is happening to them. Survival past 12 to 14 months is uncommon. Due to these facts, new treatment methods are urgently needed as no known effective therapies currently exist.

Jennifer and Steve have since established The Mikey Czech Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit foundation to finance medical research for pediatric brain tumors, including DIPG. Jennifer



and Steve have recently announced a \$1.0 million gift to the Dana-Faber Cancer Institute/Harvard Medical School in Boston, MA. This is the largest-ever, single-donor gift dedicated to DIPG research. Thanks to their tireless efforts, Jennifer and Steve continue to raise money to advance the research required to develop remedies for this rare pediatric cancer.

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