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The John Scott Memorial Golf Tournament

On October 2, 2021, the sun came out over Mountain View Golf Course for The John Scott Memorial Golf Tournament.

John Scott was a pillar of

St. Ignatius. John loved with all his heart, and as a faith community, we were blessed to know him. His life was a beautiful example of living with intention and putting first the things that matter most.

A few years ago, John's wife, Helen, and a group of friends started the John Scott Memorial Fund, part of the St. Ignatius School Foundation, to honor John and his devotion to the community.

All proceeds from the golf tournament go to this John Scott Memorial Fund, and as part of the endowment fund, helps provide access to St. Ignatius School for students who otherwise may not be able to attend.

Eighty golfers gathered at Mountain View Golf Course to play in this 18-hole golf tournament, which included prizes for Men and Women's Long Drive, KP's and a putting contest.



Following competition play, we all gathered in Mountain View's beautiful outdoor pavilion for food and drinks, fellowship and lots

of raffle prizes.

This tournament would not have been such a big success without the support of our sponsors and golfers.

A huge thank you to our event sponsor NORLIFT, as well as all of our sponsors. Please see the donor/sponsor list included on page 2.

Due to the success of this tournament, we were able to contribute over \$20,000 to the John Scott fund.

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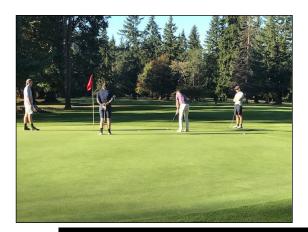


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A big shout out to all of our volunteers and a big thank you to the tournament committee:
Alyssa Frangipani '07, Jim Dorman, Michele McKay, Sandy Scopacasa Rich '73, and Foundation President Sue Schweitzer.

Watch the foundation website for our 2022 tournament date and details. www.stignatiusschoolfoundation.org















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Dear Friends of St. Ignatius School:

Thank you for your incredible, dedicated support over the last year. We are more mindful than ever that ensuring the future of St. Ignatius requires the support of all those who have benefitted from the legacy of the school. Thank you for your care and your commitment to pass on the amazing experience of attending St. Ignatius School to our future community leaders.

We'd like to take this opportunity to update you on the successes and challenges of St. Ignatius School as it continues to navigate the pandemic. St. Ignatius students continue to learn and grow with a return to in-person learning this year. We are blessed to have thirty new families joining us across all grade levels. From preschool through eighth grade, our students develop eager minds, enthusiastic spirits, passionate hearts, and brilliant futures. The Holy Names Sisters and Jesuit dual heritage is one of justice, compassion, faith, excellence and making a difference in the world.

Our school is one of only twenty-five remaining in Jesuit parishes in the entire country that serve children in preschool through eighth grade. Diversity strengthens our school's mission. Currently, there are eleven different first languages spoken in the homes of our students. We are economically diverse and continue to receive a record-number of requests for financial assistance, largely due to unemployment and business closures as a result of COVID.

Our school may be small, but as Mother Teresa said, "Do small things with great love." While our enrollment is strong this year, we still have plenty of room for more students in our younger grades. With the large gap in the cost of education and the tuition charged, St. Ignatius School finds itself in need of support outside of the fundraising we will host in the second half of the year.

We are asking you to partner with the St. Ignatius School Foundation in supporting the school either directly for the school's general fund, or through the foundation by contributing to our endowment fund. You may give in any way that is easy for you. If you wish to contribute to the schools general fund, please make your check out to St. Ignatius School or you may donate online at: Give Now (onrealm.org). Or you can contribute to the foundation endowment fund. You can make your check out to St. Ignatius School Foundation using the enclosed envelope or donate online at www.stignatiousschoolfoundation.org. Whether you choose to donate directly to the school, or to the foundation's endowment fund, please know your contribution will have a positive impact on the students of St. Ignatius School. Gifts of all sizes are deeply appreciated.

Please hold us in prayer as we do you. Please reach out if you have questions. We are proud of our alumni and grateful for your support and stewardship of the school.

Sue Schweitzer, Foundation President	Carol Pausz, Principa
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Blessings,

A Merry, Passionate Christmas

Dear St. Ignatius School Foundation Families and Alumni:

In the gloom of Advent as we prepare for Christmas, the school children love a good story. Everyone at Christmas usually expects something sweet, soft, and gentle. But this story is about passion. Perhaps you associate passion with the end of Christ's life – when he suffered his passion and death. But passion is written all over the Christmas scene.

Behind the memory of the newborn baby is some dauntingly stark reality. Born without benefit of adequate health care or housing, born of an un-wed teenage girl, born into a political scene charged with danger, the Word of God becomes flesh. Why? Why does God want to dwell with us? Because simply put, God wants to be with us. Christmas is God's passionate desire to dwell among us, to be part of our human story. God loves us that much. And that's passion. So here is a story about passion, a story that mentions a baby, a story told by a woman, the baby's mother. Listen.

It was Sunday, Christmas day. Our family had spent the holiday in Portland with my husband's parents, but in order for us to be back at work on Monday, we found ourselves driving the 279 miles back home to Klamath Falls on Christmas Day. We stopped for lunch in Eugene. The restaurant was nearly empty. We were the only family, and ours were the only children.

I heard Erik, my one-year-old, squeal with delight. 'Hi-there," the two words he always thought were one. "Hi-there," and he would pound his fat baby hands on the metal high chair. His face was alive with excitement, and then I saw the source of his merriment. And my eyes could not take it in all at once.

A tattered rag of a coat, obviously owned by someone else eons ago. Baggy pants. Spindly body. Toes that poked out of ruined shoes. And a face that belonged in an Alka Selzer ad, with gums as toothless and bare as Erik's. "Hi there, baby. Hi there, big boy. I see ya, Buster." My husband and I exchanged a look that was a cross between "what do we do?" and "poor devil."

The food came, and the banging and noise continued. Now the old guy was shouting across the room, "Do you know patty cake? Atta boy. Do you know peek-a-boo? Hey, look. He knows peek-a-boo." Erik continued to laugh and answer, "Hi-there." Every call was echoed. Nobody thought it was cute. I was embarrassed. My husband, Dennis, was humiliated. Even our six-year-old said, "Why is that old man talking so loud?"

Dennis went to pay the check, imploring me to get Erik and meet him in the parking lot. "Lord, just let me get out of here before he speaks to me or Erik," and I bolted for the door. It soon was obvious that the Lord and Erik had

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other plans.

As I drew closer to the man, I turned my back, walking to sidestep him and any air that he might be breathing. As I did so, Erik, all the while with his eyes riveted to his new friend, leaned over my arm, reaching up with both arms in a baby's pick-me-up position. In a split second of balancing my baby and turning to counter his weight, I came eye-to-eye with the old man.

Erik was lunging for him, arms spread wide. The guy's eyes both asked and implored, "Would you let me hold your baby?" There was no need for me to answer since Erik propelled himself from my arms to the man. Suddenly, a very old man and a very young baby expressed their wordless love relationship.

Erik laid his tiny head upon the man's ragged shoulder. The man's eyes closed, and I saw his face begin to shine with a smile. His aged hands, full of grime and pain and hard labor, gently, ever so gently cradled my baby's bottom and stroked his back. I stood speechless.

The old man rocked and cradled Erik in his arms for a moment, and then his eyes opened and set squarely upon mine. He said in a firm, strong voice, 'You take care of this baby." And somehow I managed to say, "I will" from a throat that suddenly contained a stone.

He pried Erik from his chest, unwillingly, longingly, as though he was in pain. I held my arms open to receive my baby, and again the gentleman addressed me: "God bless you, Ma'am. You've given me my Christmas gift." I said nothing more than a muttered "thanks." With Erik in my arms, I ran for the car. Dennis wondered why I was crying and holding Eric so tightly and why I was saying, "My God, forgive me. Forgive me."

And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. That's what Christmas is all about. It's an enormously unrelenting kind of feast. It is not just sweet baby Jesus. Christmas is passionate Eric.

When you come right down to it, this is why we have a Catholic school, and ask you to support the Foundation with your legacy gifts. If God is not with us, and if God has not embraced our tattered lives, woe is us. But if we are here because of love, if we are here like the rag-tag shepherds that we are, to kneel and rejoice, then we have caught the meaning of Christmas: Emmanuel, the passionate God, has had his way and has hugged us fiercely.

A merry, passionate Christmas to you all.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

New Principal Spotlight: Carol Pausz

This month we wanted to spotlight our new principal at St. Ignatius School, Carol Pausz.

A little about Carol: she is a graduate of the University of Portland where she received both her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education as well as her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. She has three grown children, a family dog, and her home parish is St. Pius X.

Prior to coming to St. Ignatius, Carol spent the last 30 years at Valley Catholic Elementary. In her time there, she taught all grade levels, worked as math specialist, and most recently held the vice principal position. Carol collaborated with three mentor administrators while at Valley Catholic and credits each mentor for shaping her current skill set in various ways.

When it comes to her vision for St. Ignatius School and its students, Carol hopes to maintain the diversity of the school population while increasing the enrollment to capacity. She believes that "this will allow a greater financial stability to support current curricular programs and to expand the range of offerings."

Expanding on her vision for the school, Carol tells me that she thinks ahead twenty years to what skills students will need to have such as excellent critical thinking and communication skills. "With the immediacy of information at our fingertips, now and in the future, students will need to evaluate and synthesize information quickly and accurately."

I also asked Carol what she sees as challenges for St. Ignatius School, other than the cranky old boiler: She sees the condition of the facilities as requiring maintenance, repair, and eventually replacement of well-loved systems all of which are expensive budget items. She states that the school facilities are in continual upkeep and repair mode at this time.

As far as the curriculum area goes, she would like to see St. Ignatius be able to support and upgrade technology devices, both laptops and IPADs, as well as support software application subscriptions. She would also like to see continued support and growth for STEM and the arts. Additionally, she would like to explore adding a language learning component, especially for the middle school.

Before the conclusion of our interview, Carol talked about the many selling points for St. Ignatius School. "St. Ignatius is truly a loving, supportive community. The staff is dedicated, experienced, and always learning and growing. The students are kind and respectful. The focus on social justice and service partners allows for the students and families to develop a deep care for their community. St. Ignatius is a truly special place exemplifying the Jesuit and Holy Names Sisters' mission, 'Seek God in All Things and Do Everything for the Greater Glory of God'."

We are so grateful to have Carol here, and we look forward to all that she will bring to St. Ignatius.

St. Ignatius School has many amazing graduates leave and go on to explore and accomplish great things. The new Graduate Spotlight article in the St. Ignatius Foundation Newsletter will feature an article about one of our graduates. If you would like to nominate someone for us to consider, please email us at: stignatius foundation@outlook.com

Let Us Know More About You!

While we continue to celebrate 100 years of excellence in Catholic Education we also celebrate the many generations of families who have left a legacy here at St. Ignatius! Let us know more about what you are up to and we will share that in our next newsletter under Alumni Notes. Thank you!

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A financial gift of any size will last forever as a piece of the endowment. The endowment or foundation is a pool of money with one slide in and walls so high nothing can leave! Once money slides into the pool it will never leave. The Foundation grows that pool of money through sound and disciplined investing. Any distribution that the school receives comes from money that was generated through growth that the investments of the endowment produces. Therefore, a gift to the St. Ignatius School Foundation is a gift that truly lasts forever. Thanks to gifts like yours, the Foundation was able to give \$128,000 to the school for the 2021-2022 school year!

Please consider sending your gift in honor or in memory of someone! Their name will be listed in our next newsletter!

Please contact us at stignatius foundation@outlook.com with any questions.



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Endowment Statistics & Named Funds		
Total Alumni since 1908:	3264	
Wills & Bequests:	\$1,124,370.93	
John Scott Memorial Fund:	\$27,892.74	
Fr. Thatcher Fund:	\$82,525.76	
Bob & Rose Harris Fund:	\$424,621.08	
John Hovenkotter Fund:	\$49,122.81	
Koenig Family Fund:	\$106,584.66	
Dick DeMartini Fund:	\$30,870.00	
Glenn Family Fund:	\$25,465.00	
Joseph and Rose Angela D'Ambrosia Memorial Fund	\$15,385.00	
Patricia Obradovich Fund:	\$164,982.66	
Dr. James P. and Marian E. Craven Fund:	\$11,600.00	
David & Marie Robben Family Fund:	\$53,753.23	
Bob & Evelyn Dieringer Family Fund:	\$249,081.46	
Tom & Estelle George Family Scholarship Fund:	\$25,450.00	
Frank & Bernice Wusz Fund:	\$72,542.00	
The Vincent L. and Mary K. Barnes Fund:	\$45,020.00	
Total Distributions to St. Ignatius School since 1984:	\$1,482,920.00	
St. Ignatius School Foundation Endowment Donations:	\$2,778,872.24	

We would love to hear from you!

Please send us your Alumni Notes! Feel free to use the envelope enclosed or send us a note at stignatiusfoundation@outlook.com

Calendar

Meetings occur virtually over the 3rd Monday of every month excluding July and December at 7:00PM.