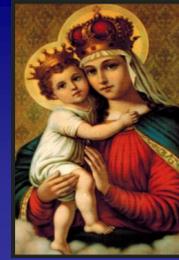


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2016 Retreat

Please join us
for a weekend of
spiritual renewal.

Open to all
parents, alumni,
teachers, staff
members,
benefactors,
board members
and friends of
Summit
Academy.

To be held on the
Summit Campus
in early 2016.

Details and dates
to be announced
soon.

*He said to them, "Come
away by yourselves to
a deserted place and
rest a while." Mk.6:31a*

Getting It "All In Order"

Summit Academy students are not only working hard to earn high marks in their academic courses, but are practicing virtue as a way to improve their spiritual formation as well. This emphasis for this first semester of school is for all students to strive for the virtue of exterior order.

Students, whether at school or home, were recently challenged to help grow this virtue through the "Make an Effort" all school campaign. Students earned tickets from staff or family members for keeping their belongings in order, for helping out at home, and for giving themselves in service with a cheerful attitude. Students then brought the tickets to school for their chance to win a prize, Chinese auction style, made up from articles left over from the Mystery Night fundraiser.

"I believe the campaign really worked and touched the hearts of the students," commented Mrs. Lustig, organizer of the campaign. "I was so pleased to see that the children worked so hard to really rake up all the leaves at home, for example, to earn a single ticket. I was even more pleased when I saw a young, charitable boy use his seven tickets, one for each parent and sibling, so that they would have a chance to win a prize too."

Mr. Hickel, our school principal, explained at the start of the campaign, "Only when the child possesses exterior order, is he or she then able to gain interior order of the soul." The campaign of emphasizing exterior order this semester is a natural stepping stone to fostering interior order the following semester.



*First graders
add tickets to
the bowl of
their favorite
prize.*

"A Knight to Remember"

Summit Academy held their 18th annual Mystery Night Fundraiser on Saturday, October 3rd. The Greencreek Community Hall was transformed into a renaissance era castle complete with stone archways and a damsel in the turret. Jousting knights, a Sherwood Forest tavern, and a menacing dragon which threatened from above were a few of the many decorations put together by the team of Therese Schmidt and Shirley Stubbers.

The event, chaired by Maurice and Heather Seubert, began with time for socializing and enjoying food prepared by volunteers led by Jeanne Stubbers and Linda Beckman. Attendees also browsed and bid on a variety



A ferocious dragon hung from the ceiling of the hall. He is supported with many helium balloons and anchored to the ceiling.



The Sherwood Forest Saloon kept Mystery Night guests in a festive spirit.

of silent auction items donated by many generous businesses and individuals.

Guests were encouraged to try their archery skills in the game created by Bo & Amy Rose. Contestants won tickets based on their skill, and a drawing was held to determine the winner of \$100 in lottery tickets.

The live auction was an action-packed bidding war overseen by auctioneer Rick Musick. The evening's jesters, Michael Rehder and Savannah Prigge, kept the bidding lively with their antics. A one-day rafting trip, statue of Mary, hunting rifle and several hosted dinners were among the most sought items.

The elimination raffle was the evening's main



Two larger than life knights held a jousting tournament on one wall of the hall.



Candlelight, overhead lanterns and rock walls were just part of the transformation of the Greencreek Hall.

event as one by one the 350 tickets were drawn. Each 10th ticket drawn won that guest a trip on stage to choose a \$100 prize. They were encouraged by the king and queen of the evening, Kevin and Kathy Rehder. Norm and Julie Sonnen also assisted on stage as Robin Hood and Maid Marian. Prizes and auction items were procured by a committee headed by Alea Wassmuth.

Finally, the last 10 Mystery Night ticket holders were called out and enthusiastically welcomed onto the stage by the Summit

Academy alumni. The elimination process continued as each of these final 10 names was drawn out one at a time. Each of those ticket holders was given a consolation prize as the alumni performed skits to add to the anticipation and fun. Keith Wassmuth was the last name left in the tumbler and the winner of \$10,000 in gift certificates to be used at the Mystery Night sponsors: Lindsley's Furniture and Appliance, Sonnen Meats, Les Schwab Tire Center-Grangeville, B & A Performance Auto, Intermountain Feed & Mercantile, Hoene Hardware, Chesky Woodworking, and Cottonwood Foods. Thank you to all who supported our largest fundraiser of the year through attending or donating.



This year's Mystery Night grand prize winner, Keith Wassmuth, is pictured with Kevin & Kathy Rehder and Julie Sonnen.

Volleyball Team Finishes Very Competitive Season

The Summit high school girls volley ball experience could be summarized in four words, “neck and neck competition.” Completing the season with 7 wins and 11 losses isn’t a true indication of success considering that many of those matches lost were in the fifth game by sudden death, meaning, by only two points.

During the regular season the small, young team, comprised of one senior, two juniors, two sophomores and two freshmen tallied game wins against every team in the district, with the exception of Deary, who they later beat in at least one game in districts. Another highlight for the season was taking the Grangeville varsity, a District 2A school, to all five games in their scheduled match. In the end, the Lady Patriots fought through the district competition securing match wins with Nezperce and Highland, and some game wins with Deary and Logos.

The Summit team finished fourth place overall.

“The team played very well together. They elevated their game whenever they played against a tough team and I was always so proud of their efforts,” commented Coach

blocks and digs were additional team members Bridget Beckman, (outside hitter), Lauren Stubbers (middle), Lucy Osborne (right side), Taylor Lustig (outside hitter) and Kayla Rehder (various positions). Assisting Coach Waters for



Heidi Waters.

The Patriots were led by senior setter Rachel Waters and junior power hitter Ally Sonnen. Sonnen was named to the honorary District 1A First Team and Waters was honored to play in the Senior All Stars game and was named to the District 1A Second Team.

Contributing with considerable power hits, solid serves, and consistent

the season was Allen Sonnen.

“Our young team tried a variety of different line-ups... and were very resilient with trying new arrangements and different positions,” Coach Waters explained. “All of them could hit and set when needed and our middle blockers really helped shut down some hard hitters on the other teams.”



Ever So Gently,
**Christ Comes to the
 Land of the Scots**

The story of St. Margaret of Scotland

based on the book written by local author,

Anne Guerin

Summit Academy Nativity Play

Friday, Dec. 18

7 p.m.

Please join us in the school auditorium!



Astronomy Class Views Lunar Eclipse

On Sunday, September 27th the 7th and 8th grade astronomy class gathered at Summit to view the combination lunar eclipse and super moon. This is commonly referred to as a 'blood moon'. During a super moon, the moon appears up to 8% larger due to the orbit being closer to earth. The moon remained visible during the eclipse because of light reaching it through our atmosphere. The moon appears red because red light rays are less filtered by our atmosphere and were able to reach the moon.





CLASSES

that stimulate great thinking!

FRIENDS

who encourage you to be your best!

A SPIRITUALITY

that fosters a deep love for Christ!

Summit Academy is now accepting high school boarding students!

Do you know a young man or woman who could benefit from a solid spiritual and academic education in a vibrant, family-style, rural setting?

Talk with them about enrollment as a boarding student today!

Practicing Catholic students are encouraged to enroll for the spring semester.

Transcripts, a letter of recommendation from a local pastor, and other details described on the website, are needed to begin the application process.

Regular tuition \$1,250.00 per semester (see the website for additional fees)

Monthly borders (7 days a week) \$600 per month

Weekly borders (Monday-Friday) \$400 per month

Parents who require boarding for their children or who live too far from the school campus to fulfill the required parental volunteer duties may either pay an addition fee of \$1,250 per semester or raise the equivalent in fundraising efforts for the school.

Call soon to reserve a space. Limited family housing is available.



Faculty Spotlight: Mr. George Watson

Mr. Watson is Summit Academy's most educated and traveled faculty member. The youngest of six, he moved all over the world growing up, following his father's career in the Air Force. He has lived on every continent except Antarctica. It is almost faster for him to list the places he hasn't lived, than the ones he has. One of the stops when he was young was at Mountain Home, Idaho. Much more recently, he came to know Summit alumni Mark Uhlenkott and Joe Lustig while all three studied at Mount Angel Seminary. Mr. Watson became an honorary member of the Idaho seminarian group because of his time spent in Idaho while he was young. Mark and Joe persuaded Mr. Watson to look into teaching at Summit, and he was sold on the idea of teaching at a "smaller school where the Catholic Faith is taken seriously."

Mr. Watson has earned bachelor's degrees in Math, Humanities, Cognitive Science and Philosophy, as well as master's degrees in Philosophy and Theology. He has taught for 15 years at the high school level and 10 years at the college level. He is currently teaching 9th & 10th Theology, 7th grade Latin I and 8th-11th Latin II. He also serves as the school's athletic director.

He is enjoying being out of the city where he can star-gaze as he wishes. He also enjoys his two German shorthair pointers: Dusty and Smokey. It's been said that he's impossible to beat at chess, but he'd welcome the challenge.

JH Girls Finish Strong in Basketball Season

"It was a great season!" Coach Kimberly Frei eagerly stated, "We had a good win/loss record but mostly, it was fun because the girls were so enthusiastic and ready to play basketball."

Summit's junior high team finished strong in a nine game schedule with only two losses and seven wins. Their losses to Kamiah and to CV tallied a win/loss of 1-1 with both teams in regular season play.

Leading this year's team were eighth graders Jessie Sonnen, Lexi Carrier, Erin Chmelik, and Hailey Stubbers. Seventh graders Kelly Stubbers and Clair

Osborne; and sixth graders Dani Sonnen, Lyndsie Krogh, and Jade Prigge followed through with excellent team support.

"We should do well at the Hallissey Tournament in Boise," explained Miss Frei, "and I am really looking forward to that weekend in February!"

Miss Frei and all the girls want to send their gratitude to Mrs. Rose for arranging all the games, and to Mrs. Jeanne Stubbers for being their scorekeeper.



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Upcoming Events

- *Thanksgiving Break: November 26-27*
- *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training: December 3-5*
- *Feast of the Immaculate Conception: December 8*
- *Nativity Play: December 18*
- *Christmas Vacation: December 23- January 3*
- *Adult Retreat: early 2016*

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Where Are They Now? Class of 2006 . . .

Jeannie (Goeckner) Bock attended Our Lady Seat of Wisdom in Canada then transferred to Christendom to earn her BA in Philosophy. She returned to work as secretary at Summit where she met her husband. They are now living in Vancouver, WA with their two children. Jeannie is "so grateful that a strong spiritual life was fostered during my time at Summit!"

Kelli Shears studied marketing at BSU, graduating in 2010. She worked in marketing for a few years before joining the Hershey Chocolate team in Boise.

Maria Osborne earned a Bachelors in Management with emphasis in radiology at LCSC and a second degree in

Sonography from College of DuPage. She currently works at Gritman Medical Center as lead sonographer.

Brandon Rehder attended the University of Idaho majoring in Business. He is currently working as a Technical Sales Representative at Hillco Technologies in Nezperce.

Lauren (Wemhoff) Green studied at Benedictine College and earned a degree in radiology from LCSC in 2010. She was married in 2014 and resides in Grangeville where she works at Syringa Hospital.

Stephen Spencer is currently living in Austin, TX. He was married in August and has returned to college to study business.