

# EXCELSIOR

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## Mystery Night

Many friends, supporters and benefactors joined Summit Academy for the 17th annual Mystery Night, themed "Hot Rod Fever." The decorating crew, led by Shirley and Ken Stubbers, transformed the Greencreek Community Hall into a hot rod lover's dream with checkered flags and multi-colored flames lining every wall.

The event, co-chaired by Ned and Heidi Waters and Maurice and Heather Seubert, began with time for socializing and enjoying food prepared by Jeanne Stubbers and Linda Beckman. Many guests played the side game created by Bo and Amy Rose and Eric Wassmuth. Drivers sat in a race simulator, testing their response time in hitting the accelerator, with winner Michael Waters having a reflex time of .003 seconds.

Alea Wassmuth and the prize committee did a fabulous job displaying the donated items up for live and silent bidding, as well as the prizes given to each 10th person drawn for elimination for the raffle. So many generous businesses and individuals donated items that it was necessary to put up a large tent, the most sought after items includ-

ing: a 3' tall bronze statue of Mother Mary, 3 Seattle Seahawk tickets, a progressive dinner, a Cajun style seafood broiled dinner, and a 509 oz. silver precious metal bar. All were auctioned off by Rick Musick.

One-by-one 350 names were drawn and eliminated from the tumbler, announced by emcees Kevin Rehder and Norm Sonnen. Every 10th name called out came on stage and chose a prize valued at \$100.

performed skits which added to the excitement. Joanne Sonnen was the winner of \$10,000 in gift certificates from these sponsors: Lindsley's Furniture and Appliance, Sonnen Meats, Les Schwab Tire Center-Grangeville, Inter-mountain Feed & Mercantile, Hoene Hardware, B & A Performance Auto, Chesky Woodworking, and Cottonwood Foods.

Summit Academy thanks all who contributed to Mystery Night's success.



Tim Osborn Jr. of Pasco, WA, winner of the 1933 Ford Replica with the Summit Academy Students.

The excitement grew as only 10 names remained. But alas, they had to wait as the Hot Rod Sweepstakes committee finally drew the winner of the 1933 Ford Coupe Replica, the winner being Tim Orsborn Jr. of Pasco, WA.

Finally, the last 10 Mystery Night ticket holders were called out and enthusiastically welcomed onto the stage. Each of those ticketholders was given a consolation prize as the alumni

## Excelsior's First Edition

This fall, Principal Hickel initiated Journalism, one of the fruits being a quarterly newsletter named *Excelsior* (Latin: "Ever Higher").

We thank our three new high school journalists: Bridget Beckman, Alicia Sonnen, and Ellei Watson in this new academic venture.

## Summit Girls Make History

The High School Girls' Volleyball ended their regular season with a record eight wins and four losses. They started and ended their season with zero injuries and a total of eight girls, two of which were foreign exchange students from Chile.

Every game was played for the 'Glory of God' and for their lone senior, Megan Seubert. Megan's Senior Night took place on October 14th at the Summit vs. Nezperce game.

Megan said, "It is a true blessing to be able to attend a school where the atmosphere is like one big family. Thank you to everyone who showed up for my big night! It is a memory that will live in my heart forever."

The entire school showed up for a truly inspirational night of cheering and determination! In the end, the Patriots' momentum proved too much for our guest Indians, overtaking Nezperce in three sets.

The lady Patriots also received



Lady Patriots prepare to serve. From left are Rachel Waters, Megan Seubert, Lauren Stubbers, Lucy Osborne, Ashlee Stubbers, Allycia Sonnen, Maria Ignacia Garcia (Nachi), and Maria Jose Garcia (Coco).

the honor of the 1A Division 2 Academic Award with an overall grade point average of 3.9.

The season would not have happened without the help of so many: Heidi Waters, Head Coach; Allen Sonnen, Assistant Coach; Karla Krogh, Athletic Director; Michelle Sonnen, Bus Driver; and the many families and friends who supported the team with their positive energy!

"Success is determined not by whether or not you face obstacles, but by your reaction to them. And if you look at these obstacles as a containing fence, they become your excuse for failure. If you look at them as a hurdle, each one strengthens you for the next." — Ben Carson

## All Out—All Game— All Season

The Junior High girls took this year's basketball season in strides! With only two eighth grade girls, Taylor Lustig and Kayla Rehder, and bringing in fifth graders, they were able to

end their season with an outstanding record of seven wins and three losses!

For every game, they went onto the court and gave it their all! Soon to be freshman,



Junior High Basketball Team pictured from left: Lexi Carrier, Jessie Sonnen, Kayla Rehder, Taylor Lustig, Miss Brooke Haeling, Hailey Stubbers, Erin Wassmuth, Kelly Stubbers, Erin Chmelik, and Hope Schwartz

Taylor Lustig says she will be "excited to play in the big leagues."

Thank you to the many who made this season possible: Miss Brooke Haeling, Head Coach; Domie Lustig and Colleen Chmelik, Assistant Coaches; Gina Lustig and Jeanne Stubbers, Stats; and the many parents who chaperoned and provided evenings of meals and fellowship. Deo Gratias!



### Gina Lustig: Teacher, Giver, Formation Coordinator

Mrs. Gina Lustig began in Grangeville, Idaho, attending Sts. Peter and Paul and Grangeville High. She attended the University of Idaho, majoring in Secondary Education and minoring in journalism. She married and moved to Cottonwood, teaching in Prairie's Released Time program.

She and her family began with Summit in 1998 during the school's second operational year. As a board member, she saw the addition of the high school and construction of the current building. Because of the school's success, she and her husband remodeled and

opened a day care. Three years later, she became a part-time teacher. She has experience with a large range of classes: from 1-2 Math and 5-6 History to Journalism and Theology. She is presently the 3-4 Home-room teacher and Formation Coordinator.

Mrs. Lustig explains, "It is my hope to promote a desire in

the teachers, students and their families *to want* to learn and *to want* to be holy."

A favorite memory is when a group of girls rallied an enthusiastic baseball game. They did not want to play at all, but upon learning that it was one of their classmate's favorite, they made a great effort to be charitable. Mrs. Lustig found this proof of what the parents and teachers want for our children.

When asked how she feels about Summit, she says, "The students are intelligent, innocent, hard-working and so very happy. It is really a privilege for me to serve Our Lord in this way at Summit Academy."



Mr. Lustig pictured with 1-2 Grades

## Save the Date: Three Day Retreat

**All parents, alumni, teachers, staff members, benefactors, board members and friends of Summit Academy are invited to attend.**

**Where:** Summit Academy Campus

**When:** Thursday—January 8, 2015 7:00 pm—9:00 pm  
 Friday—January 9, 2015 8:30 am—8:30 pm (meals provided)  
 Saturday—January 10, 2015 8:30 am—11:30 am (breakfast provided)

**Cost:** Donations Only

**Retreat Master:** Fr. Caleb Vogel—Vocations Director for the Boise Diocese

### Kids' Corner: Kindergarten Rallies for Stars, Stripes and Keys Forever!



Mrs. Kathy Rehder with Catherine Seubert and Nathan Wassmuth present Josh Lustig with the "Light Up Our Flag" funds.

This year, Student Body President Josh Lustig had the idea of purchasing a light for our US and Vatican City flags. The Kindergarten class supported him by hosting a two week campaign. Collecting \$1.00 donations from each student and teacher, they raised \$75. President Josh

will have the Kindergarten class help him select the light.

They really appreciated all of the donations, awaiting the new light to arrive.

We are so proud of Mrs. Rehder, Josh Lustig and the Kindergarten class for taking on this project!



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## Upcoming Events

- November 27-28: Thanksgiving Break
- December 2: First HS Boys BB game at Highland
- December 8: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- December 19: Nativity Play at 7pm at Summit Academy
- December 22-Jan. 2: Christmas Break
- Jan. 7: HS Retreat
- Jan 8-10: Adult Retreat
- Jan. 27: First JH Girls' VB game at Nez Perce

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## Where Are They Now? Class of 2005....

**Mark Uhlenkott** graduated from Franciscan University with a degree in humanities and Catholic culture. He is now attending Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon, with less than two years remaining.

**Shane Wemhoff** attended the University of Idaho and Washington State University earning degrees in business. He now lives in Seattle with

his wife and two daughters.

**Elaine Rehder** graduated from Lewis Clark State College with a Bachelor's of Science in nursing. She and her husband live in Lewiston with their new baby girl born last month!

**Dylan Greene**, after graduation, earned a degree in biology from Creighton University. He went on to medical school at

Creighton and is now a physician. He and his wife live in Sioux City, Iowa, with their little boy. They have another child on the way!

**Ben Kuther** studied Business Management at the University of Idaho for a year and a half. He then moved back to the prairie where he works for Kuther Kustom Karpentry.



2005 Alumni.: from left are Mark Uhlenkott, Shane Wemhoff, Elaine Rehder, Dylan Greene, and Ben Kuther