

# The Voice



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For Alumni, Friends and Families of Saint Joseph Central Catholic High School

## 2007 Hall of Fame Inductees

By Eric Barbour

On Sunday, May 20, three new alums will be inducted into the SJCC Athletic Hall of Fame for their outstanding contributions to the school's athletic programs.

Robert Chudzinski, Dorothy (Colon) Stanforth, and Kevin D. Huntley will be honored at a dinner ceremony at Crystal Arbors Banquet Hall.

Chudzinski '44 earned varsity letters his junior and senior years in football when he played as fullback and quarterback respectively. Additionally, he earned three consecutive varsity letters in basketball from '42-'44.



Robert Chudzinski



Dorothy Colon-Stanforth



Kevin Huntley

Huntley collected 10 varsity letters in his career at SJCC including three in football, three in basketball, and four in track and field.

Among his many notable accomplishments in football was being named MAL Offensive Player of the Year, was first team All-District, and second team All-State. As a varsity basketball player, Huntley was recognized as the team's best defensive player two years in a row. He was not only co-captain of the team, but he was also a member of the MAL and District All-Star teams.

Huntley's greatest achievements were in Track and Field where he set new records in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles. In the December 1993 issue of *Track and Field* magazine he was listed as the top high school hurdler in the nation.

After high school, Huntley earned varsity letters in football and track at the University of Wisconsin. He joined the Kansas City Chiefs of the NFL and played three years in the Arena Football League.

He is presently an assistant director of Educational Services at Sunshine Child Programs of Florida. He lives in Sunrise, FL with Jennifer and their four-year-old son, Roman.

Congratulations to all for their outstanding accomplishments.

After two years in the Air Corps, Chudzinski returned home to work with his father in the Prairie Market. He took over the business in 1955 working until his retirement in 1990.

Chudzinski also played for White's Plumbing, a semi-pro baseball league, from 1946-'52. He has served as a Sandusky County Trustee for 16 years, and has been involved in the VFW, American Legion, Booster Club, and the Knights of Columbus.

Dorothy (Colon) Stanforth '89 excelled in cross country and track earning a total of eight varsity letters. She also played basketball her freshman year.

As a varsity runner, she was named second team All-SBC and helped her team place sixth in SJCC's first state appearance her sophomore year. The following year she was named first team All-MAL, and assisted her teammates in securing the MAL title and placing eighth in the state. In her senior year she was named first-team All-MAL and qualified for the State Cross Country meet.

Stanforth was equally impressive in her track career having been successful in the 800, 1600, and the 3200. In her final year of track she finished second in all three and 10<sup>th</sup> in the state in the 1600. Stanford continues to run in local races. She has also coached basketball at the YMCA and played in the first annual SJCC Alumni Basketball game.

She is currently employed as a quality technician at Cooper Tire and is the mother of three children.

### Alumni & Friends Special Events

#### Heritage Award Banquet

Sunday, April 15

In the SJCC Cafeteria

Cocktails: 4:00 - 5:00

Dinner: 5:00 - 6:15

Award ceremony following dinner

#### Reservations

\$15 - includes dinner and drinks

Please make checks payable to:

SJCC Alumni and Friends Association

Send checks and reservations to:

SJCC, c/o Kathy Boukissen

702 Croghan St., Fremont, OH 43420

RSVP by Friday, April 6, 2007

#### SJCC Naderer Sports Complex

"206" Reverse Raffle & Dinner

Saturday, May 12

Grand Prize \$2,000 & Silent Auction

Where: Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Time: Doors open at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00

Raffle starts after dinner

Cost: \$50 - includes two BBQ chicken dinners

Tickets Available: SJCC Development Office or any SJCC baseball or softball player.

#### The 10th Annual Sara Barbour Memorial Golf Outing

Saturday, May 19

Where: Green Hills Golf Course in Clyde

Time: 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

4-person scramble

Proceeds benefit the Sara Barbour Memorial Scholarship Fund and Sacred Heart Elevator Fund. To sponsor a hole or sign up to play, contact Eric, Sue or Bill Barbour at 332-8065 or sueb@ezworks.net

**YOU could make a difference  
in a child's life!**  
Read Mike Gabel's letter on page 2 to  
learn more about this opportunity

### Dinner and Banquet Information

Sunday, May 20

at Crystal Arbors Banquet Hall

Cocktails: 4:00 - 5:00

Dinner: 5:00 - 6:00

Award ceremony following dinner

**Ticket information will be available after  
April 1st in the SJCC School office.**

For more information call  
419-332-9947

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**"SJCC exists to educate the mind, nourish the soul, train the body,  
inspire the heart, and in so doing, build the Kingdom of God."**

## From the Principal



Greetings,

It is hard to believe that the seniors are down to their last quarter at SJCC. It is a very busy time for these fantastic young people. They spent their class trip in Florida, they are busy working on their senior projects and they are trying to figure out what they want to do with the rest

of their lives. Please keep them in your prayers during this hectic time.

I would like to congratulate Robert Chudzinski, Dorothy Colon-Stanford and Kevin Huntley, our Hall of Fame inductees. All three are very deserving

of this honor and I look forward to them addressing our student body, the Friday before our Hall of Fame banquet.

In this issue of *The Voice*, we are saluting Sue Borkovich-Blymyer. She will be retiring at the end of this school year. I have had the privilege of having Sue as a teacher and as a co-worker. She has influenced many young people during her years and has been a tremendous role model for the students who have walked through the halls of SJCC. I want to thank her for all of her years of service and wish her nothing but the best in her retirement.

**As mentioned on the front page...How can you make a difference in an SJCC child's life?** We are now offering the opportunity for anyone who would like to sponsor a student to do so. The amount of \$1,935.00 is the difference between the tuition paid per student and the amount it costs to

educate one of our young people. We truly want to make Catholic education affordable to all parents who want their children to attend SJCC and this certainly is a way to allow this to happen. Please look at the form on page 9, and if you think this is something that interests you, please know that your support in this way is very appreciated!

In closing, I once again want to thank you for all you do for St. Joseph Central Catholic and all of our students. The SJCC family is very special and I hope all of you feel that you are a very important part of this family. May God bless each of you and we will continue to pray for you.

Go Streaks!

Mike

## The Voice salutes..Sue Borkovich-Blymyer

*Here at SJCC we are very proud of our faculty and staff. They go above and beyond their jobs to support and care for your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Without them SJCC wouldn't be the great institution it is today. We salute these fine men and women in this special feature because we would like to introduce them to you and acknowledge their dedication to SJCC.*

Mike Gabel, Principal

While most people have a hard time mastering one language, Sue Borkovich has mastered three. For the past 40 years, Sue has taught Spanish and French to SJCC students, many of whom have gone on to study a foreign language in college.



"Once they leave Fremont, they see the value of knowing a second language," she said.

Former student and hair stylist Kathi (Swint) Schell '85 has had the opportunity to use her Spanish skills in conversations with Hispanic clientele. She had Borkovich for Spanish II and III.

"I enjoyed her as a teacher. She did fun and interesting things," said Schell, enthusiastically. "She was a great teacher!"

A St. Joseph High School graduate, Borkovich came back to her alma mater to teach in 1967 at the tender age of 22. "I taught French II and Spanish I and II," she said.

It's interesting to note that she joined a pretty impressive faculty which included Ellen Leite, Edward "Brownie" Dorobek, Bob and Ethel Smith, and Walt and Bert Sneider.

"Having had Sue as a student in my high school Spanish class, it was special to have her return as a fellow teacher," said Leite.

Borkovich said she felt honored to be teaching with so many professionals that she both admired and respected.

Throughout her tenure Borkovich has had numerous memorable accomplishments, two of which she is especially proud. It was her

suggestion to start the Spanish III and IV classes at SJCC. "Since Sister Joanne was teaching four years of French, I thought it important we offer four years of Spanish too!" she said.

She will also remember the year that the Quiz Bowl team, for which she was the advisor, handed the Genoa High School team its very first defeat. "They hadn't lost a monthly competition or a tournament match until we beat them," she said, grinning. "The year was 1994."

Another milestone year she'll never forget was 2000 when she married Jim Blymyer on October 21.

"It was one of the biggest steps of my life—I was 55," she commented then smiled. "He's a good guy. We enjoy each other's company immensely and do lots of things together."

Even though Borkovich is retiring from teaching at the end of the school year she won't be retiring from life. She will continue her volunteer work in the community, travel to Amish country with her hubby, Jim, and work in her gardens.

But before she says goodbye, adios, and adieu, she'll be busy teaching her more than 100 students how to master another language.

### Sue Borkovich-Blymyer retires after 40 years of service

If you are a classmate, former student, friend or an alumni who would like to express your thanks to Sue for her commitment to SJCC, please feel free to send a card to:

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## Rumble Strip Society started

While sitting in his Honors Spanish IV class recently, Anthony Rusher was inspired. His instructor, Mrs. Deb Steacker, would like to suggest that it was her superior teaching skills that was the catalyst for Rusher's epiphany but, sadly, it was not.

It was the student cheering section at college athletic events.

"I wanted to see something like that here at SJCC," he said. "The students wear t-shirts and just go crazy!"

While waiting for the dismissal bell to ring, Rusher suggested organizing such a club complete with t-shirts and towels. Fellow

classmates thought it was a great idea and Steacker agreed to be the club advisor.

A month later, 130 students comprise the Rumble Strip Society. The members wear their shirts to every sporting event they attend and they arrive ready to rumble.

The red shirt, which features the letter "T" for thunder with a streak of lightning zapping the ground from its cross bar, was designed by senior Lindsey Snyder. The back of the shirt reads, "Let's Get Ready to Rumble."

The matching hand towel reads, "You've Been Thunderstruck!"

"The name of the club came from the rumble strips that are on the sides of the roads," said Rusher. "They sort of sound like thunder when you run over them."



Rivercliff Golf Course and Whitey's Diner sponsored the shirts, according to Rusher, who was elected club president.

Other officers include Kyle Horvath, vice-president; Devin Mills, secretary; Matt Kwiakowski, treasurer; and Kyle

Miller, sergeant at arms.

The point of the society, according to Mills, is to support the SJCC sports programs.

"Lots of juniors are excited about the club so we're hoping it will continue next year," Mills said.

Officers are currently planning activities such as attending a Cleveland Indians ball game in the spring and sponsoring a jeans day.

## Passing on strong values

By Ali Woodruff

Six years ago SJCC got involved with the Sandusky County Health Department's (SCHD) program called Postponing Sexual Involvement or PSI. PSI is a program in which high school students promote healthy behavior to preteens and teens in grades six through eight.

This year five students—Allie Braun (senior), Brenna Humberg (junior), Tessa Woodruff, Rachel Wurzel, and Heather Miller (sophomores)—are passing their strong values on sexual education on to younger students. These young women lead class discussions about media advertising and how it affects people. They discuss the views of parents, teenagers, and their peers and show videos. All these things are intended to lead the students to making good decisions and establishing stronger, healthier values.

"I just cannot say enough about the caliber of the teens that I get each year from SJCC," said Stacey Gibson, program coordinator. "They are knowledgeable of the content, self-confident, and able to handle themselves well in front of a classroom of 20-25 seventh graders. They all appear to be self-motivated, enthusiastic, and have leadership skills."

PSI is one program of the Teen Pregnancy Project operated through SCHD. Members of that project work to reduce teen pregnancies in the county and have posted billboards listing 10 helpful tips for parents when giving "the talk" to their children.

"I decided to join PSI because I feel that preteens need to be informed about the consequences from a real, honest person who has faced many of the same pressures as they are having to face right now," said Humberg."

Wurzel agrees. "I hope it can make a difference in our community and lead them (the students) to a healthier life," said Wurzel.

## Alum shares fond memories

By Allie Braun

One of the oldest living St. Joseph High School graduates, and the only surviving member of her 1928 graduating class, remembers her school years with fondness.

Hilda Hoelzle attended St. Joseph School in the present grade school building which housed kindergarten through twelfth grade.



"When you graduated from there (St. Joe) you could do anything!" she boasted.

Hoelzle only spoke German when she started in grade school. She isn't sure if all classes were taught in German, but they did accommodate people like herself. The switch to teaching everything in English was made when she entered the third grade.

The Sisters of Notre Dame taught in the school and students attended daily Mass in St. Joseph's church across the street.

Hoelzle said her favorite subjects were math and English. The math skills she learned and her love of numbers lead to a job at the Fremont Savings and Loan after graduation, according to Hoelzle.

Her favorite memory was the honor of giving the "Farewell Speech" as a junior to the 1927 graduating class.

In it she wrote:

"With changeless love for our Alma Mater, with steadfast loyalty to one another, I can wish you nothing higher or happier than through all

your lives, in joy and sorrow and deepest shadow, there may remain with you the consciousness of duty well performed, of suffering nobly endured, and all of life faithfully lived."

After high school, Hoelzle worked at various local banks, and was fortunate enough to travel all over the world with six of her closest friends.

Though they traveled to the West Indies, Nepal, China, Africa, and almost every country in Europe, Hoelzle admits her favorite place was Germany.

Currently, Hoelzle lives in Bethany Place in Fremont where she enjoys playing bingo with fellow residents

### Spring Musical Dinner/Theatre *Nunsense* April 27, 28, 29

*This is the first time ever that SJCC will be hosting a dinner/theatre production!*

*The comedy/musical is about nuns that are having a fund raiser to bury their deceased sister that died of botulism from eating bad soup.*

**Cost: \$10 includes soup, salad, desserts, drink and admission**

*It's an all-girl cast with other students as waiters and waitresses dressed as nuns and priests.*

**For more information call SJCC at 419-332-9947**

## Young couple adopts siblings

Adopting a child is a difficult decision. There are innumerable considerations such as gender, age, health, and ethnic background. More importantly, can you love a child who is not biologically yours?



Keaton, Josh, Kelly, and Rayin

Josh and Kelly (McAfee '94) Jordan decided they could.

In May of 2004, they became licensed as foster and adoptive parents through a local public children's services agency. A foster care specialist and adoption assessor for Wood County Children's Services, Kelly knew first hand about the many children in Ohio who need homes.

Three months later they were asked to provide a home — most likely a permanent one — for a newborn baby girl. Their foster daughter arrived on August 16 and during the next year, she had weekly visitations with her birth father. However, several times throughout the course of nine months the Jordans were unsure whether their daughter would remain with them or be returned to her birth family.

"This was a very emotional roller coaster for not only Josh and I but also for our families as well," said Kelly who added that their foster daughter had grown up in their home and into their hearts.

Finally, in August 2005 she was removed from the Jordan home and placed with her birth father.

"We were devastated," said Kelly.

"I didn't think I could love another child who wasn't my own," Josh added. "She showed me I could."

One month later, however, the Jordans were contacted by another Ohio public children's services agency indicating they were matched with a sibling group. The agency had reviewed their family information and history and wanted them to consider 2-year-old Rayin and 4-year-old Keaton, biological siblings living in separate foster homes.

"We remember the first time we met them... we knew they were 'our children'," said Kelly. "It was then that we realized, although one door had closed, another was beginning to open."

Rayin and Keaton had been living in two separate foster homes and had monthly visitations that lasted about 90 minutes. While Keaton had been in foster care since he was eight months old, Rayin was in foster care when she was just two days old.

After several weekend visits the siblings were placed in the Jordan home in September of 2005. They didn't waste any time gelling as a family. They visited the Toledo Zoo and Cedar Point, and celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas together. Before they knew it June 12, 2006 was upon them. Rayin and Keaton were officially adopted.

The children have adjusted extremely well and are flourishing in their new home and school environment, according to the couple.

## Horn performs at President Ford's funeral

By Antonia Alcalá

While most SJCC alumni were watching President Gerald Ford's funeral at home, 1983 graduate Master Sgt. Amy Horn was performing at it. Horn played the French horn with the "President's Own" United States Marine Chamber Orchestra.

"You just feel that you're part of this huge congregation that's celebrating the President's life. It's very humbling," she said.

Having performed at President Reagan's funeral in 2004, Horn said that President Gerald Ford's funeral was unique in that her perspective of the service was different. "I got to see the human aspect of it," said Horn. Since the orchestra was situated to the back of the service, Horn was able to see the close-knit Ford family.

Horn has participated in "President's Own" United States Marine Chamber Orchestra for 20 years.

The "President's Own" consists of 156 musicians divided into groups. Both groups have a different responsibility; one is to play concerts while the other is to perform elsewhere. Each week the duties are swapped.

Horn enjoys the variety. "It's not the same thing week after week," she said.

However, it's not a job she can just leave at the office so to speak. "The tough part about being a musician is you can't come home after the job," Horn remarked, referring to the amount of practice that must be done at home, "If you don't practice, you can't keep up that level of playing."

Horn began learning the French horn in elementary school. During her senior year at SJCC she decided to go to BGSU for Music Education.

Horn took classes at BGSU but when she saw an advertisement for the Marine Band

"It feels like they have been with us forever!," said Kelly.

Rayin and Keaton know they are adopted and they still keep in touch with their former foster family.

"People say the kids are lucky to have us but we think it's the other way around. We are very lucky to have them," said Kelly.

The Jordans made a life decision that most people don't. "We would not trade our foster care/adoption experience for anything!" she concluded. "Adopting our children is one of the best decisions we have ever made."

auditions, she made a change in plans. She drove to Washington D. C. to try-out.

Auditions began around seven-thirty in the morning. Three elimination rounds and at least eight songs later, Horn learned she earned one of the two positions.

Now a resident of Maryland, Horn does not foresee herself quitting any time soon. "I thank God everyday that I am doing what I love to do."

### Thank you....

Helpers for the Alumni Basketball Game:

**Jeff Radde**, organizer; **Mike Gabel**, announcer; **Bill Burkett & pep band**; **Greg Kohler**, scoreboard; **Steve Goetz** and **Gary Geller**, referees; **Courtney Warner**, ticket sales; **Rob Boukissen**, 50/50; **Bill Bork**, video taping; **Sue Kusmer** and **Amy Ronski**, concessions.

**Kathy Wasserman** for making the new green and purple swags and altar cloths for the SJCC chapel.

Reach-Out

**Robert Lynch, Kevin Sendelbach, and Bruce Scot** from **Church-n-Dwight** who donated laundry detergent, **Green Bay Packaging** for boxes, **Yolanda Reyna** and **Jean Bisnette** for baking cookies to raise money, **Jeff Streacker** for picking up turkeys and eggs, **Sue Berryman, Bev Buckley, the Parastoral Team** and **everyone else** who donated money or helped in any way.

**Adam Crockett** and **Mark Boukissen** for sponsoring tee shirts for the new Rumble Strip Society.

**Tim Braun** for his help for the 4th year with the Mock Trial team. This involves at least one practice per week from October through February.

**Tom Stierwalt** for volunteering his court room for practice and acting as our judge for practice rounds for the Mock Trial Team.

**Booster Club News**

The 56th Annual SJCC Booster Club Stag had a profit of \$6,500. This successful event along with the many other fund raisers helps support the many boys and girls athletic programs. Thanks to the many who attended and those who worked so hard to make it a success.

More members are needed! We need the participation of the younger alumni and the parents of the students who participate in SJCC sports. Membership is open to all males and females and we urge you to become active. So join us at the club rooms on the second floor of the Sheets Supply Company on the corner of Napoleon and Jackson streets. The meetings are at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month.

Support the aluminum can recycling. Drop your cans in the SJCC bin at Burns Iron and Metal Company, 911 N. Front Street. Open daily 7:30 to 4:00 and 7:30 to 11:30 Saturdays.

**Calendar**

- March**  
 18 Senior Class Trip  
 28 Winter Sports Mass  
 31 Sandusky County Catholic Schools Dinner Auction
- April**  
 7 Alumni & Friends Easter Egg Hunt  
 13 Heritage Award Mass/Assembly  
 15 Heritage Award Dinner/Induction  
 20-22 Spring Musical  
 24 Honors Banquet
- May**  
 5 Prom  
 10-11 Senior Exams  
 18 Hall of Fame Mass/Assembly  
 20 Hall of Fame Dinner/Induction  
 22 Senior Sports Banquet  
 24 Senior Project Day  
 25 Senior Breakfast/Awards/Farewell Mass  
 27 Graduation

**Nominations for Hall of Fame or the Alumni & Friends Heritage Award**

To be inducted into either the Sports Hall of Fame or the Alumni and Friends Heritage Award a **person must be nominated.**

Call the school for a nomination form or send in the name of the person you would like to nominate with the following information:

- Hall of Fame:**  
 -Sports involved in and years  
 -Any awards and/or school records either previously or currently held  
 -Current involvement in sports/community
- Heritage Award:**  
 -Involvement in the community in which they live  
 -Any awards received  
 -Volunteering

*Please help SJCC honor those who deserve recognition. For more information contact Gary Geller, ggeller@fremontsjoe.org or Kathy Boukissen, 419-332-5124 kboukiss@fremontsjoe.org*

**SJCC "200 Club" Boosters**

If you are a member of the "200 Club" mark your calendars for the party on:

**April 16 at 6 p.m.  
 Fremont Elks Lodge**

Invitations will be mailed in March.  
 Any questions call Greg Darr 419-547-8024



**Alumni and Friends Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, April 7**

**10 a.m. at**

**Connor Park**

This event is open to all children and grandchildren of SJCC alumni and friends.

Just bring a basket!

Prizes are also given in each age category

**Admission is free and the event will go on rain or shine!**

**3rd Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Scramble & Party**

**Friday, August 3 - 11:00 Shotgun Start - Fremont Country Club**

**\$200 per team includes:**

- √ 18 Holes
- √ 2 Golf Carts
- √ Lunch
- √ Field prizes on every hole
- √ 2 closest to the pin (\$100 winners)
- √ Door Prizes
- √ SJCC athletes assisting with golf bags from cars

**Contact:**

John Lauer 332-0178  
 Tony Michael 332-5716

**Party after the tournament  
 Sponsored by the  
 SJCC Alumni & Friends  
 Association**

- ◆ SJCC cafeteria
- ◆ Immediately after scramble
- ◆ Spouses/guests invited
- ◆ \$5 per person
- ◆ Sandwiches, appetizers & refreshments
- ◆ 50/50 Raffle

**Entry Form:** Please fill out completely and send with your check by July 20th to CEDF, c/o 702 Croghan St., Fremont, OH 43420  
**Checks payable to:** CEDF (Catholic Educational Development Fund)

**Early Bird  
 Registration**  
 Send in entry by  
**July 1st** for a  
 special drawing

**Player #1** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Player #2** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Player #3** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Player #4** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of players and spouses/guests attending party:** \_\_\_\_\_ Enclose \$5 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enclose Team Registration \$200.00  
**Total Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**"Hole Sponsor" opportunity for personal or business - \$50 per sign posted on golf course**  
 Sponsor #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Contact & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Sponsor #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Contact & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**From Director of Development  
Kathy (Reineck) Boukissen**

*Imagination is more important than knowledge, for whilst knowledge points to all there is, imagination points to all there could be."*

*Albert Einstein*



To operate a Catholic school in today's world takes a lot of "imagination" in the form of raising monies.

At St. Joseph Central Catholic, we are very fortunate to have so many individuals and businesses that are sensitive and aware of our needs.

Our mission of offering a faith-based and academically challenged education to any child wanting one isn't an easy task.

Tuition alone cannot cover the continued added expenses. In the perfect world we would set tuition to cover everything. But in reality, we would exclude many families that could not afford it.

As repetitive as it is at times for Mike Gabel and I to ask each and everyone of you to consider a gift to SJCC, we always remember that we are not asking for ourselves, but for the children. With that in mind, we push forward.

As you can read on the next page, the list of donors grows!! It is hard to keep up sometimes with the thank you's!! Besides the gifts you read about in this issue, we also have raised over \$125,000 to date from our Annual Fund Drive this year. (These donor's names will be listed in our Annual Fund Report in the September issue).

Thank you for your support as we use our *knowledge* and *imagination* to continue the great tradition of St. Joseph Central Catholic!

I'd like to thank Sue Borkovich for everything she has done for SJCC. I've had the pleasure to have Sue as a teacher and now as a co-worker. She truly cares about our school and its students. *We will miss you Sue!*

**Keep these people in your prayers**

**David Miller '04** was deployed to Iraq in January. His home address is 3070 CR 225, Fremont, OH 43420

**Norm Gabel '48** as he recovers from minor heart surgery. His address is: 927C Tucker Lane, Fremont, OH 43420

**Paul Streacker**, Friend of SJCC, for continued prayers for health issues.

*Each week at the school Mass we pray for those who might be suffering and we ask that you let us know about anyone who is in need of our prayers. Please include yourself if you would like our prayers.*

**Class Reunions**

**Class of 1946**

Annual Reunion, Tuesday, June 5, at The 818 Club at 1:00. Contact Don Snyder 419-332-5798.

**Class of 1949**

Annual Reunion. Wednesday, July 11, at Fremont VFW Hall at 12:30. Reservations to Marylou Guyer 419-332-0724 or Birdie Laurer 419-332-3134.

**Class of 1951**

Wednesday, September 12, at Bob Evans at 1p.m. The class has decided to have yearly luncheons between their five-year reunions. Contact Sybil Harman 419-332-7204.

**Class of 1952**

Saturday, August 18, at Crystal Arbors. More information to come. Contact Tom Leite 419-332-9440.

**Class of 1957**

Saturday, September 15, 2:00 tour of SJCC and new football stadium, 6:00 hors' d'oeuvres & 7:00 dinner at the Fremont Country Club. **Sunday Mass** at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, brunch following. More information to come. Contact Dave Winters 419-332-5606 or Gary Chudzinski 419-333-9817.

**Class of 1962**

Saturday, August 4, at the Fremont Moose Club. More information to come. Contact Harold Zienta 419-578-1077 / zienta@sbcglobal.net.

**Class of 1967**

Saturday, August 4, 4:30 Mass at St. Joseph Church, Fremont Yacht Club at 6:00. More information to come. Contact Arlene Lenhart 419-332-1658, or Pat Heyman 419-332-4260.

**Class of 1982**

Saturday, July 28, at the Fremont Yacht Club. More information to come. Contact Terry and Laura Gonya lgonya@neo.rr.com

**Class of 1997**

The class is gearing up for its 10-year reunion and is looking for its graduates. Please send your contact information (home, phone and email address) to Casey O'Brien / caseyrobrien@yahoo.com (don't forget the "r" between the "y" and "o". ASAP. Also, please feel free to provide information about your classmates.

**Class of 1998**

Hello! I'm attempting to plan/coordinate our 10-year reunion (especially since our five-year went unnoticed). I'm in need of helpers, ideas, thoughts and any feedback towards this event. Please email me at julie\_kupka@yahoo.com. Be sure to add "class reunion" in the subject area. More information to follow via postal mail. Julie (Kupka) Brown.

**\*\*Please be sure to send in your class reunion information for all to see in *The Voice*!**

**Chairpersons:** Call or e-mail Kathy Boukissen if you would like any of the following: class lists, address labels, door prizes, "It Happened In" (senior class year), tour of SJCC, Power-Point presentation on SJCC. **Everything is Free.**

**\*\*Last year class reunions donated over \$10,000 to our SJCC window fund. Please consider this for YOUR reunion this year! Engraved plaques will be hung to honor your class.**

**\*\*Contact Kathy Boukissen for more information.**

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### Little Streaks from the stork

\*\*Christian Aaron, son of Sandee and Aaron Pfeiffer '92

\*\*Blake Anthony, son of Sarah and Tony Reiter '95

\*\*Lauryn Elizabeth, daughter of Chrissy (Brickley '98) and Tony Rodriguez

\*\*Riley Patricia, daughter of Kathy and Dustin Heyman '95

\*\*Rachel Diane, daughter of Andrea (Mumford '93) and Joe Rousseau

\*\*Oliver Myles, son of Elizabeth (Stierwalt '98) and Kevin Seibert

\*\*Grace Kathleen, daughter of Karen (Shaw '84) and Ed Waldo

\*\*Luke Joseph, son of Tricia and Kregg



Gegorski '87

\*\*Samuel Michael, son of Beth (Dickman '94) and Mike Paeth '93

\*\*Robert Daniel, Jr., son of Meghan (McCabe '96) and Bobby Rich '85

\*\*Andrew Walter, son of Traci and Kevin McCabe '92

\*\*Lainie Rose, daughter of Monica (Lauer '94) and Joey Brigle

\*\*Iris (Kirwen '38) Shively

\*\*Raymond Spieldenner '47

\*\*Richard Wasserman '47

\*\*Charles Halm '51

### Weddings

\*\*Laura Hirt '99 and Shawn Tooman

\*\*Stephanie Peter '98 and John Seeley

\*\*Rachel Fisher '02 and Corey Hessick '04

\*\*Tina Durnwald '76 and Joe DeLaet

\*\*Sarah Brinker and Keith Good '00

\*\*Julie Kupka '98 and Steffen Brown

\*\*Laura Smathers '95 and Matt Miller



### Anniversaries

10th Nancy (Luna '96) and Rafael Garnica '97

### Deaths

\*\*Eugene Courtney '52

\*\*Thomas R. Swint, Sr. '56

\*\*Jeanne Schwartz '60

\*\*Alaina Faith, infant daughter of Anna (Oddo '80) and Bob Crotty

### Achievements/Updates

**Cori (Bruchs '97) Foos** earned her masters of education in school counseling from BGSU. She is in her fifth year teaching English and communications at Bellevue Senior High School.

**Kathleen (Haubert '49) Gase** was honored at a Diocesan Recognition Dinner in Houston, TX in November as St. Jerome's "Senior of the Year". She serves the church as the Eucharistic Minister for the homebound along with serving three terms as President of St. Jerome's Senior Adult Club. Gase's five children and seven grandchildren all live in Texas.

**Charlie Gonya '61** was recently named the "Farmer of the Year" by the Sandusky County Chamber of Commerce. He was featured in The News-Messenger Our Neighbor section on December 4. Gonya, along with Dr. Charles Hull founded the Gonya-Hull Game Feed in Fremont. Monies raised go to both Fremont Ross and SJCC for their trophy funds.

**Amy (Kupka '70) Masten** retired November 1, 2006 after 30 years in the field of child welfare. She resides in Lebanon, Ohio with her husband Philip.

**Dianne Grob '70**, has written and published a book, "What the Heart Wants: Stories of Hope and Belonging". Grob has a masters degree in Psychotherapy and is an artist and a teacher of creative writing. She resides in Seattle, WA with her husband.

"Dianne Grob has an extraordinary capacity to bring the reader into a lovely, rapt silence—and to simultaneously awaken and satisfy our yearning for the living reality of our world. I cannot think of anyone who has written of the path through hopelessness to hope for the world with greater clarity and honest, evocative wisdom. I love to think of all the people who will have their hearts opened by this book and whom it will help to find their way home. It is beautiful. It is needed. It deserves to be a classic." -JOANNA MACY

Author of *World as Lover; World as Self* and *Coming Back to Life*

**Anita Kupka '70** appeared with the national touring company of the Off-Broadway hit, 'Tony N Tina's Wedding' during their one week run in February in Columbus, Ohio. The touring company consists of four core actors, and they cast local actors to fill the supporting roles. Anita, who was a founding member of Fremont Teen Theatre, will be playing 'Grandma Nunzio'.

**Amber Wonderly '01**, Senior Airman, was recently recognized as "Outstanding Airman of the Year" at an awards ceremony in January. She is a medical service apprentice assigned to the 180th Medical Group of the Ohio Air National Guard. In 2003, Wonderly successfully passed her medical board certifications and in 2004 earned an associate of applied science degree from Columbus State Community College. She works as a massage therapist at Charles Penzone Spa and is pursuing a bachelors degree at CSCC. Since 2002, Wonderly has volunteered her time and skill in massage therapy to the patients of Harbor Lights Hospice Program.

### Braun and Stierwalt nominated for service academies



Braun



Stierwalt

Congressman Paul E. Gillmor recently announced the nomination of SJCC seniors Allie Braun and Sarah Stierwalt to U.S. Service Academies.

Braun was nominated to both the U.S. Air Force Academy and the U.S. Military Academy and Stierwalt to both the U.S. Air Force Academy and The U.S. Naval Academy. U.S. Senator George Voinovich and U.S. Senator Mike DeWine also nominated Braun for the Naval Academy.

"Both Alessandra and Sarah are well-balanced students, outstanding scholar athletes and active leaders among their peers. They represent the values of Sandusky County on a daily basis and I am certain that they will do well in all their future endeavors and will be strong candidates for appointment to the academies," said Gillmor.

Stierwalt will be attending the Citadel and Braun, who has been accepted at both the Military and Air Force academies, is still waiting to hear from the Naval Academy before making a decision.

Braun is the daughter of Tim Braun and Penny Mullins; and Stierwalt is the daughter of Kathy (Mehling '73) and Tom Stierwalt.

### Staib Scholarship finalist



The National Merit Scholarship program has now determined which of the 16,000 semifinalists names last September have met all requirements to advance to finalist standing in the competition for merit scholarship awards to be offered in 2007.

Eric Staib has advanced to finalist standing in the merit scholarship competition by demonstrating through distinguished performance high potential for future academic accomplishment.

Staib is the son of Diane (Luc '76) and Ralph Staib '75.

# Let your light shine!



Ryan Good '95  
News Editor at  
The Advertiser-Tribune  
in Tiffin, OH  
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*Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. —Matthew 5:16*

I believe in Catholic education. The lessons I learned in school I still use. A Catholic education does more than train the mind; it livens the spirit.

I learned about the meaning of hard work. I learned about charity. I learned how to fail. I learned about the sacrifices He made for us.

I also learned about gifts.

Each of us is given a gift. For doctors it's the gift of healing. For teachers, it's the gift of patience.

My gift is the written word. From a young age I enjoyed writing and the creativity it allowed me to express. Writing exercises in English class, and (can you believe it?) even term papers were enjoyable for me. Writing also led me to my profession in the newspaper business.

But it's up to us to use the gifts the Lord gave us, and not put them under a bushel basket, which leads me to the words you're reading now.

We are all called to use the gifts we are given. We are called to use our gifts for more than our professions, too. We are called to use our gifts in His service.

And what better way to give back than to further Catholic education?

Giving back can be more than cutting a check.

Don't be afraid to volunteer. Time is a gift, too.

Work a fundraiser. Offer to help. Pick up the phone and call. Send an e-mail. If you offer to help, you won't be turned down.

If you think your Catholic education was helpful to you, or you believe in Catholic education, then what better place to make sure Catholic education thrives than at SJCC?

Don't leave your lamp under a bushel basket.

*Ryan is a member of the volunteer committee that gives input for The Voice publication.*

## SJCC Reach-Out touches many

### Letters from families that Reach-Out touched

To: SJCC Family

*Thank you can't say the way we feel about you helping us out! It is so greatly appreciated. We hope the best comes to you and may God be with you always.*

Mike Gabel,

*Me and my three children would like to thank you for the food box at Christmas time. It was really nice and we appreciated it. May you have a very Happy New Year.*

*P.S. May you say a long prayer for me. I'm in the process of trying to get my high school diploma from home to better myself even more for me and my children*

To: SJCC Family

*The Lord has placed many thoughtful people in the paths of those who are truly in need and it is even more thoughtful when a group of school kids put so many others before themselves.*

*I'd like to say God Bless you all, for you are truly angels sent from the Lord. Thank you for making Christmas a very, very special time for our family.*



Top: Fr. Ron and students have a special Mass with a blessing of the foods that help nourish over 100 families.



Bottom: SJCC students visit grade schools and nursing homes to share stories and songs

## Passing good news on to you

Dear Friends,

I know a story of a school--and it is a true story. It is a place that hired teachers who may not have been great, but allowed for them to grow and become great. It is a place where students are also given the opportunity to be their very best.

This place sets people up for success. It allows them to admit shortcomings without condemnation. I know that more than a few students and teachers passing through its doors have been blessed and encouraged. Ask Bill Smith. I'm sure he'll agree. I am honored to have worked amongst such greatness. SJCC is that school. You are wonderful. God bless you abundantly this Christmas season and always.

Sincerely,

Nancy Risner

(Nancy was the SJCC science teacher from 1998- 2006. She and her family moved to Sidney, OH)

Mr. Mike Gabel,

I went on the SJCC Art Club trip to New York City from March 1-4 with my granddaughter Jessica. I want to commend you and Mrs. Rospert on the excellent behavior of all the students.

They were friendly and polite wherever we went. There wasn't one problem with students going off on their own or doing anything they shouldn't. What a great group of students!

Sincerely,

Cassie Molyet

**Yes, I would like to sponsor an SJCC student!**

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**Please accept my gift to SJCC to help sponsor a child's tuition**

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**\*\*All gifts are tax-deductible**

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**SJCC**

**Mail to: 702 Croghan St.**

**Fremont, OH 43420**

M/C & Visa accepted

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kboukiss@fremontstjoe.org

# Winter Wrapup

## Bowling

This was the first season bowling was recognized as an official OHSAA sport, and the SJCC team represented itself well. The top eight teams at the sectional tournament moved on to districts in Bowling Green. The girls team finished 6th, led by seniors Justine Rhoad and Kelsey Gallagher, who rolled 417 and 410 series respectively. The boys team finished 12th, but junior Kyle Good (477) and sophomore Andy Wolf (487) advanced as individuals.

The girls team finished 14th at the district tournament. Justine Rhoad bowled a 457 series and Kelsey Gallagher rolled a 425 to lead the team. Kyle Good bowled a 475 and Andy Wolf had a 432 series, but neither moved on.

For the season, the girls finished 6-12. Rhoad led the team with a 155 average, followed by Gallagher (145) and seniors Carly Picciuto (127) and Amethyst Wolf (123).

The boys were very young and struggled to a 1-17 record this season, but with no seniors on the team, they are looking forward to next year with more practice and experience. Good led the team with a 164 average, followed by Wolf (138), freshman Christian Rodriguez (135) and freshman Ben Wylie (133).

## Wrestling

### Franks places 5th at State

Wrestling coach Mike Naufel had his hands tied in many events this season. With only 13 wrestlers on the team, and many suffering some injury during the season, SJCC went into most matches knowing they weren't going to win many points due to all their forfeited weight classes. But Naufel was happy with the growth of some of his younger wrestlers and the consistency of his veterans.

At the MAL meet, SJCC finished 5<sup>th</sup>. Seniors Matt Franks (140 lbs.) and Toby Hessick (145 lbs.) won titles and Nick Berryman (130 lbs.) was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Junior Scott Widman placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at heavyweight and freshman Jordan Foos took 4<sup>th</sup> at 103 lbs. Another highlight to the season was Matt Franks earning his 100<sup>th</sup> career win during the St. Mary's tournament.

At Sectionals, Franks and Hessick won titles again to advance to the district meet. Berryman and Widman also advanced with 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes.

Franks was the lone state qualifier, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> at districts. Hessick ended his season with a 32-9 record, Berryman finished at 35-15, and Widman was 22-10. Franks' record heading into the state tournament was 46-9.



Matt Franks

In Columbus, Franks lost his first match to Zach Nelson of London Madison Plains, but won his next three matches. But he ran into Nelson again in the consolation bracket semifinals and lost again. He finished off the tournament with a victory, though, to finish in 5th place.

## Boys Basketball

The boys basketball team knew they would have to battle through inexperience this year and learn how to win as the season progressed. Whether it was a hot-shooting start or a hard-nosed second half effort, this team showed it could play with most teams, in spurts. But there always seemed to be a bad quarter that led to a string of losses for Mike Gabel's squad.

The team won its last two regular season games over Old Fort and Bettsville to finish 4-6 in the MAL (4-16 overall). The Streaks also beat New Riegel and St. Wendelin in league play. Gabel pointed to several tough losses, including Montpelier, Hopewell-Loudon and Arcadia, which could have really turned the season around had they gotten some breaks.

Gabel was particularly proud of how his team battled all year, every game, even when facing tough times. "There was never any signs of this team packing it in, and that's very important to me," said Gabel.

Junior Derek Meyer scored 24 points in each of the wins against Old Fort and Bettsville, and seniors Devin Mills and Daniel Boyd pitched in 16 and 12 apiece against Bettsville.

The team was led in scoring by Meyer at 11.3 ppg and Mills at 9.9 ppg. Mills led the team with 4.6 rebounds per game and junior Jeff Wasserman was second with 4.5 per contest.

The team lost their sectional game to Norwalk St. Paul 58-46. Derek Meyer led the team with 16 points and seven rebounds and Daniel Boyd had eight points.

In league voting, Meyer earned 2nd-Team All-MAL honors and Mills earned Honorable Mention All-MAL.

## Girls Basketball

The Lady Streaks battled through two key injuries this season to finish with an 18-2 record and a #8 ranking in the AP Division IV poll. They were 8-2 in the MAL, losing only to Hopewell-Loudon (#2 in the state) and St. Wendelin (#9).

In the sixteenth game of the season at Seneca East, senior point guard Megan Boukissen came down awkwardly on her right knee and had to leave the game. She was later diagnosed with a torn ACL and had reconstructive surgery on March 1. At the time of the injury, Boukissen led the team in scoring at 11.9 ppg and was third in the league in assists per game at 4.5.

Junior post player Jill Walters also missed significant time with a stress fracture in her foot in the middle of the season but came back strong in the last four games. Walters averaged 10.3 ppg and 6.2 rebounds per game.

But the team used a balanced attack to fight through the season. Juniors Alyse Gonya and Hannah Nagy pitched in 9.8 and 9.5 points per game, respectively, and senior guards Sondra Beachler and Molly Wise added 7.7 and 6.4 per game. Nagy, Walters and Gonya were also all in the top seven in the MAL in field goal percentage.

In the sectional championship, SJCC defeated Norwalk St. Paul 47-37 after earning a first-round bye. The Lady Streaks used a stifling defensive effort to gain a 29-13 advantage at halftime and put it in cruise control in the second half. Walters led the way with 14 points and Gonya added 11.

The team lost to Mansfield St. Pete in the district semifinal, 55-40. Walters led the team with 12 points and 11 rebounds, while Gonya added 11 points. Coach Gary Geller was happy with the team's defensive effort, but said their downfall was their 27% shooting percentage for the game.

After the season, Boukissen was named 1st Team All-MAL, 1st Team All-District and 1st Team All-Northwest Ohio in Division IV. Nagy was named 2nd Team All-MAL and Honorable Mention All-District and All-Northwest Ohio. Beachler earned Honorable Mention All-District. Gonya was named Honorable Mention All-MAL.

## Swimming

Despite an excellent season, SJCC senior and top swimmer Nick Swint fell just shy of his goal of qualifying for the state meet. At the district meet, Swint finished 7<sup>th</sup> (top 3 advance to state) in the backstroke after swimming a personal best time. He also finished 11<sup>th</sup> in the Individual Medley with another personal best.

The boys Medley Relay team of Swint, Alex Reineck, Chris Ronski and Constantin Heckl finished 22<sup>nd</sup> at districts, an improvement of five places based on the pre-meet seedings. Heckl is one of three exchange students on the swim team this year.

The boys team also brought home a 2<sup>nd</sup> place team finish at the Lima Central Catholic meet this year.

The girls team improved many personal times this season and showed lots of promise for next season, but none advanced to the district level. The team was led by seniors Allie Braun and Sarah Stierwalt.

Coach Kevin Casey's squad was also excited to host their first meet ever, a nine-team event at the new Fremont Natatorium on Dec. 23.

## Hockey

Four SJCC sophomores skated for the Fremont Ice Wolves, Fremont's high school club hockey team, this past winter. The team finished 11-10-2 overall and finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place in the North Coast High School Hockey League. Their finish earned them a first-round playoff match-up with #1 seeded Painesville. The Ice Wolves battled, but fell 5-3 to end their season.

Max Yellstrom was third on the team in scoring with 10 goals and 11 assists. Jordan Frank chipped in four goals and nine assists and Max Celek added one goal and 10 assists. Chris Wobser was the goalie for the team and finished the season with a Goals Against Average of 4.07 and a save percentage of 88%.

# Spring Sports Preview

## Track

The girls track team will rely on experience, returning 13 letter-winners, said coach Paul Grahl who is hoping an influx of new runners will help the boys team.



Key returnees for the girls are seniors Molly Wise, Jenny Kusmer, Emily Overmyer and Dana Culbert, junior Kathy Gutschalk, and sophomores Leslie Celek and



Emily Kosta. These girls bring experience at all events from sprints to relays to throwing events to distance races.

Grahl thinks Carey will be the top team in the MAL, but says the girls definitely have a chance to win the title and should finish in the top three teams.

Senior Ryan Wiegel, junior Cory Wilhelm and sophomore Mike Komorowski return for the boys, but they will have some new help this season. At least 10 freshmen and juniors who have never run track before have committed to the team this year. They are all athletic and play other sports and many want to use track as an opportunity to stay in shape for other sports.

Grahl thinks the boys may struggle at first as many of the newcomers gain experience in areas such as smooth baton hand-offs in relay races, but he says the team should be able to compete for a top five finish in the MAL by season's end.

## Tennis

The 2007 season looks bright for the SJCC boys tennis team. Leading the way for the Streaks will be juniors Eric Barbour and Tyler Hrupcho and sophomores Chris Wobser and Matt Barbour. Senior Cody Molyet and juniors Nick Ackerman and



Jacob Braun also return as letter-winners and will compete for doubles spots on the varsity team.

Scott Knisely begins his second season as head coach and although he loses his assistant coach, Nick Wobser, he gains Nick and Chris's father, Bruce to fill the spot. Coach Knisely has high hopes for the season and feels the team is committed to working hard and improving every week. He says that Eric Barbour should be one of the better #1 singles players in the area.

## Baseball

With six of his eight positional starters returning, coach Rick Barbour has high hopes for the SJCC baseball team this season. Two of the team's top three hitters return in seniors Anthony Rusher (.381 last year) and Grant Barbour (.366), and out of the team's 18 wins last year, 15 of those wins were attributed to the returning pitching staff. Seniors Devin Mills, Matt Kwiatkowski and Cody Crockett will anchor the staff, but Coach Barbour also feels sophomore Eric Gray will be a key contributor.

Other returning letter-winners include seniors Luke Lewis, Toby Hessick and Alex Lozano and junior Darek Hilty, who led the team with six home runs and 30 RBI last year.

Coach Barbour feels there are four or five teams in the MAL who have a legitimate chance at the league title, and SJCC is one of them. With the experience returning to his squad after an 18-10 record and 3rd place finish in the MAL at 7-3 last year, Barbour knows the league championship can be had.



## Softball

Coach Bill Bork returns five starters off last year's district runner-up team. Seniors Alison Chudzinski (3B), Melissa Taylor (1B) and sophomores Heather Blake (SS) and Abby Crockett (C) return off that 20-6 squad.

Bork is counting on sophomore Lindsay Crockett to step in for All-MAL pitcher Alyssa Dickman, who graduated last year, and he is hoping someone steps up and solidifies 2nd base after losing senior Megan Boukissen to a career-ending knee injury during basketball, and centerfield, where Jamie Bork roamed for the past four years.

Other players whom Bork sees as being key contributors are senior Christine Engeman



and juniors Jill Walters, Hannah Nagy and Libby Engeman, who will spell Crockett on the mound.

Bork says the key to this team's success will be how

quickly the new starters and young pitcher/catcher combination make adjustments and fine tune their games. He thinks they'll finish in the middle of the pack in the MAL, but could finish higher and could make a nice tournament run depending on how fast the younger players mature.

## The Coach

*(Inspired after the SJCC freshmen boys won the 2007 MAL tournament. Ron Rodenhauer '61 is the SJCC freshmen basketball coach)*

This coach called Rodey  
Has a love for his school  
With thirty-eight years coaching  
Discipline's a golden rule  
They worked really hard  
To get where they are  
Running and sweating  
Their goal was the stars  
First down went Mohawk  
Then North Baltimore fell too  
Coach Rodey wouldn't be satisfied  
Till he had that championship brew  
One game from the title  
On the road they would part  
Boarding the old bus  
Karen Gabel doing her part  
They started out strong  
But their game fell apart  
Not using their heads  
And Calvert playing smart  
Coach Rodenhauer gets furious during a time out  
"Who do you got"  
"Who do you got"  
"Don't give them those shots"  
With the clock ticking down  
The championship on the line  
Coach needs a steal and a bucket  
For the season to end fine  
Well we know how it ended  
There's no other coach that is so bold  
We know that victory brew  
Was tasty and cold  
*Thanks for the memories  
You're one heck of a coach*  
Written by John Frederick '73 -  
Rodenhauser was his freshman coach

## Attention All 4th-12th Grade Boys and Girls

The National High School Coaches Association will be conducting a character and leadership camp on **July 9-13 from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm** in the high school cafeteria. Cost of the camp is \$200. For more information call Coach Todd Drusback at 419-332-9947 or email at [tdrusback@streaks.net](mailto:tdrusback@streaks.net)

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