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## UPCOMING CARDINAL EVENTS

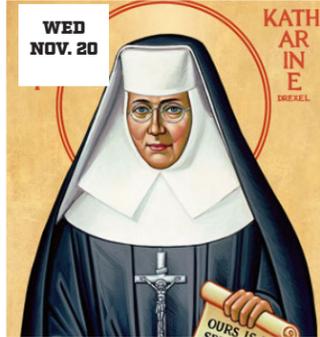


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### TRUNK OR TREAT

WED., OCT. 30 // 6 PM - 8:30 P.M.

Join us for treating, games, and activities for our annual 'Trunk or Treat' at SMIS!



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NOV. 20

### DREXEL DINNER

WED., NOV. 20 // 6:30 P.M.

Join us for our first annual Drexel Dinner in Scottsdale, AZ as we celebrate our foundress and SMIS supporters.

Details on page 10.



SAT  
NOV. 23

### WATCH PARTY

SAT., NOV. 23 // 12:30 P.M.

SMIS will be featured on national television during the Notre Dame vs. Boston College football game as part of Notre Dame's 'What We Fight For' series.

Attend a watch party in Scottsdale, AZ or Gallup, NM. Details on page 1.



FRI  
DEC. 6

### TREE LIGHTING

FRI., DEC. 6 // EVENING

Our annual tree lighting evening is one of our favorite events at SMIS.

Join us for Christmas carols, games, lights, and an appearance by St. Nick!



## SMIS STUDENT LEADERSHIP PARTICIPATES IN NEW AIA AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

Two high school students are embarking on a new student leadership journey in conjunction with the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA).

The AIA recently initiated the Student Leadership Advisory Committee (SLAC) to work within the organization to focus on improving sportsmanship and school spirit.

SMIS junior Aurianna Quintana and sophomore Dayshon Dalgai were selected in the spring of this year to represent the school. They met with other SLAC members in a leadership development day on August 15

in Flagstaff, Arizona, which was their first meeting this school year.

Members heard from student leaders who participated in the national meeting. The SLAC challenged all members to return to their schools and work on increasing school spirit for the upcoming season among the student body, parents, and fans.

Aurianna and Dayshon both participate in cross country, basketball, and track and field—and are members of the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society.

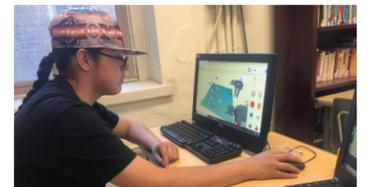
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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

As we move into the fall season, the staff, faculty, and students at Saint Michael Indian School (SMIS) do so with grateful hearts. Mr. Al McPhee was a longtime contributor to our school, and he said to me on a phone call a few years ago: "I believe in the work of Saint Katharine, and I believe in those kids." He really meant what he said, and we learned just how much when he passed away. Mr. McPhee left SMIS a very generous estate gift.

The first thing we did with his gift was paid off the school's debt; which was a relief to our annual operations budget. In June, the SMIS Board of Directors voted to allocate some of this gift on updates to buildings—and a then to put the remainder of the gift in a savings account for future needs and school emergencies. For the first time in many years, our buildings received a new coat of paint; doors, roofs, and floors were repaired; and the school gym received a complete facelift. I invite you to read about Mr. McPhee on page 5.

His gift also allowed us to move forward with hiring Greater Mission to conduct a feasibility study for our capital campaign.

This is an important step to the future growth for our school.

Additionally, we were honored to have the University of Notre Dame students from the School of Architecture on campus to share their renderings of a campus growth plans and a new athletic center. The unveiling event also attracted NBC as they were shooting a "What We Fight For" segment that will air on November 23 during the Notre Dame vs. Boston College football game.

We are so blessed at SMIS, and we thank our many partners on this journey with us to sustain and grow the important mission of Saint Katharine Drexel.

As you continue to prayerfully consider what you will do with all that God has given you, please think of us. I promise that we will use your gift to continue the important mission this school has undertaken for over 117 years.

Happy Fall, and may God Bless you and your family!

**Dot Teso, President**

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## HOST A 'WHAT WE FIGHT FOR' WATCH PARTY ON SATURDAY, NOV. 23!

On September 20, 2019, the school hosted the Campus Plan Unveil featuring a new athletic complex and academic buildings. Students from the University of Notre Dame School of Architecture presented their renderings of what SMIS could look in 10 years. Their work with our school will be featured on NBC Sports and the University of Notre Dame's award-winning "What We Fight For" series, which highlights Notre Dame projects in front of a national audience during Notre Dame football games ([fightingfor.nd.edu](http://fightingfor.nd.edu)).

The two-minute video will air nationally at halftime during the Notre Dame vs. Boston College football game. The school will host a viewing party in Scottsdale, AZ and Galup, NM on Saturday, November 23, 2019. We invite you to support the school with friends and join in on this fun event.

To receive your viewing party kit or RSVP to the viewing party, contact Renee Tsinnie at (505) 979.5590 ext 3036 or [renee.tsinnie@smischools.org](mailto:renee.tsinnie@smischools.org) by November 14. And, be sure to post your home viewing party on Facebook or Instagram and tag SMIS!

'WHAT WE FIGHT FOR' WATCH PARTY!

## CAMPUS SNAPSHOTS



(Above) Thanks to the generosity of Robert 'Bob' Moran and Ramos Benny and Connie Damon, we were able to add a track around the soccer field. (RIGHT) Our PTO raised money to purchase outdoor benches and tables for the school.



## ST. MICHAEL INDIAN SCHOOL

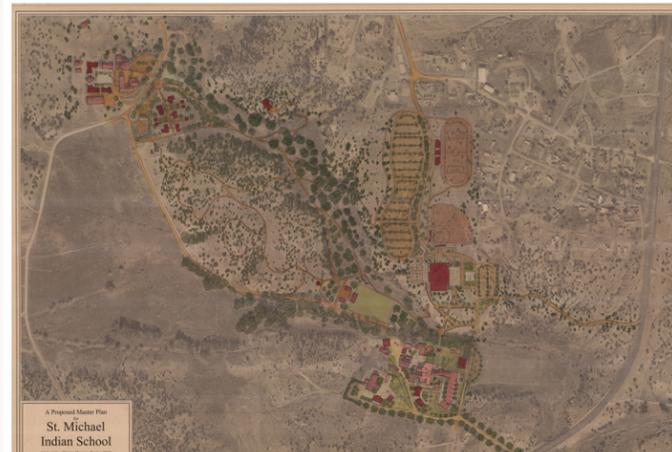
**President** Dot Teso  
**Principal** Tazbah Yazzie

St. Michael Indian School provides students from local Native American communities with a quality education that is rooted in Catholic values, is sensitive to Native heritage, teaches leadership skills, and enables students to contribute in a culturally diverse world.

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(Pictured Below): University of Notre Dame Architecture students created a proposed master plan, which includes a new athletic center, upgrades to existing building, faculty housing, and other amenities. Their project will be featured on Notre Dame's 'What We Fight For' series airing on November 23 on NBC.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL DREXEL DINNER! WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20 // SCOTTSDALE, AZ

Many years ago, one of our favorite Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, Sister Loyola Edelen, would travel with students to host a fun evening dinner at St. Joan of Arc in Phoenix, AZ with our friends and supporters. Upon Sister's passing in December 2008, there was no longer leadership for this event, and the dinners simply stopped.

Many Saint Michael Indian School (SMIS) supporters reside in Phoenix and the surrounding areas—and generously support the school in various ways including; the Arizona Tax Credit programs, parish partnerships, grants, and general donations.

In an effort to stay connected with our friends, and supporters we are pleased to announce we wish to continue Sister Loyola's tradition with our 1st Annual Drexel Dinner!

The location of the Drexel Dinner will be at The Casa - Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale, AZ. The Drexel Dinner will take place on November 20, 2019.

Guests will enjoy performances by students, dinner with friends, and learn more about the school. As part of the program, the school will present three recognition awards

Sister Loyola's legacy with SMIS will be honored during the event, as well as others. We are honored to have Mr. Robert Moran, chair our 1st Annual Drexel Dinner with special guest Father Henry Sands, Executive Director of the Black and Indian Mission.

Call or email our Director of Annual Giving, Brooke Overturf, at (480) 676-7530 or [brooke.overturf@smischools.org](mailto:brooke.overturf@smischools.org) to host a table.

There is no charge to attend this event however, you must chair a table or receive an invitation from a table host to attend.

# Native Arizona

## Discover Hopi and Navajo Lands



7 Days/6 Nights • May 3-9, 2020

**Day 1**

Fly into Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. Check into the Holiday Inn Express. An afternoon visit to the **Pueblo Grande Museum**, an archaeological site once inhabited by the Hohokam culture, is included prior to a **Welcome Dinner**. (Meals: D)

**Day 2**

Depart for Northern Arizona. Tour **Montezuma's Castle National Monument** before arriving in Flagstaff for lunch on your own and a tour the **Museum of Northern Arizona**. Continue to Tuba City and check into Moenkopi Legacy Inn N Suites. Dinner and a Hopi program are included this evening. (Meals: B, D)

**Day 3**

Highlights today include **Old Oraibi** and a walking tour of **Walpi**. Walpi is situated on top of **First Mesa** nearly 300 feet above the surrounding land. The village is a living village where the homes are passed down through matrilineal clan lineage. Just as it has been over the centuries, there is no electricity or running water in the old village of Walpi. You will witness life at it has been lived over the centuries. This full day tour gives guests the opportunity to meet Kachina doll carvers, basket weavers and potters in their villages. You will learn about Hopi agriculture and see the dry farming that produces crops of beans, squash and corn that have been the staples of Hopi life for centuries. Return to Moenkopi for the evening. (Meals: B)

**Day 4**

Visit the **Interactive Navajo Museum** this morning before traveling to Page and tour **Antelope Canyon**, a small but exquisitely beautiful slot canyon geological formation. Also visit **Glen Canyon Dam** and view **Lake Powell** before traveling to Kayenta for the evening. Check into Kayenta Monument Valley Inn. (Meals: B)

**Day 5**

Tour the fabulous and beautiful **Monument Valley** where you will discover why it is considered one of the centerpieces of beauty on Navajo Land. Beautiful red sandstones push skyward from the vast expanse of desert floor, creating a striking set of formations

that stand together against an umbrella of blue skies. Lunch is on your own in Kayenta before you depart for Canyon de Chelly. You will thrill to the delights of the beautiful and breathtaking Canyon de Chelly! Nowhere in Navajo land is the blend of past tradition and present Culture more evident than at **Canyon de Chelly National Monument**, this Monument is home to several periods of Indian Culture dating from 350 A.D. to 1300 A.D. The 26-mile Canyon's sheer cliffs range from 30 to more than 1,000 ft. providing a spectacular Backdrop for hundreds of Anasazi Ruins, as well as modern Navajo homes and farms. Check into the Thunderbird Lodge.

**Day 6**

Visit **Window Rock** this morning. This park has many symbolic structures: a circular path outlining the four cardinal directions, 16 angled steel pillars with the name of war veterans, and a healing sanctuary that is used for reflection and solitude that features a fountain made of sandstone. Also visit the **Navajo Nation Council Chambers** – similar to our US Capitol Building. Lunch is included at **St. Michael Indian School**. Then depart for the **Hubbell Trading Post and National Historic Site**. Hubbell Trading Post is the oldest continuously operated trading post in the United States, a National Historic Site that features a bookstore, exhibits, rug weaving demonstrations and picnic tables. Then return to the Phoenix and check into the Holiday Inn Express. Dinner is included this evening. (Meals: B, L, D)

**Day 7**

Visit the world-famous **Heard Museum** this morning before departing for home. (Meals: B)

**Tour Price: \$1695 per person/double  
\$2125 per person/single**

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(Above) Students proudly display their certificates on the final day of camp, where they demonstrated a few techniques in front of their families. (RIGHT) Students practice changing diapers on the baby dolls.



## MIDDLE SCHOOLERS EARN SAFE SITTER DISTINCTION DURING SUMMER BREAK

Eight students participated in the first ever Safe Sitter certification program offered here on campus.

Safe Sitter is designed to prepare middle school students to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. The instructor-led class is filled with fun games and role-playing exercises.

Four main skills building areas were covered which are safety skills, child care skills, first aid & rescue skills, and life & business skills.

At the end of the program, students are first-aid trained and can turn their new found skills into a business for themselves to babysit for community or family members. Anatomy teacher Jamie Adams, RN became

certified to teach the program and plans to offer it once a semester.

"The new CPR dolls we have now will be helpful in future trainings we can offer. Also, in the last few weeks, students let me know they had used what they learned over the summer. That's what we want: kids learning from it and using it."



## STUDENT 'ARTREPRENUERS' RECEIVE PROCEEDS FROM SALES

Five students received their proceeds from artwork they sold at the 33rd Annual American Indian Student Art Show & Sale:

Nicole Begay ('19), Albert Haskie ('19), Jenna Ross ('21), Kalani Wilson ('21), and Autumn Terry ('20).



## STEM COLLABORATION: ALLSTATE VOLUNTEER DAY

This past summer, Allstate Agent Julio Galindo from Tucson, Arizona, trekked to campus to help kick off the elementary school's STEM Makerspace volunteer day. The day began by assembling tables, stools, and shelving for the room. The new classroom space will be run by Stephan Joe ('16), STEM teacher, to serve students in kindergarten to fifth grade in a hands-on learning environment based on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math concepts.

The day was part of a grant initiative sponsored by the Allstate Foundation. Julio's agency nominated the school and the project for the grant. The school earned \$10,000 through the project for the room renovation and to purchase the equipment,

and supplies.

Galindo raised his own sons in the Catholic faith, and when his family toured Drexel University a few years ago, he was reintroduced to Saint Katharine Drexel. Returning home, he had this lingering connection to do something related to Drexel. The partnership between Galindo and the school began when he felt a calling to give back to a school. As he began researching schools in Arizona, Galindo immediately felt a pull toward our school founded by Saint Katharine.

"I always told my sons that youth development to create fully articulate human beings in all areas—spiritually, emotionally, psychologically, academically, etc—is very important. Helping a young person become



the full breadth of themselves is what I see that SMIS does. I like that they consider the future for these students in terms of choosing a career or a vocation," Galindo said when referring to his impression of the school.

Impressed by the Native American leadership and teaching staff—and the ability of the school to prepare students for college—he has plans to continue to serve the school in future volunteer opportunities.

In a phone conversation a few weeks after he visited, he said: "Being able to serve the school that Saint Katharine Drexel built was a great experience for me. I plan to visit again and hope to watch a soccer or basketball game."

# —LET'S GO CARDINALS!—

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## 'I'VE ALWAYS BEEN CATHOLIC': VELMA BEGAY'S SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Saying 'yes' to the job in December 2006 set academic advisor and dean of students Velma Begay on a long path with SMIS. Beginning as a 7th grade science teacher, she spent three years teaching middle school science and math, and then additional years teaching elementary and middle school science—finally transitioning into the high school teaching biology, physics, and chemistry. Now in her 13th year with the school, Velma turned toward advising students of their choices in college after high school and managing the discipline of the school.

"The best part of my work is the opportunity I have to know the students, helping them explore life, and examine their goals. As a teacher, I always focused on that day's lesson and what they were learning on the subject matter. In this work, I am able to look at the whole picture for a student and mentor them on academic programs and introduce them to career choices," Velma said when asked about what she enjoyed most about her role in the middle and high school.

Velma began teaching when her daughter Jessica Begay ('11) was enrolled at SMIS. "Jessica was young, and one of the benefits of working here was that I could contribute to her costs of tuition to attend—and as a family that was an important decision. At the time I started working here, I was a med student and juggling my home and school life." Then on an IHS scholarship, Begay struggled between what she thought she wanted—to become a medical doctor, and what destiny had placed her in—education and teaching.

She recalls how she called upon God to help guide her toward the right path. "I just prayed about it," she said as she recalls the day she made a conscious decision to stop fighting God's plan. That guidance came in crystal clear the very next day, when then SMIS president Dr. Joseph DeFelice stopped her and, out of the blue, inquired about her plans to make the next step toward thinking about future leadership in the school. "I thought to myself, how did he think to ask me...what could have made him ask me about my plans? When I asked him about why he was asking me, he said a

little birdie told him. But I never mentioned it to anyone. I knew then it was God. I think God told him in some way," Velma stated.

Turning toward faith was something her family has instilled in her. Throughout her childhood, her mother introduced her to many different churches. None of them truly appealed to her. But now looking back, she mentioned she just didn't feel connected to them. When asked about what felt right about her choice to become Catholic, she said: "I feel I've always been Catholic. When I told my dad about my decision to begin RCIA classes, he was so happy. I learned he was a baptized Catholic. At my baptism, he was very emotional, he was so proud. It was a very touching moment for us."

Velma is one of seven children in her family—and the first to join the Catholic faith. "Since I've been more active in Mass now, the students seem to pay attention that I participate in communion and they ask me a lot of questions. I'm ok with that because they're curious, and they are discovering for themselves what they may want in their own lives. I'm happy to be setting what I feel is a good example. My sponsor, Marie Allen, showed me the best way to live through her own example. She has such a good energy and spirit."

Working at a mission school, staff members experience—and are reminded of—their calling to serve. When asked about working for a mission school, Velma told a story about a time she was attending an Association for American Indian Physicians workshop, and a presenter spoke on the passion the medical profession has to be for you. She said the presenter mentioned that whatever your profession is, it has to fulfill you. I never considered this idea and when I heard that I thought, 'Yes, that's it!' I carried that with me and it always stayed with me. I feel what I do now here is fulfilling. We're a family. We disagree, have bad and good times, but the good times always outweigh the bad. I know this is more fulfilling than being a doctor. I felt in a way that God was telling me to do something else, steering me toward this," she said.

Velma plans to retire from SMIS.



## AUTUMN TERRY RECEIVES ACCOLADES FOR ART DURING PHOENIX ART SHOW

SMIS junior Autumn Terry brought home a white ribbon from the 33rd Annual American Indian Student Art Show & Sale in Phoenix, AZ, held this past April. Autumn is one of five high school students who submitted paintings and drawings for the show.

Autumn has dedicated many hours practicing sketching and painting techniques. She learned from online videos, art classes at SMIS, and advice from her uncle, Dion Terry. "I started drawing for fun first, and then I started painting. My parents don't paint or draw, so I'm not sure where I started gaining my interest." Autumn said when asked how she gained an interest in art. Over the years, she completed numerous drawings and some were featured in school calendars. Horses are her prime focus, and she has expanded into drawing people. "I watched videos on mixing colors and some other painting techniques. I like to experiment, and the most challenging has been skin colors," she said pointing to a few paintings featuring women.



Her favorite painting is one she made of her grandma. She smiled when thinking about her grandma and said, "when I showed her the painting she was very happy and then told me to put a sheep in it!"

Autumn hopes to enter more shows at local museums or art crawls and is encouraged by friends. Former art teacher Andrea Ashkie ('06) taught her watercolor and pottery techniques in class. Learning about shadows and light in class, she was able to implement those art concepts into her paintings. "I switch between landscapes, horses, and people. I'm not too interested in portraits right now. Hands are pretty challenging, and I often make them too big or small," she joked about how her art has developed.

Autumn is the daughter of Dewayne Terry ('96) and Cheryl Terry ('96). Her older sister Summer ('17) graduated from SMIS and her younger sister Tatum is in sixth grade. Autumn participates in volleyball.

## TARRAH OLIVER ('04) HELPS DEVELOP HANTAVIRUS SCREEN FOR PATIENTS

Medical Technologist Tarrah Oliver ('04) recently helped to develop a Hantavirus 5-point peripheral screen for patients. Through the work of the lab at TseHootsooi Medical Center in Fort Defiance, Arizona, Tarrah has helped with an ongoing project to create a lab screen for lab technicians to perform for patient treatment and extend community outreach for the screen.

Tarrah works in a growing number of roles and focuses on mentoring and, most recently, as the safety-training supervisor in the lab. Students from the University of New Mexico rotate through the lab and work on their curriculum alongside Tarrah.

Being passionate for her work in the lab has allowed her to travel to other labs to collaborate on trainings of the screen and attend career days at local schools and colleges. Tarrah visited St. Michael Indian School in May with fellow staff members of the lab of TMC to present on the various job roles inside a medical lab and on the type of education required.

Oliver graduated from SMIS as salutatori-

an. Earning a Chief Manuelito scholarship, she attended Arizona State University and completed her biological sciences degree in 2011. This past June, she celebrated eight years at TMC. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, outdoor activities, and serving as a board member for Rez Refuge.

Having participated in many student clubs and activities in high school, Tarrah remembers the days of yearbook and prom committees, student council events, and cheering at SMIS games.

After visiting big fancy schools, she recalled that "St. Michael wasn't a rich school with things like a pool or swim team but what it didn't have, it made up for in its faithful environment. Good morals were reinforced, challenging academics were always there, and we were all a family. I really appreciate that now raising my own boys."

Her advice to the senior class or new freshmen at college? Don't be afraid to speak up, ask for help, and go meet people.



## BROOKE OVERTURF ('13) JOINS SMIS AS DIRECTOR OF ANNUAL GIVING

St. Michael Indian School welcomes alum Brooke Overturf ('13) to the SMIS advancement team as the director of annual giving. Growing up in Saint Michaels, she attended SMIS from kindergarten and graduated in 2013 as salutatorian. She was a student ambassador and student athlete participating in soccer, softball, cross country, basketball and volleyball.

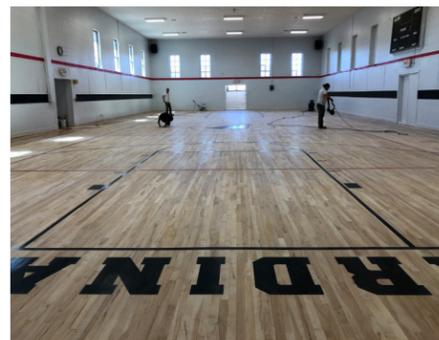
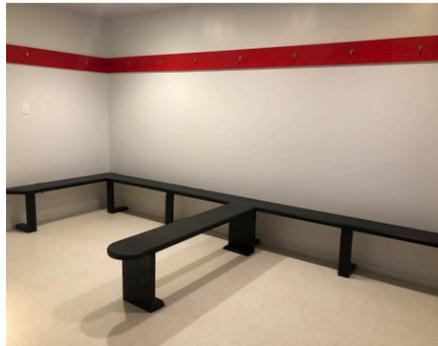
"I knew one day I was to give back to my SMIS community as a thank you because they've helped me create a foundation of academics, faith, and courage. I believe that God has given me this opportunity to share my story and other wonderful SMIS stories to our supporters outside the Reservation. My goal is to continue to be a voice for our SMIS community."

Brooke received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Applied Business Data Analytics and Organizational Leadership from Arizona State University. She represented the Native American community as Miss Indian ASU in 2015-2016.

She has experience in working in the nonprofit field with the ASU Foundation and the NABI Foundation. Her parents are Patrick and Sandra Dalgai. Brooke is the eldest of four siblings: Tyree ('17) is a junior at ASU, Dayshon is a sophomore at SMIS, and Brandi is an eighth grader at SMIS.



## AL MCPHEE'S LASTING LEGACY



Through the generous bequest gift of Alexander 'Al' McPhee provided to the school this past academic year, SMIS was able to accomplish many projects that were pending on the buildings and grounds project list.

The school was first notified of the gift a few weeks before Thanksgiving in 2018. Unbeknownst to staff, Mr. McPhee left the school a \$826,000 estate gift. Saddened by the news of the passing of this longtime friend of the school, the school offered a Mass in his name.

When the funds arrived in December, the school first paid off a line of credit debt incurred many years ago, then tucked a portion away for savings, and then began prioritizing the list of projects that could begin when summer rolled around this year.

McPhee became a friend to the school over a decade ago, when he became familiar with SMIS through his other charitable giving. In 2008, he began to give directly to the school, and his gifts grew over time.

According to his published obituary, Mr. McPhee was a beloved Godfather, engineer, wood-craftsman, baker, friend, history buff, avid reader, and fan of Hallmark movies. He passed away on September 25th, 2018, at the age of 70.

He graduated with a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Dayton before serving honorably in the U.S. Army as a Chemical Corps officer. Upon leaving military service, McPhee earned his master's degree from Purdue University. He worked as an engineer for Procter & Gamble for more than 20 years.

Friends gathered on Saturday, October 6 at All Saints Catholic Parish in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The numerous gifts that were possible through Mr. McPhee's generosity include:

- > Gym repainting, floor repair, and resurfacing, new bleachers and chairs, renovated restrooms and locker rooms, outdoor gym repainting, and parking lot gravel.
- > Technology infrastructure, including upgrades to the server room and equipment.
- > Campus buildings improvements: painting, roof repair, and new floor installation.
- > Hiring of a capital campaign team to conduct feasibility and campus plan.
- > Pay off of line of credit.

God calls each of us to give. In the New Testament, God himself gave us his only son because he loves us so much, and that his Son died on a cross for us. This sets a model of generosity that God's people should be sacrificial.

Thank you for the sacrifices you make in your monthly or annual gifts to SMIS.

To discuss leaving a legacy gift to the school or to update your gifting request, please contact the advancement office at (505) 979.5590 ext 3036.



## COACHES GOING THE EXTRA MILE: SUMMER CAMP BONANZA

This summer, the athletic program experienced record-breaking attendances at Cardinal Camps. The Cardinal Camps have been in full swing for three years and feature sport introductions and skills building for children ages 5 to 13. SMIS coaches volunteer their time for one week to run the camps with student helpers and parents. In years past the enrollment averages 18 per camp. This year, the camps averaged 30 per camp. Soccer, basketball, softball, baseball, running, and volleyball camps were held throughout the month of July. High school student helpers work alongside their coaches to assist at the camps. Alumni volunteers included Dee Weber ('09), Joseph Weber ('11), Cheleah Herrera ('15), Sheryl Herrera ('18), and Christopher Holgate ('02).

## NEW CAMPS ATTRACT COMMUNITY TO SMIS

A multitude of camps were introduced to youth in a variety of subjects. This summer, SMIS offered 3D tech camps featuring 3D printing and coding, a science camp, media camps featuring photography and video creation, and Safe Sitter. All the camps were offered in June as an enrichment opportunity for students. A bus was provided and the cafeteria offered a free breakfast and lunch meals program.



2019 SUMMER CARDINAL CAMPS