

Hill-Murray

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Today

Meet the New President

Get to know Jim Hansen, class of '73

Frank Asenbrenner

Celebrating a legacy

Hill-Murray Stadium

Learn more about how to get involved in the new track, turf, and stadium project



Class Endowments Kick Off This Year



Dear Fellow Alumni,

It's class reunion time and I'm happy to say that every class has planned a reunion this year. Some were celebrated this past summer and many are planned for the fall. New this year to all reunion

planning is each class will start an endowment fund in honor of their graduation year. This is a special way that a class can come together and leave a legacy for future Pioneers.

While many of you will choose to give during a reunion year, you may contribute at any time to your endowment fund. The fund will continue to grow, and by the time you celebrate your 50th reunion, your class will have a significant gift that will continue to help students long after you are gone. What a wonderful legacy to leave as a class!

If you are currently in a non-reunion year, feel free to make a gift to your class endowment fund. Simply go to "Make a Gift" on the Hill-Murray website or mail a donation and make a note that it is for your class endowment.

We are fifty-four years old this year. We need our alumni to keep us going strong for another 50 years- we simply can't do it without you.

And to those classes that have already celebrated and started their endowments- thank you! We are off to a great start!

I hope to see many of you September 18th at homecoming!

Go Pioneers!

Judy Hajlo Schwartz '79
Alumni Manager



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Building For The Future



I'm finally back home! It's been 40 years since I left Hill-Murray for college, graduate school, a career in business, and 30 years as an adjunct professor. Now I've returned to Hill-Murray, where my learning journey began.

I have had the opportunity over the past two months to meet with each faculty member, many fellow alumni, parents, grandparents and supporters. The Hill-Murray learning community is strong, vibrant and growing!

Under Dr. Susan Paul's leadership, the Catholic identity and academic achievement of Hill-Murray have flourished, providing a stimulating, safe and values-based environment for students to develop a love of learning and service to others. Nearly 4,000 students have benefited from her leadership and we thank her for the 24 years of service to our

community and the excellence that has come from her stewardship.

I have been amazed at what Hill-Murray students are doing out in the community and how they are demonstrating their academic prowess by gaining admission to the colleges of their choice. They are also developing strong leadership skills through our successful athletic, cocurricular and fine arts programs.

I hope you follow my lead and come home for a visit! Step into this building and remember how much you loved it here, see what your school is today and help us build an even better student experience for the future.

Sincerely,

Jim Hansen
Hill-Murray School President
Class of '73

A promotional graphic for 'Give to the Max Day'. On the left is a stylized illustration of a knight in green and white armor holding a lance with a flag that has 'H.M.' on it. In the center is a dark blue rectangle with the text 'GIVE TO THE MAX DAY' in white and green, a green outline of the state of Minnesota, and a white banner at the bottom that says 'giveMN.org'. On the right is a green rectangle with the text 'NOVEMBER 12 2015' in dark blue.

Visit www.hill-murray.org/givetothemax
to schedule a donation now!



Celebrating A Legacy

Frank Asenbrenner- uniting a community through music.

It was 1971. Two separate and academically strong schools, Hill High School and Archbishop Murray Memorial High School, were struggling financially. As a result, the decision was made to merge the two schools under one roof. The student bodies were apprehensive, if not outright resistant to the change. But, if this Catholic high school on the east side of St. Paul were to survive, there would need to be a new sense of unity and pride. In stepped Francis (Frank) Asenbrenner.

“Mr. A.,” as he came to be known, the first principal and band director of Hill-Murray, brought the two schools together with a patient spirit of love, enthusiasm, and music. Now, 44 years later, Hill-Murray has a legacy of not only academic strength and athletic excellence, but an indomitable sense of community. Frank Asenbrenner’s leadership was a vital component of the school’s prosperity.

The Hill-Murray community received sad news when Asenbrenner passed away at the end of 2014, but it continues to celebrate his life and contributions to the school that he always adored.

Born in 1933 in a small rural farm community outside of Shawano, Wisconsin, Francis Asenbrenner quickly discovered a love for music. The young Asenbrenner would often be reprimanded for playing the harmonica or accordion when he should have been doing chores around the farm. By the time he was 14 years old, Mr. A. had his own band, The Junior Star Orchestra. It was difficult, but not altogether surprising, when Asenbrenner left the farm and traveled to the College of St. Thomas to study music education. Upon graduating, he began teaching music and making profound impacts on young men and women in the Twin Cities.

Eventually, Asenbrenner received his Master’s Degree from St. Thomas. His Master’s thesis was an argumentative work detailing why Hill High School and Archbishop Murray should merge.

The Archdiocese reached out to the Humboldt High School band director in 1969 and asked him to come and lead the newly merged school. Mr. A. began working to unify the student body, the best way that he knew how- with music.

Mr. A. knew that his new school needed a new song, not just a recycled tune played at other high schools or colleges. So, he sat down and created a totally unique piece, “Hail the Pioneers.” Today, that song still speaks volumes about who the Hill-Murray community is.

“That song is his legacy...it was written to unite our community, whether you’re a student, a custodian, a teacher, on the business side, in the administration, or an alum,” remarked Barb Atkinson, Asenbrenner’s daughter, and member of the class of ’87. “The love that my dad has for this school, this place, comes through in that song.” Even today, Hill-Murray principal Dr. Chuck Briscoe makes sure that “Hail the Pioneers” is sung over the PA weekly.

Having successfully guided the merger of Hill-Murray, Asenbrenner served as an administrator for over 30 years and worked as band director even beyond that. Throughout the years, Mr. A. touched the lives of so many students and musicians with his passion and care, and also developed a style quite his own.

Adorned in a bright red coat for stage band events to match the band stands and in the iconic green jacket for pep band orchestrations, Asenbrenner’s impassioned direction and bright visuals helped put Hill-Murray on the map. Ask any alumni what he or she may remember about Mr. A., and eventually that green jacket is likely to come up. “It wasn’t all about playing the best, it was about who we were and how we represented ourselves, our family, our school,” remembered Atkinson.

Ordained to the deaconate in 1978, Asenbrenner also kept faith at the center of everything in which the students at Hill-Murray were involved. It sometimes even seemed that he could call upon divine intervention to help the Pioneers.

Karen Aguirre (’89), former flautist under Mr. A. said, “I remember him predicting when we’d score a goal or a touchdown; he’d say with confidence: ‘We’re going to score. We’re going to score.’ Then he’d get into conductor/leader position, arms raised, smile on and would start counting – and every single time we’d score.”

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Welcome Home H-M Hockey

Thanks to generous donors, Aldrich Arena gets an impressive remodel.

Four years ago, the Hill-Murray hockey program had a home ice dilemma. Hill-Murray hockey had called Aldrich Arena home since the 1970's, but due to high demand for ice time by groups and youth programs, finding ice time for practices and games for two girls programs and two boys programs was becoming more and more difficult. We needed to find a way to lock in our ice time.

In February of 2014, the Hill-Murray administration and board of directors gave their approval to begin fundraising for new locker rooms and a home ice lock with Aldrich.

Hill-Murray School Athletic Director and Boys Varsity Hockey Coach, Bill Lechner began the appeal by sending 428 letters to the Pioneer hockey community and the response was overwhelming. Over \$700,000 was raised, which covered all construction costs and lead to a long-term lease with Aldrich. Construction on the west end of Aldrich began in December 2014.

In August, Hill-Murray signed a 20-year lease with Ramsey County that locked in game and practice times for the boys and girls JV and Varsity teams.

In addition to the lease, we now had top-notch facilities: two brand new locker rooms (JV and Varsity), a coaching office, a shower room, restrooms, laundry facilities, weight room/ stretching area and storage area for hockey uniforms and equipment. An elevator was also included in the remodel to allow handicap access to the lower level which had never been possible before.

In May of 2015, the finishing touches were added to the site by installing trophy cases along the wall on the Hill-Murray side of the arena. This not only provides a showcase for the Hill-Murray hockey hardware, but also freed up space in the over-crowded cases on the Hill-Murray campus for other athletic trophies.



Athletic Hall Of Fame Inductees



Jim Wold '64
Athlete/Coach
Football
Baseball



John Goebel '66
Football
Track



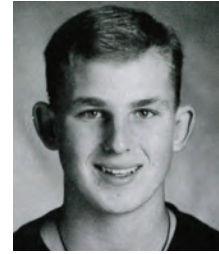
Les Larson '71
Football
Hockey
Baseball
Track



Mary Godfrey '83
Volleyball
Basketball
Softball



Anne Gorde '85
Tennis
Track



Andy Persby '96
Football
Basketball
Baseball

We invite all alums, past parents, grandparents and friends of Hill-Murray to join us in honoring the 2015 Athletic Hall of Fame Class. Mark your calendars, RSVP and plan to join us on September 20th.

2015 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction

Sunday, September 20 | The Hill-Murray Chapel and Commons

9:00am Mass and Induction, with Brunch to follow | \$12.00 per person

Please RSVP to Christine Jones at cjones@hill-murray.org or 651-748-2410

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At the very essence of Asenbrenner's life's work was an innate ability to care for, nurture, and lead students to reach their fullest potential as students and human beings. Young Pioneers learned how to be leaders, how to treat others, and how to find the good in everyone. "He was so incredibly generous...with his personality his spirit, his optimism, and his love of life," remarked Aguirre.

After retiring from Hill-Murray, Mr. A. remained intrinsically connected to the Pioneers, often seen at band concerts, at celebratory gatherings, and supporting his grandchildren who became Pioneers themselves. His love for the school never wavered. Even over the last months of his life, Mr. A. remained in the loop of all the goings on in the halls of 2625 Larpenteur Avenue.

Asenbrenner's family has also acquired a great love for Hill-Murray. In addition to the moral and spiritual support given to the Pioneers, the Asenbrenner family has been a tremendous financial donor to the school. Currently, the Frank & Margaret Asenbrenner Scholarship Fund continues to help provide more young people with the opportunity to enjoy and benefit from the Hill-Murray experience.

And every time the crowd rises to the first chords of "Hail the Pioneers," Frank Asenbrenner's spirit is reborn through a new generation of Hill-Murray students.

To make a gift to the Frank & Margaret Asenbrenner Scholarship Fund, go to hill-murray.org and click on "Make a Gift," or mail a check and designate the fund.



Nick Schroepfer



John Blanda

Young Hill-Murray Alumni Give Back

See how Nick Schroepfer and John Blanda give back to Hill-Murray through their time and talents.

When people think about giving back to Hill-Murray, they think only of monetary donations to the Annual Fund, the Friends of Hill-Murray Fund, or attending the annual auction; but these young alums are making a big impact by giving back in a different way.

John Blanda and Nick Schroepfer, both 2014 graduates, generously donated their talents and time this past year to help make Hill-Murray's first music video. The "Hill-Murray Fancy" video launched this past November for Give to the Max Day and has tallied over 13,800 plays in 27 countries! You can visit www.hill-murray.org/admissions to watch the video.

If you've been to Hill-Murray for any event involving music in the past 4 years, you have probably been entertained in part by John Blanda. Known for his piano and keyboard talents, he has played for theater productions, the President's Dinner and art shows, among other things. His band played several gigs last year including the Basilica Block Party, First Avenue and on 89.3 The Current, to name a few. While many 18-year olds would hit the movies or visit Chipotle more frequently, John used his earnings to build himself a recording studio in the basement of his parents' house where he has been developing his talents recording and producing music. When asked if he'd help produce a soundtrack for a Hill-Murray music video, John quickly said yes. He recorded Hill-Murray students Kate Smith, Maggie Blaney,

Ella French and Olivia Venuta and added several audio effects to make the soundtrack professional down to the last musical detail.

Next step, the video portion. Enter alumni, Nick Schroepfer. Nick was top of his class in computer graphics and was just getting his video business, N.S. Productions, started. When asked to help with the video component of the project, he quickly agreed and spent days filming at Hill-Murray. Because he was a solo videographer, each part of the video was acted out multiple times in order to get the various camera angles seen in the finished video. In total, Nick shot over 23 Gigabytes of footage for the 3.5 minute finished product. After painstaking hours of editing, you can see his creativity come to life in the video, making the hours of editing time worth every minute.

What's next for these talented young alumni? Both will be heading back for their second year of college this fall; John will return to Berklee College of Music with plans to major in music production, and Nick will head back to Concordia University, St. Paul working toward a degree in design.

The good news? The "Hill-Murray Fancy" music video was such a success that both John and Nick will be putting together another music video for Give to the Max Day this year. Watch for it at the beginning of November to see students, teachers, alumni and even Brother Francis star in Hill-Murray's take on "Uptown Funk"!

Our Caring H-M Community Continues



Having just concluded our forty-fourth commencement exercise, another class of excited Pioneers is ready to make the world a better place. Confident, capable and resilient, these one hundred and fifty six graduates are well prepared for the rigors of college and for life well beyond Hill-Murray. They join a cadre of proud alums who have taken with them the lessons learned, the memories made, the faith shared, and friendships forged while at Hill-Murray to strengthen and enhance the new communities in which they find themselves members.

Reflecting on my twenty-four years at Hill-Murray, I can't help but marvel at the strength and resilience of our faith community, a complex web of overlapping relationships where you get to choose how invested you want to become. Healthy and holy relationships take effort. They can get messy but they're the heart and soul of what makes Hill-Murray such a vibrant school. For me, focusing on relationships has always been more important than achieving higher test scores or racking up more awards and championships. Yet wonderful things seem to happen when we pay attention to each other and believe in each other. We've worked hard, we've worked together, and we've gotten results.

Together, we've created a special place, a home, where we can all learn and grow and dream in the company of those who care about Hill-Murray and care about each other. As I retire, I am so grateful for the many teachers, staff members, students, parents, and steadfast supporters who have helped to weave together this special community. With new leaders in place to safeguard the heart of Hill-Murray, I am confident in its very bright future.

God's blessings,

Susan N. Paul, Ed.D.

To make a gift to the Dr. Susan Paul Education Fund, go to hill-murray.org and click on "Make a Gift," or mail a check and designate the fund.

Who Are The Alumni Founders?

We invite you back to Hill-Murray to reconnect with HHS and AMMHS alums.

If you graduated from Hill High School or Archbishop Murray Memorial High School, you are an Alumni Founder! Out of these two founding schools, Hill-Murray has grown and flourished.

The Alumni Founders Committee consists of alums from our founding schools and they represent a variety of graduating years. They have been busy since the fall, coming up with a variety of ways for our founding alums to reconnect with each other and with Hill-Murray. This included a kick-off event attending a Saints game at CHS field, an upcoming speaker series, volunteering at Hill-Murray, an alumni choir and travel opportunities.

Watch your mail and email for upcoming events and opportunities. If we do not have an email address for you, please contact Judy Hajlo Schwartz to update your information.



Alumni Founders gather at H-M before heading to the Saints Game.

Alumni Founders Choir

When you were in high school, did you sing in the choir or perform in musicals? Or do you just enjoy singing? Then the alumni choir is for you! Join other founding alums as we form the first alumni choir!

Contact Judy Hajlo Schwartz '79
jschwartz@hill-murray.org or 651-748-2445



Meet The New President

Jim Hansen ('73) is coming back to lead Hill-Murray into a new era.

Jim's senior class photo 1973

Meeting Jim Hansen is like a pleasant trip through a beloved storybook; with each passing moment, a new tale is told and a new experience shared. Always affable, Hill-Murray's newest president has a positively dominant personality that makes any friend or stranger feel comfortably at ease. Hansen has already been tackling his newest challenge by familiarizing himself with every staff member at Hill-Murray with an endearing approach that has excitement coursing through the hallowed hallways that he once traveled as a student.

Beneath that gentile exterior, however, is an exceptionally driven individual who has attained great success along every stop of his life's journey. As a result, the future of Hill-Murray appears to be securely held in the hands of a visionary man who is looking to continue to build upon the excellence and success that the school is known for. As Elizabeth Marin, French teacher and member of

the Strategic Planning Committee put it, "He has a lot of great ideas that will bring positive change to Hill-Murray."

Hansen's beginnings at Hill High School in 1969 began as many journeys do: with the love and devotion of parents. While in 8th grade, Hansen watched his father take a second job in order to have his two sons receive a strong Catholic education in high school as well as grade school. In reflecting on this commitment, Hansen remarked, "I understood from an early age the importance my father and my immigrant mother placed on the value of the education they sacrificed to give us."

There certainly was a reward for his parents' diligent efforts. Throughout his four years at Hill and Hill-Murray, Hansen achieved a great deal of success including a finish as a top ten student, a National Honor Society member, and Student

Council president. However, the Hill-Murray experience often extends far beyond the classroom, and that certainly was the case for Hansen.

In particular, two specific accounts provide a small glimpse of the formation of the successful businessman and educator. Although never an exceptionally strong math student, Hansen took on the unique opportunities offered by his teacher, Brother Arnold. Sometimes pushing aside his regular homework, Hansen often dedicated himself to solving Brother Arnold's daunting weekly "Challenge Problem." He frequently succeeded, even if it took hours to complete. "I liked the challenge of doing something that no one else wanted to do," Hansen recalled.

In addition, Hansen enjoyed being part of the football team as the team manager. He fondly remembered the fall of 1972, when football camp really was a camp where the boys spent two weeks sleeping in the gym prior to the start of the school year. Despite not being the star quarterback or stellar athlete, Hansen was voted by his teammates as one of the young men that they would be willing "to go to war with."

That drive to succeed where others fear to even try, and that ability to garner the trust and devotion of others were two of the attributes that Hansen developed at Hill-Murray. Once graduated, Hansen quickly put his education to work.

Finishing with both a BA in Physiology and BS in Physics Education from the University of Minnesota and an eventual MBA from St. Thomas, Hansen embarked on a dynamic and bold entrepreneurial career. Throughout the last nearly 35 years, he has exercised tremendous business acumen, achieving great success as Fortune 500 company officer, as well as a strategy consultant and board member of nine separate companies.

However, Hansen always kept his ever-busy fingers on the pulse of education, which he affectionately refers to as an "avocation" in his life. After a brief stint as a teacher in both Golden Valley and Mahtomedi, Hansen began serving as an adjunct business instructor at the University of St. Thomas. He has now held that position for over 30 years, being twice named Teacher of the Year. "Education has always been very important to me. I would have taught for nothing," Hansen remarked.

Now, the newest challenge of helping direct Hill-Murray into a new era is awaiting this strong leader. A proud uncle of three Hill-Murray graduates (Katie, Tom, and Sarah), Jim Hansen has been drawn back to where it all began. "It's a chance to come home at the right time in my life," Hansen reflected.

Through the search process for a new president, Hill-Murray's Board of Trustees was immediately

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Dressing up for Senior Day, 1973. This group of friends went as "the six pack." Jim Hansen: front row, right side.

Mentoring Young Women

Through leadership and guidance, Sister Mark taught girls at AMMHS to excel.

In the 1960's new educational opportunities abounded for young women as barriers began to be broken and new career paths blazed. The girls who attended Archbishop Murray Memorial High School were certainly able to excel in the classroom and take advantage of these opportunities.

However, these young women were still in need of firm guidance and leadership; one of their best mentors was a strong teacher, Sister Mark, whose baptismal name is Mary Courteau. "Sister Mark always felt girls could be as good in any subject as the boys could," recalled Sue (Hajlo) Lundholm, class of '69.

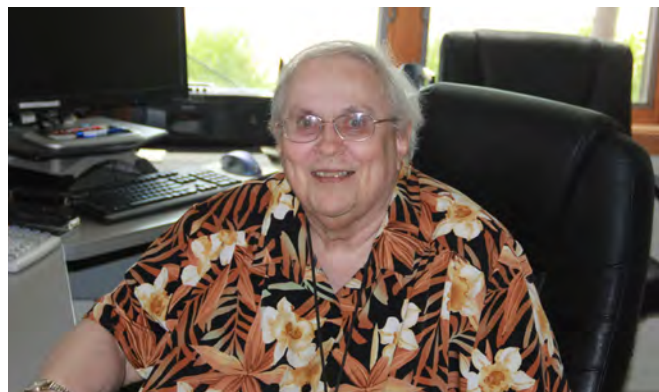
As part of an earlier era, Mary Courteau joined the sisterhood in 1957 at the tender age of 17. "I wasn't much of a student; I didn't like school at all...I was determined to help students like school and give them something that I had been missing," Coutreau recalled.

Any new sister needs to choose a new name that helps identify a change in life. Courteau needed to provide a list of three names, and then a name was chosen for her. Mark was not her first choice (Timothy and Anthony were the others), but it was the name that she was given.

After receiving further education, and a short stint teaching at St. Bernard's, Sister Mark came to Archbishop Murray High School as a history teacher in 1965. Immediately, she began to develop her own style of teaching and prioritize goals for the girls' learning.

Sister Mark's most famous educational methodology included outlining textbooks. "I knew that they could get the dates; they needed help channeling themselves and learning to be disciplined," Courteau said.

"She always had us outline the material we were to read for our assignments...she was a no-nonsense teacher, and when she spoke, we listened!" remembered Barb (Valenty) Bicha, class of '69.



Often, Sister Mark would give her students work and then leave the room. The girls learned to be disciplined and focused to complete work without adult supervision.

However, Sister Mark's class was far from just a boring work session. She often involved the students in project work or tried to make learning enjoyable and tangible. For example, she would play the entire 1812 Overture with explanation to help students understand Russia's defense against Napoleon. "She ran a tight ship in the classroom, but she made learning fun," Lundholm stated. Bicha added, "She had a sense of humor and was often very comical."

In 1971, Archbishop Murray Memorial High School merged with the boys at Hill High School down the road. Sister Mark continued to teach at the new Hill-Murray until 1977 when it was "too much work to deal with those big boys."

She then proceeded to teach at St. Croix Catholic for 12 years before retiring from teaching. Today, she lives in the monastery within view of the Hill-Murray Campus. She has also been far from forgotten, as many students continue to visit and see her often. Today, Sister Mary Courteau stays very busy, serving as Treasurer for the monastery for the last ten years. She still keeps an eye on Hill-Murray and appreciates changes for the better, specifically the dedication to service to others. "Students will remember forever when they gave of themselves to someone less fortunate," she remarked.

And her students always remember her and their experience at Archbishop Murray High School. Barb Bicha summed it up best, "I am grateful that my parents felt it important to send me to this school to get a good education, and go on to college and graduate, and have a career that lasted almost four decades."

Provide For Future Generations

Your support can create a lasting legacy at Hill-Murray School.



Mary (Weber) Wold (H-M '73) and Jim Wold (HHS '64)

"Our connection to Hill-Murray School traces back over 50 years when high quality, secondary Catholic education first became available in the east metro area. The legacy fostered by the Christian Brothers and the Benedictine Sisters is alive and well in the vision and mission of Hill-Murray School.

We are pleased to offer our support in this campaign to make the Hill-Murray experience available and affordable to future generations. The times and the demographics have changed, but the values of faith, family and friendship have not. We have been fortunate in our lives. And Hill High School, Archbishop Murray Memorial High School, and Hill-Murray School have all been part of those blessings. Please consider making a legacy contribution to keep faith-based secondary education an option for future generations of young people. "

Thank you - *Mary & Jim Wold*

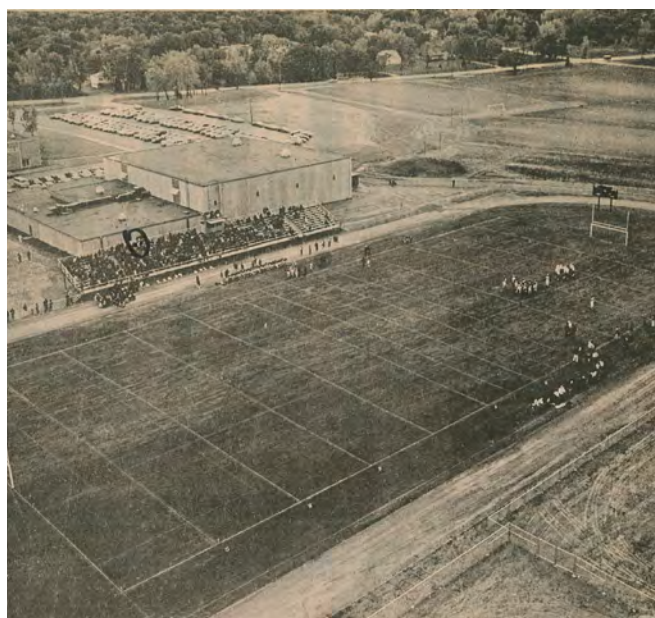
To learn more about making an estate gift, contact Chris Zupfer at czupfer@hill-murry.org or 651-748-2402.

HILL-MURRAY STADIUM TRACK • TURF • PLAZA



Friday night football games. The band marching out on the field. The dance team putting on a great half time routine after weeks of practice. Back-to-back girls and boys soccer games mid-week. Raking and lining the track before meets. Higgins Stadium has undoubtedly created a wealth of memories and experiences for students, alumni and parents alike. And its now on the verge of getting a major face lift.

Since the original stadium was built over 40 years ago, it has remained virtually unchanged. The original complex included the game field, a cinder track and bleachers. By the mid 1980's the dirt track became unusable and the last home track meet was held at Hill-Murray. In the late 1980's when lights were added to the field, a new press box was built and new bleachers were crafted for Pioneer fans and visitors. One alumni simply stated that stepping into the stadium was like "stepping through a time warp" as nothing had changed since they had attended the school 32 years ago.



That impression is about to change. This past fall, plans were outlined to update Hill-Murray's current stadium with a state-of-the-art facility complete with a turf field, 8-lane synthetic track, and welcoming entrance plaza. Existing bleachers and lighting will be relocated to make room for the larger footprint of the field and track. The goal is to have the new stadium complete by the fall of 2016.

If you are interested in becoming part of the future of the Hill-Murray track, turf and plaza project, please contact Chris Zupfer at czupfer@hill-murry.org or 651-748-2402.

EXPERIENCE

The New Hill-Murray Stadium & Plaza



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impressed by the successful businessman.

This strong impression carried over into interviews with both the administration and faculty at Hill-Murray. As Elizabeth Marin said, “He clearly showed his passion for Catholic education and for helping Hill-Murray become the absolute best Catholic college preparatory school it can be.”

Looking forward, Hansen is beginning to formulate and make his vision known. He already is eagerly awaiting the teachers and students returning in August. He has promised new ideas and thoughts. “I’m really open to change...I like to see the shiny new thing and see how it fits...we need to find the right algorithm to make Hill-Murray the school of choice in St. Paul.”

It is clear that Hansen has an innate sense of what Hill-Murray already does exceptionally well and that he intends to build upon those prevalent strengths. He has already begun establishing new and even better relationships with alumni and the Friends of Hill-Murray. “We need our alumni back in the building,” Hansen said.

As a graduate of Hill-Murray, a fine educator, a successful entrepreneur, and a strong communicator, Jim Hansen knows the wide-ranging appeal that Hill-Murray holds for all its stakeholders. “This is incredibly energizing...we must make Hill-Murray not just academics, not just extra-curriculars, not just Catholicism, but a values-based, safe environment for all students.”



We invite you to join us on Friday, September 18
for the Hill-Murray Homecoming Football Game when the
Pioneers take on the North High Polars!

Tailgating and games begin at 5:00pm

Food Trucks | Tailgating | Kids' Games | Alumni Tent | Spirit Wear For Sale

HOMECOMING

1962



Dr. Richard Anderson, MD has recently completed walking the El Camino de Santiago, an epic journey of 500 miles in northern Spain. In the Middle Ages, the route was walked as a pilgrimage to the tomb of St. James the Apostle. Dr. Anderson lives in Coty, Wyoming.

1982

John Hughes was recently inaugurated as the 108th President of the National Press Club in Washington D.C. The National Press Club is the world's leading professional organization for journalists.

1988

Amy (Joynson) Gutknecht was hired as the Director of Marketing and Communications for Hill-Murray School in October.

2001



Nicki (Del Castillo) Dold and her husband, Greg, welcomed their son Weston William Dold, born on October 4, 2014. Weston joins proud big sister Grace (age 3).

2002



Sammi (Schmit) Kionka was married to Kurt Kionka on November 8, 2014, in Estes Park, Colorado. The wedding party included her sister, **Adrienne Schmit** ('99) and **Grace (Thorndal) Steinberg** ('02). Also in attendance was her cousin, **Rob Larson** ('05). The photo was taken during the father/daughter dance with her dad, **Greg Schmit** ('69 Hill High School grad).

2003

Kevin McNellis graduated from the University of California at Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy in December 2014 with a masters in public policy. He has accepted a policy analyst position at the Congressional Budget Office, which provides independent, nonpartisan economic and policy analysis to the United States Congress.

2005



Stephanie (Blanda) Brown married Kyle Brown on July 12, 2014. The wedding party included 2005 Hill-Murray alums **Melissa (Vandelac) Pitz**, **Laura Vanden Berg**, and **Teresa Scherping**.

2008

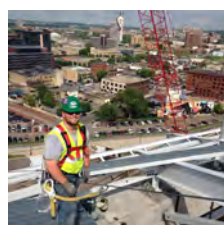
Krista Kaput has been admitted to the Harvard Graduate School of Education and will be receiving her Master's of Education in Education Policy and Management.

2008



Jodi Vasco recently joined the order of Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles. Jodi is now Sister Marie Carmen of Jesus.

2011



Eric Kuehn, a 2015 graduate from the University of Minnesota is a Project Safety Representative for a construction company working on the new Minnesota Vikings Stadium.

Hannah Baumann ('11) and **Melissa Doyle** ('10) graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College with their Bachelor of Arts in Nursing on May 31. Hannah is graduating in Nursing and Melissa with a double major in Nursing and Biology.



Kyle Yarusso gave the student commencement address to his Michigan Technological University Class of 2015. Kyle graduated on May 2nd, with a B.S. degree in Applied Ecology and Environmental Science. Yarusso is headed to Washington, DC for a position with the Student Conservation Association.

Oriana Lada, a senior at the University of Evansville, performed the lead role of Queenie in the school's musical production of "Wild Party." She will graduate with honors from UE and attend the Brown University/Trinity Prep MFA acting program for graduate school this fall.

2012

Eric Doyle, a junior at St. Mary's University was recently elected Student Government President.

As a junior at the University of St. Thomas, **David Simmet** was named to the 2014 Capital One Academic All-American first team for Division III football. Simmet, who has a 3.96 GPA as a Business and Accounting double major, is the 24th Academic All-American for UST.

2013

Charles Pults, the only sophomore from St. John's University to be named a Brandl Scholar, will be interning for the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee in Washington, D.C. this summer.

2015

Francesca Tinucci, received her Gold Award from the Girl Scouts River Valley region in June for creating an after school program in three East Side elementary schools to address the lack of low-income girls showing an interest in science and math.

The 2015 Lasallian Award Winner, **Nicholas Nelson** received his Eagle

Scout Award this spring. Several Hill-Murray teachers were on hand to support him and celebrate his accomplishment.



Hill-Murray Today invites your submissions for Alum Notes. If you send a photo, it must be in a jpg format. Please understand that submissions are subject to editing and that space limitations may make it impossible to include some content. Email Judy Hajlo Schwartz at jschwartz@hill-murray.org

in memoriam

Gregory Auge '64, passed away November 18, 2014.

Beverly (Hejny) Auger '75, sister of Bill '69 and Mary (Proffitt) Hejny '77 and Rosemary (Hejny) McDonough '72, passed away December 5, 2014.

Gregory Bauer '70, brother of Paul '64 and Maribeth (Bauer) Browning '68, passed away June 26, 2014.

Richard Boughton, father of Richard '70, Liza (Boughton) Eng '75, and Julie (Boughton) Gunn '79, passed away November 11, 2014.

Daniel Breen, grandfather of Daniel Sova '08, Elizabeth Sova '10 and Nicholas Sova '11; passed away March 30, 2015.

Aloysius "Al" Butala, father of Mark '65 and Dick '66; grandfather of Laurie '06 and Meredith '08; passed away May 29, 2015.

Allan Carlson '67, passed away November 9, 2014.

Catherine (Grant) Rohling-Carrier '81, sister of Julia (Grant) Whalen '78 and John Grant '84, passed away November 11, 2014.

Terry Conway '66, passed away June 16, 2015.

William "Bill" Dahedl, father of Kathleen (Dahedl) Deshler '62, Deborah (Dahedl) Fitzenberger '71,

and Tom '82; passed away April 6, 2015.

James DeBilzan, father of Jerry '85 and Mary (DeBilzan) Bonfe '87, passed away December 10, 2014.

Catherine Drinane, mother of William '69 and Jerry '74, passed away December 25, 2014.

Kristine Eiden, mother of Ben Skubic '07 and John Skubic '11, passed away December 12, 2014.

Gigi Fitzpatrick '74, sister of Kay Ellingwood '63, Sue Ellingwood '67, and Molly Ellingwood '74, passed away February 19, 2015.

Willette "Billie" O'Connor-Freeman, mother-in-law to Mark Kosmalski '81; grandmother to Mark Kosmalski '12 and Callie Kosmalski '17, passed away May 11, 2015.

Jean Geehan, mother-in-law of former Hill-Murray staff Terry Skrypek, passed away March 21, 2015.

Gabriella Savitri Gorde, daughter of Stephen '80 and Monica (Shearon) Gorde '80 and niece of Anne Gorde '85, passed away March 5, 2015.

Robert Hansen '62, brother of Don '64, passed away June 3, 2015.

Gene Heiberger, father of former Hill-Murray staff Kathy Anitzberger and grandfather of Jennifer

Anitzberger '90 and Thomas Anitzberger '92, passed away December 13, 2014.

Ronald Hiltunen, father of Richard '83, passed away April 2, 2015.

Jerry Hughes, father of Timothy '72 and John '82, passed away June 26, 2015

Romona Jablonski, mother of Patrick '70, Joan (Jablonski) Rivard '72 and Mark Rivard '71, Mike '76 and Jim '79, passed away June 2015.

Leona Johnson, mother of Lisa (Johnson) Kruger '79, passed away January 16, 2015.

Hazel Kemper, grandmother of Lauren Malecha '11, passed away June 3, 2015

Richard Kiesling, husband of Susan (Raykowski) Kiesling '65; father of Melissa (Kiesling) Johnson '91; brother of Kathleen (Kiesling) Perri '62, Pat (Kiesling) Greer '65 and Clarence Kiesling '63, passed away July 2, 2014.

Kent King '77, passed away February 2014.

Marie Lackner, mother of Stephen '71, Donald '74 and David '81, passed away September 18, 2014.

Josephine Lapore, mother of Laurel '63 and Julie (Lapore) Moskowitz '68, passed away June 2, 2015.

Jill Larson, mother of Nick '07, passed away November 6, 2014.

Deloris LeClaire, mother of Carol (LeClaire) Timm '73, passed away October 27, 2014.

Jean Loesch, mother of Michele (Loesch) Germain '78, Lori (Loesch) Skeie '81, Kadee (Loesch) Ruhland '82, Liz (Loesch) Thompson '83, passed away October 31, 2014.

Alice Luby, mother of Diane '85, passed away April 21, 2015.

Margaret "Polly" Malley, mother of Teresa '77 and Peg (Saracino) Sutherland '80, and former Hill-Murray staff, passed away April 22, 2015.

Robert "Bob" Meis, father of Diane (Meis) Schuweiler '72 and Lew Schuweiler '72, Sharon (Meis) Eichten '74, Jim Meis '76, Robin (Meis) Kleinendorst '77, Mark Meis '79 and Terri (Semlak) Meis '85, and Steve Meis '86; grandfather of Lisa (Schuweiler) Montgomery '96, Brian Schuweiler '00, Garret Kleinendorst '09, Nicole Kleinendorst '07, Stacey Kleinendorst '04, Mary (Kleinendorst) Silvan '02, and Haley Meis '15, passed away December 22, 2014.

James Mock, father of John '75, Kathy (Mock) Lundquist '76, and Jeanne (Mock) McDonald '78, passed away March 16, 2015.

William "Bill" Odean, husband of former Hill-Murray staff Eileen and father of Kathleen '71 and Patricia '73, passed away April 6, 2015.

Glen Olson, father of Daniel '82, passed away May 11, 2015.

Irving Powell, father of Kevin '92, passed away February 17, 2015.

Michael Raleigh '66, brother of John '62, Robert '62 (Deceased), Mary (Raleigh) Schuna '64 (Deceased), Patrick '66, and Janelle (Raleigh) Sutherland '69, passed away November 12, 2014.

Evelyn Rivard, mother of Mary (Rivard) Pfeiler '83, Patty Rivard '84 and John '87, passed away December 26, 2014.

Bill Roppeau Jr, father of Michelle Roppeau '78, Mary (Roppeau) Holmberg (Deceased) '83, and Lynn (Roppeau) Frisk '88, passed away June 24, 2015.

Jeffrey Rothmund '64, father of Angela (Rothmund) Hurley '93 and Dan Hurley '94 and Jeff Rothmund '97, passed away October 25, 2014.

Elmer "Bud" Sauer, father of Greg '71, Mark '74 and Mary (Hilger) Sauer '74, Melissa (Sauer) Koch '76 and James Koch '71, Patrick '82 and Catie (Sauer) Boyum '89; passed away May 17, 2015.

Deborah "Debbie" Schmitt, mother of Sarah (Schmitt) Lentz '90 and John Schmitt '01, passed away May 10, 2015.

Frances Schulze, mother of Cindy (Schulze) Elg '74, Ron Schulze '78, Julie (Schulze) Berrisford '79, and Greg Schulze '81; grandmother of Eric Schulze '09, Kevin Schulze '11 and Casie Schulze '13, passed away November 22, 2014.

Mary (Raleigh) Schuna '64, sister of John '62, Robert '62 (Deceased), Michael '66, Patrick '66, and Janelle (Raleigh) Sutherland '69, passed away March 25, 2014.

Joseph Spannbauer, father of Dick '72, David '73, Joyce (Spannbauer) Falkenstein '74, Kathleen (Spannbauer) Nguyen '77, Marty '78, Eva (Spannbauer) Lubke '84; grandfather of Christine Falkenstein '98 and Monica Flakenstein '01, passed away November 26, 2014.

Joseph Stejskal, father of Mary (Stejskal) Hunt '72, Elizabeth Stejskal '75 and Timothy Whisler '72, Joseph Stejskal '76, James Stejskal '79, and John Stejskal '87, passed away December 2014.

David Stoffels '77, brother of Jody '68, Mary (Stoffels) Adrian '71, Janet (Stoffels) Lilleberg '75, and Richard '70, passed away March 25, 2015.

Robert Stolz, former Hill-Murray staff, passed away April 24, 2015.

Diane Swedal, grandmother of Patrick Blaney '12, Peter Blaney '14, Jack Blaney '15 and Maggie Blaney '17, passed away November 2014.

Marty Timm, husband of Carol (LeClaire) Timm '73, passed away August 2014.

Matthew Thompson '03, brother of Stacy '02, passed away January 20, 2015.

Faith Trudeau, mother of Kathryn (Trudeau) Driscoll '68, Robert Jr. '70, Gregory '72, and John '80, passed away June 12, 2015.

Richard "Dick" Valenty, brother of Barbara (Valenty) Bicha '69 and Carole (Valenty) Fritsche '71, passed away May 13, 2015.

Mary Wojcik, mother of Mary Jo (Wojcik) Rafferty '70 and Doug Rafferty '70, passed away April 2, 2015.

Charles Zdrazil, father of Donovan '84, passed away April 3, 2015.

Darrell Zell, father of Denise (Zell) Mogren '80 and Patrick Mogren '79, Deanne (Zell) Leone '82 and Richard Leone '82, Jodi (Zell) Collette '84 and Anthony Collette '84; grandfather of Joseph Mogren '17, passed away November 21, 2014.

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