

# the round table

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## REGIS HONORS THE CLASS OF 2013

Graduation is a singularly special time at Regis when families join together to honor their sons. As has become our tradition, seventh grade families serve a generous breakfast so that the graduates' families may come together to reminisce with laughter and poignancy those special memorable moments of the Regis rite of passage. Many nostalgic chuckles were exchanged as the eighth grade families enjoyed a media presentation beautifully compiled by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kennedy, "starring" their sons through the years. The students were officially inducted into Knights Connection, the school's alumni association by Jeffrey Hill, Class of 2004 alum mother.

Regis' eighteenth graduating class, twenty-six scholars and gentlemen, received their diplomas on May 24, 2013. For the first time, a Regis graduation was celebrated in the new Student Life Center with Father Dat Hoang presiding at the Liturgy. Samuel Samson-Williams, Student Council President. Mr. Jeff Manley, the Chairman of the Board of

Directors, and Dr. Taylor offered graduation remarks. Fr. Patrick Fulton, C.S.B, President of St. Thomas High School, presented the Aquinas, Roche, and President scholarships to several of our graduates. The many accomplishments of this remarkable class include eleven academic merit scholarships, honors in interschool speech tournaments and academic competitions, and on the playing fields.

When a young man finishes his formal Regis educational experience, we hope that the lessons learned by living our mission will positively influence all his future actions and make a tangible difference to all those whom he encounters. In being true to our mission, we expect that gentlemanly habits of thoughtful caring and service will accompany a strong commitment to study. This issue of *the round table* is dedicated to the Class of 2013, and honors the many achievements of this distinguished class.



THE REGIS SCHOOL IS AN INDEPENDENT CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
WHERE BOYS BECOME SCHOLARS AND GENTLEMEN IN THE SACRED HEART TRADITION.

# 2013 GRADUATES

<b>Mateo Camacho</b>	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory <i>St. Pius X High School Scholarship</i>
<b>Jordan Davis</b>	Portsmouth Abbey School
<b>Sean Alden Graham</b>	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory
<b>Stephen J. Hohman, Jr.</b>	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory
<b>David Neill Hotze, Jr.</b>	St. Thomas High School <i>Roche Scholarship, St. Thomas High School</i>
<b>Michael Joseph Jakab</b>	St. Thomas High School <i>Aquinas Scholarship, St. Thomas High School</i>
<b>Luke Peter Kennedy</b>	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory
<b>Alexander Llerena</b>	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory <i>President Scholarship, St. Thomas High School</i>
<b>Ryan William Lundvall</b>	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory
<b>Nicholas Clulow Miguel</b>	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory
<b>Christopher Chadwick Miller</b>	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory
<b>Marshall Giddings Miller</b>	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory
<b>Nguyen Toan Nguyen</b>	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory
<b>Andrew Lawrence O'Neill</b>	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory
<b>Harry L. Parlette, V</b>	Carnegie Vanguard High School <i>St. Pius X High School Scholarship</i>
<b>Jeffrey Scott Price</b>	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory <i>St. Pius X High School Scholarship</i> <i>President Scholarship, St. Thomas High School</i>
<b>Alexander Turner Razim</b>	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory <i>Roche Scholarship, St. Thomas High School</i>
<b>Samuel Samson-Williams</b>	St. John's High School
<b>William Avery Smith</b>	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory <i>Aquinas Scholarship, St. Thomas High School</i>
<b>Mitchell Richard Townend</b>	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory
<b>Stephen Mario Turtur</b>	St. Thomas High School
<b>Seth Varughese</b>	St. Thomas High School
<b>Dominic G. Vela</b>	St. Thomas High School
<b>Briggs Tomas Weathington</b>	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory <i>Aquinas Scholarship, St. Thomas High School</i>
<b>Simon Alexander Weiner</b>	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory <i>President Scholarship, St. Thomas High School</i>
<b>William Alexander Wood</b>	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory

“The richness of a Sacred Heart education has been offered during your Regis years, and its treasure now resides in you. How you use your treasure, or what you have learned, remains to be seen. Our hope is that the lessons valued and learned at Regis remain essential influences in your life and that they shape your future actions... ‘If anyone asks you to walk a mile, walk two,’ Jesus told his disciples. Make this attitude of generosity the hallmark of your Regis education...”

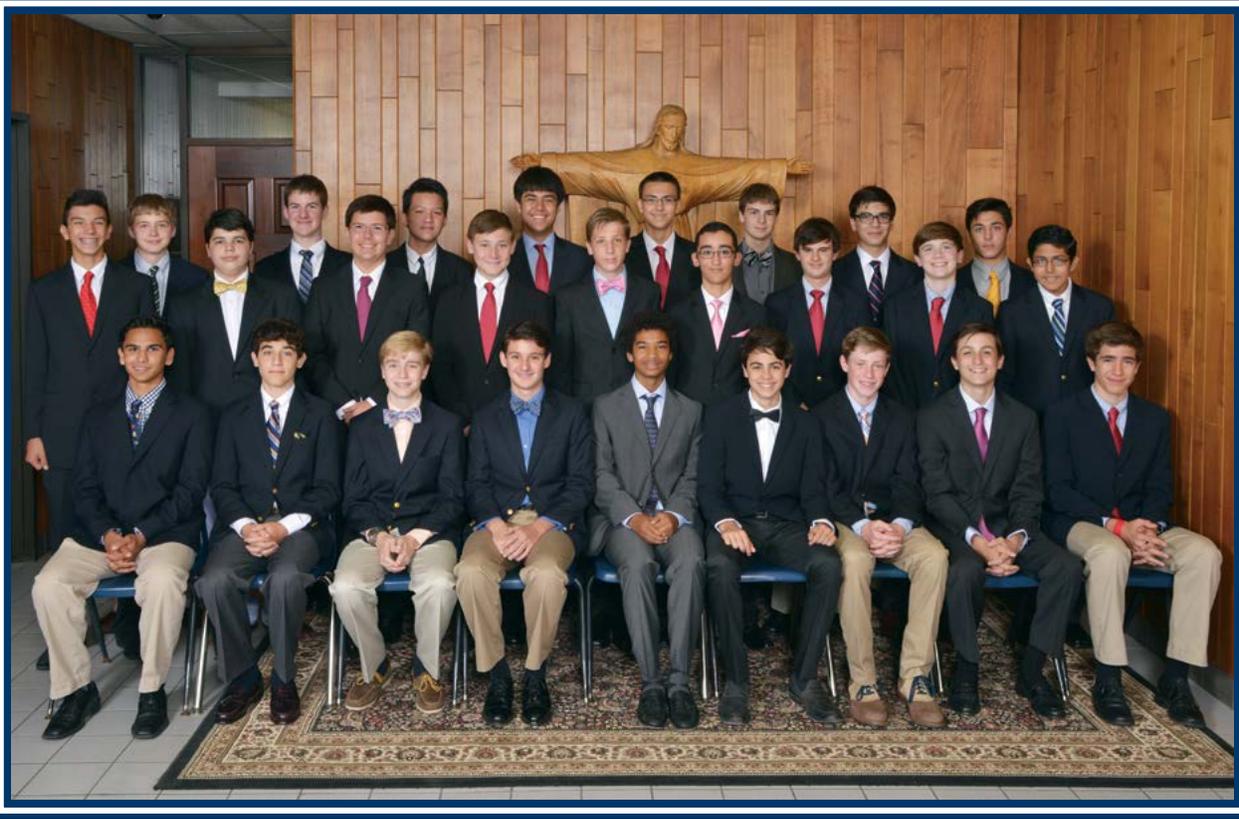
— Dr. Nancy Taylor

“At the end of this memorable day, all in attendance walked away with mixed feelings, as we celebrated as a Regis community, the many accomplishments and precious time these 26 graduates have shared throughout the years...all in the spirit of a Sacred Heart education. We wish this fine group of gentlemen much success as they continue their educational journey.”

— Mrs. Pilar López

# CLASS OF 2013

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*...Over the years, the Regis class of 2013 has built a reputation that truly demonstrates and represents what The Regis School stands for. Our class has given Regis the fulfillment of a goal: to raise scholars and gentlemen in the Sacred Heart tradition...**THE REGIS CLASS OF 2013 IS A TALENTED CLASS AND WE CAN ATTRIBUTE THAT TO OUR PARENTS, OUR TEACHERS, INSTRUCTORS, AND COACHES.** In the fine arts department with the help of our art, music, and drama instructors, this class possesses a passion for performing with dedication. Many in this class can create beautiful masterpieces, play elaborate concertos, and act in entertaining and humorous plays. In athletics, we have been able to stand on our own in competitive sports...We have been so fortunate that God has been so generous to us, placing us among one another, here at The Regis School. Finally, to the entire Regis community, thank you. We will all miss you, and we will never forget what you have done for us. Congratulations and best of luck to you all. Thank you.”*

— Samuel Samson-Williams

# Awards

## GOAL AWARDS

With the Goals and Criteria, the Society of the Sacred Heart defines the mission of the School as part of the Society's educational mission in the Catholic Church.

### GOAL I | David Hotze

*Schools of the Sacred Heart commit themselves to educate to a personal and active faith in God.*

### GOAL II | William Smith

*Schools of the Sacred Heart commit themselves to educate to a deep respect for intellectual values.*

### GOAL III | Dominic Vela

*Schools of the Sacred Heart commit themselves to educate to a social awareness which impels to action.*

### GOAL IV | Ryan Lundvall

*Schools of the Sacred Heart commit themselves to educate to the building of community as a Christian value.*

### GOAL V | Marshall Miller

*Schools of the Sacred Heart commit themselves to educate to personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom.*



# COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Community service is recognized by the following Regis recognitions at Graduation, with hours accumulated only during the eighth grade year.

## KNIGHT OF ST. JOHN FRANCIS REGIS

*(at least 75 hours of documented service)*

Ryan Lundvall

Alex Razim

Dominic Vela

## KNIGHT OF ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT

*(with 50 hours of documented service)*

Jack Graham

David Hotze

Briggs Weathington

## KNIGHT OF ST. PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE

*(with 25 hours of documented service)*

Mateo Camacho

Michael Jakab

Luke Kennedy

Nicholas Miguel

Topher Miller

Harry Parlette

Will Smith



## DAR AWARD

The Daughters of the American Revolution Youth Citizenship Medal is presented to a student who exemplifies the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership, and patriotism. The DAR Award for 2013 was presented to Michael Jakab.

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# CHIVALROUS KNIGHT 2013

“ I FEEL SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE RECEIVED A SACRED HEART EDUCATION AT THE REGIS SCHOOL.

*I was very honored to win the Chivalrous Knight Award especially when I consider those who have won this prestigious award before me, and all the great people in my graduating class. I would like to thank all my teachers, Mrs. López, Mr. Guedry, and Dr. Taylor for helping me become the person that I am today through the ten years I spent at Regis.”*



Dr. Taylor and Mitchell Townend, Chivalrous Knight 2013

The Chivalrous Knight Award is presented to the graduate who best exemplifies and lives out the mission of Sacred Heart Schools. The selected young man must be a well-rounded individual who always strives to do his best whether it be as an active member of his faith community, an inquisitive and focused student in the classroom, a committed leader and participant during community service projects, a compassionate Big Brother, or a supportive and driving force on the playing field. Mitchell has impressed us all with his humility, maturity, and purposeful sense of judgment. He is one who will always choose the moral high road and who places great value in personal integrity. This young man embodies the essence of a Regis scholar and gentleman and deserves to be our 2013 Chivalrous Knight.

*Regis*

# ALUMNI

## HOOPS...I DID IT AGAIN

by Jeffrey Hill

On a lazy spring afternoon, Regis' new basketball court witnessed a high adrenaline rush as alumni from Class of 2004-2012 took on current seventh and eighth graders in a friendly basketball match—Hoops... I did it again. Organized by Knights Connection, The Regis School's alumni association, and Coach Gary Holub, this introductory alumni athletic event was a huge success. Coach was all smiles as he welcomed back his former Regis players, some of whom are now college graduates. Handshakes, hugs and laughter were in huge supply.

The event began with tours of the new Student Life Center for alumni and their families. Some of the alumni who began their Regis days in the mid-to-late-90s reminisced about the "old days"—when classrooms were housed in portable buildings while the Kelley Building was built, morning assembly in

St. Joseph Hall (now the library), games played on the former sports field (site of the current parking lot) and the many homes that "shared" the block with the school. Smiles were wide and all agreed that the school has made great strides since that time. Pride in having been part of the foundation upon which Regis has continued to build was plentiful, as were fond memories of the close-knit Regis "community."

Future alumni athletic events are in the planning stages and we hope to include even more alumni. Please email us at: [alumni@theregisschool.org](mailto:alumni@theregisschool.org) to ensure that we have your current email address. Knights Connection was formed to give all alumni an opportunity to rekindle old relationships, relive unique Regis traditions, and have a voice in the school's legacy. We'd love to hear from you!



# THE MAKING OF A SALUTATORIAN!

by Priyanka Agarwal

The Garrison family is no stranger to The Regis School. The family is brimming with pride over the accomplishments of their three sons: Kirk and twins Jake and Case Garrison who first entered Regis as preschoolers. And, why wouldn't they be! Kirk is the first Regis student to be named a salutatorian at St. Thomas High School. An exemplary scholar, Kirk is all set to pursue studies in computer science at the University of Texas, Austin. Jake and Case, juniors at Pope John XXIII High School, are exceptionally talented golfers. With utmost dedication and immense hard work, all three boys have successfully pursued their respective passions.



Pondering on why a Regis education, Mrs. Mandy Garrison said, “Regis knows how to teach boys, and that was our key reason for enrolling our sons here. The five Sacred Heart Goals reflect our family values; we believe in a structured, disciplined routine and we found that at Regis.” She was also highly appreciative of the small class sizes that enhanced her overall experience with Regis. “My boys have grown up to be scholars and gentlemen with nice manners, self-confidence, and a consideration of others.”

When it came to high school selections, the Garrisons encouraged their sons to make their own decisions. Mrs. Garrison recalled, “When Kirk walked into St. Thomas, he said, ‘This is just like Regis. And, this is where I want to go,’ while Jake and Case wanted something different. They found their comfort zone in the co-educational environment at Pope John XXIII.” She is grateful that for all three of her sons the transition into high school was very smooth, “there was no problem at all.”

In this issue, I bring to you excerpts of my conversation with Kirk Garrison—ace scholar, salutatorian, gaming enthusiast, zealous programmer, conscientious volunteer, and thoughtful older brother.

## Surprised at being named Salutatorian...

As I congratulated Kirk on his being named the salutatorian, I was greeted by an earnest, polite voice. He sounded genuinely surprised to be receiving this commendable recognition. Elaborating on the focus of his speech, Kirk said, “As for the focus of my speech, I spent a lot of the time making sure to thank everyone responsible for making my success and the success of my classmates possible including the faculty and parents.” A meritorious student, Kirk has many accomplishments to his credit. He is the proud recipient of the St. Thomas’ Aquinas and President Scholarships, winner of the Texas Student Achievement Award, and a gold medalist in the National Spanish exam. He has also attended a one-month Spanish immersion course at The American School in Switzerland.

Kirk’s mantra for academic success is to diligently complete his homework. “Homework is one key thing, getting it done is the best way to prepare for anything. The other thing is to best utilize your time in school, what you learn in class is most important, it is what’s going to be on the test.” Additionally, as someone who believes in investing in the present time for a better future, each summer he attended courses in specific interest areas—math, sciences, and computer programming.

## I’ll be there for you...

As a caring elder brother, Kirk provided academic guidance to both Jake and Case. “Because they were younger than me, I was able to help them with their coursework whenever they struggled. Since I had already been through it, I knew what to do.” He continues to advise his younger brothers even today. On a lighter note, when I surmised that he was a good brother, he chuckled and said, “Sometimes.” Kirk misses not being able to cheer his brothers when they are playing golf because of his own busy schedule.

Besides looking out for his brothers, Kirk is also a devoted volunteer. Continuing to live the Sacred Heart Goal III: a social awareness which impels to action, he volunteers at the Houston Food Bank, Girls and Boys Club, and the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen.

## I’m a pretty big gamer.

Kirk used his time judiciously in school by “getting as much as possible done” in order to indulge his passion for gaming. Excitedly, he explained, “I’m a pretty big gamer, I like video games. My favorite past time is to play Team Fortress II. I play this game almost everyday. I also enjoy hanging out with friends.”

## I really enjoy programming.

Not surprisingly, Kirk is also an avid programmer. Earlier this year, he participated in a programming competition at Hewlett Packard. He is also a winning member of St. Thomas’ Java Club. Speaking fervently

about programming, Kirk said, “I just really enjoy programming. I don’t know where I want to go with computer science, as there are many avenues, I will find out on my way. I will enroll in several honors classes in computer science at U.T. Austin.” Tapping his penchant for technology, Kirk has volunteered at Regis to assist with software updates, computer set-up, and other special projects.

#### **Regis gave me the right work ethics.**

Describing the formative role Regis played in preparing him for high school, Kirk explained, “Regis gave me the right work ethic. The workload was very good in preparing me for the workload of high school. The curriculum was very well structured. I was able to move onto the next level without falling behind.” Acknowledging the role of the faculty and the curriculum, he added, “The faculty here works very hard with the students.” Among his treasured Regis memories are the field trips, which he described as “a lot of fun.”

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Reminiscing about the most influential faculty, he spoke of Mrs. Zehawi, Mrs. Boates, and Mrs. Brown. Elaborating on the significant role of each in his education, Kirk said, “Mrs. Zehawi did a fantastic job in preparing me to take math courses at St. Thomas. While,

Mrs. Boates made history, my least favorite subject, a little less tiresome each day. And, Mrs. Brown provided me the right direction in English language. The initial preparation in her classes equipped me to cope with the extensive English writing in high school.” If he bumped into a fellow former Regis classmate, his favorite topic of discussion would be teachers and favorite classes. These three Regis teachers would certainly find a place in his conversations!

#### **Regis and St. Thomas—Different, yet similar.**

Drawing a healthy comparison between Regis and St. Thomas, Kirk explained, “Though there is a considerable size difference between the two student bodies, the class size is almost the same; in fact in some cases, it is even smaller at St. Thomas than at Regis.” He also recalls similarities in schedule and structure at both schools. The one difference he mentioned was that because St. Thomas is a high school, understandably there is a more mature environment where teachers treat the students as adults.

#### **St. Thomas, friends and contacts for life.**

Kirk was all praises for the “atmosphere” at St. Thomas. “It’s a really good atmosphere to get into, you make friends easily. It’s a good place to not only make friends, but also contacts for life. You will always find a group of people with whom you share a common interest,” he elaborated.

Regis is proud of Kirk—its first high school salutatorian and wishes him the very best as he embarks on yet another academic adventure as a college freshman.



# FACULTY & STAFF CORNER

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

On January 31, following St. John Francis Regis Liturgy, Regis recognized and celebrated service anniversaries of its faculty and staff members. We congratulate all honorees for their dedication and commitment to Regis.

### 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Dawn Kelly

### 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Laurie Cook

Patti Cryar

Betsy Hurst

Laura Luong

Nicholas Morgan

Margie Sipe

Maria Sodek

## A WARM WELCOME

The Regis community extends a very warm welcome to the following new faculty and staff members:

**Mrs. Elizabeth Higgins**  
*Director of Advancement*

**Mr. Juan Masters**  
*Seventh Grade Homeroom*  
*Religion 6, 7, 8*

**Mrs. Angela Scott**  
*Science 6, 7, 8*

**Mrs. Kathryn Hoffman**  
*Literature 5*  
*Math 5, 6*



Left to right: Mrs. Higgins, Mr. Masters, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Scott

To get to know them better, please visit:

[www.TheRegisSchool.org/regis\\_news](http://www.TheRegisSchool.org/regis_news)



Left to right: Dawn Kelly, Nicholas Morgan, Laura Luong, Maria Sodek, Margie Sipe, and Patti Cryar



Regis students participated in *The Sound of Music*, a musical presented by the Duchesne Academy.

## A NOTE FROM DR. TAYLOR

Dear Friends,

In looking back over a banner year, it becomes a true choice as to which memories I must share among the many snapshot images of boys at work and boys at play. Once we occupied the Student Life Center, so many opportunities presented themselves for celebrating our student performances. Having a full stage for Christmas programs was the first opportunity to really let our boys' creative talents shine, ... and shine they did. Throughout the year, we have enjoyed this venue for beautiful liturgies, for graduation, and for middle school dramatic presentations. Since our fine arts curriculum has expanded in this direction, I cannot tell you how moved I am to witness young men conquering their shyness to delight, inform, and amuse in their productions. Ms. Allison Marich, our drama coach, is able to evoke amazing performances despite the boys' concentrated schedule of academics and extracurriculars. These performances delight me as nothing else in an admirable educational program. To our benefactors, we are especially grateful for your continuing thoughtful gifts so that we can more fully serve our student body through the opportunities that this single building offers us.

This was the spring, too, when our boys joined in the incredible production of *The Sound of Music* at Duchesne Academy. It is always a delight when our two Sacred Heart Schools join together in offering something wonderful. What a pleasure to sit in the audience among



so many Regis and Duchesne families and enjoy the talents of our shared faculty member, music teacher Mrs. Kathy Manley, and so many other teachers and parents who showcased the talents of a very large student cast so beautifully.

The year ended with a resounding accolade from the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest who accepted our Interim Report I for continuing accreditation as an independent school. We are honored and humbled in their praise.

As we enter a new school year, I invite you to view our new website and follow Regis on Facebook and Twitter. Our Webmaster Elizabeth Vargo and her website committee deserve our accolades for undertaking the huge effort to redesign our website presence.

Such gratitude,

Nancy Taylor  
Headmistress

# THE WILL TO SUCCEED

A competent student intrinsically knows that courage and self-discipline help him stay focused on his goal. He simply has to have the desire to drive towards success. Much of the onus also lies with the educators who sculpt a student's caliber, empowering him to reach his highest potential. Springtime at Regis means numerous academic, athletic, and fine arts competitions. Our boys have challenged themselves in many events, driven by an impetus to compete and with a desire to do well, regardless of outcome. Boys love the competitive edge. Even our most reticent boys surprise us with their ability to face a large audience or perform as a team member. Through practice and self-challenge, they become confident and poised.

Whether it was participating in the Archdiocesan Spelling Bee or the First Lego League Robotics Tournament or donning scientist hats to host the second annual Earth-tacular science event or sprinting with all their might to raise scholarship funds at the 8th Annual Steps for Students—our students have been busy scaling new heights. We applaud both our champions and our contestants. Although we have many winning stories to tell, we focus on but a few in this issue.

## IT'S RAINING GOLD, SILVER, AND BRONZE!

Our students started 2013 on a winning streak by striking gold, silver, and bronze medals in the St. Pius X High School Middle School Academic Rally. In this multi-disciplinary event, twenty-four Regis sixth through eighth grade students won five gold, five silver, and three bronze medals, and nine honorable mentions. The academic disciplines included: foreign language presentations, spelling, social studies, number sense, math, technology, and theology. For the first time, our boys won a gold medal each in theology and social studies, and three golds in French language. Competing in Spanish was also a first for us. In the last leg of the competition, our students stayed on to cheer Team Regis led by eighth graders as they battled to win Significa, the middle school championship round. Many congratulations to all the boys and their faculty sponsor Mrs. Anne-Marie Zehawi! More than 700 entrants from 20 area schools in the Greater Houston area participated in this event. To view the medals tally, please visit [www.TheRegisSchool.org/regis\\_news](http://www.TheRegisSchool.org/regis_news).

## CREATING HISTORY IN STRAKE'S PREP BOWL

In a first for Regis, our team of eighth graders ranked third in Strake Jesuit's Annual Prep Bowl contest. Michael Jakob, Will Smith, Samuel Samson-Williams, and Briggs Weathington expertly fielded questions across a wide array of subjects including history, geography, current affairs, literature, and politics. Ecstatic about their win, the team said, "It was a pleasant surprise! We worked well as a team and played to each other's strengths. It was very satisfying to win." Congratulating

the students, Mrs. Anne-Marie Zehawi, their faculty sponsor said, "Prep Bowl is a wide-ranging competition over many different topics, and is more about general knowledge than anything else. The boys were really enthusiastic, and I am very pleased with the results." The 39th Annual Strake Prep Bowl saw participation from eighteen area schools.



Michael Jakob, Samuel Samson-Williams, Briggs Weathington, Will Smith, and Mrs. Zehawi

## REGIS GEOGRAPHY BEE AND THE WINNER IS...



Christopher Hellinger

Geography is a subject that cultivates the knowledge of and respect for the world we live in. Mr. Jeffrey Guedry, Dean of Students, and an ardent geography fan himself revived Regis' participation in the National Geography Bee. "As a social studies teacher and as someone who loves quiz games, I combined two things for which I have a passion. Such school-wide activities also strengthen the community spirit," said Mr. Guedry. In what turned out to be a captivating lesson

in national geography, eight middle school students challenged each other to win the Regis Geography Bee crown. Many congratulations to Christopher Hellinger, 7th Grade who became the 2013 Regis Geography Bee Champion and who also represented the school at the state contest.

## FIRST PLACE IN DECLAMATION!

In the first speech tournament of the season at St. Agnes Academy, Regis Speech team members Joshua Lewis (7th Grade), Harry Parlette and Will Smith (8th Grade) came home with laurels. Will won the first place in Declamation for his recital of "Blood, Toil, Tears and Sweat" by Winston Churchill! Will excels at oratory and drama; and this is his second consecutive win in a speech tournament. Harry entered Poetry and advanced to the semifinals; while Joshua finished fifth place in the Prose category. Joshua and Will also competed in Impromptu Duet Acting and Will bravely tackled Spanish poetry. Congratulations, boys!

## ST. JOHN FRANCIS REGIS AWARD 2013

Pablo Tager, fifth grade received the St. John Francis Regis award, presented to a lower school student who exemplifies the five Sacred Heart Goals fundamental to our mission.



Pablo Tager and Dr. Morgan

## SPELLING BEE

Melford Rufus won the second place in 2013 Archdiocesan Spelling Bee Competition. Last year, he stood first in the competition.



Melford Rufus



Ethan Belveal, Noah Kotlarek, Diego Martinez, Darren Collins, and Arthur Fano

## 2013-2014 STUDENT COUNCIL

The 2013-2014 Student Council Officers define the Student Council as "a group of trustworthy, experienced students who help others by organizing projects benefiting the school." The Council has selected Sacred Heart Goal II: A deep respect for intellectual values as the guiding theme for their efforts this year.

**President:** Diego Martinez

**Vice President:** Ethan Belveal

**Secretary:** Noah Kotlarek

**Treasurer:** Arthur Fano

**Social Awareness Ambassador:** Darren Collins

*"We hope to implement projects that enrich the Regis community and create an atmosphere of serving others."*

# ATHLETICS

## SPORTS BANQUET



Jeffrey Price, MVP 2013

The Regis School Sports Banquet recognizes and honors its Middle School athletes for their spirited sportsmanship throughout the school year. The 2012-2013 Sports Banquet chaired by Dr. Adelina Monty and Ms. Dana Gannon celebrated 24 athletes, including the announcements of the coveted Most Valuable Player, The Rudy Award, and The Henry Family Sports Scholarship recipient.

While an MVP award is presented to an eighth grade all-rounder for his notable contributions to all middle school sports—rugby, basketball, and soccer, the Rudy Award is named after Daniel E. “Rudy” Ruettiger, who was a walk on football player at the University of Notre Dame in the mid-1970s. In 2002, Mr. Ruettiger signed the trophy that bears the names of all Regis honorees. The Rudy Award focuses on determination and the heart it takes to compete as an athlete. Athletes eligible for the award must have participated in two of the three school sponsored sports. Instituted in 2007, the Henry Family Sports Scholarship is awarded to an incoming seventh grader for embodying the qualities of a good athlete.

### REGIS TEAMS EARNED THE FOLLOWING DISTINCTIONS IN THE 2012 - 2013 ATHLETIC YEAR:

Soccer won the Division 2A North and finished 2nd overall in the GHCAA playoffs.

Basketball finished 4th in the Division 2A North.

## SPORTS BANQUET AWARDS

- \* 8th grade awards are voted on by all student athletes
- \* Team awards are voted on by members of the respective team
- \* Scholarship recipient is selected by the coaching staff

### 8TH GRADE AWARDS

All Sport MVP: Jeffrey Price

The Rudy Award: Jeffrey Price

The Henry Family Sports Scholarship: Ivan Villarreal, 7th Grade

### V SOCCER

Captain: Steve Turtur

MVP: Tom Haney

Most Improved: Toan Ngyuyen, Jordan Davis

Fighting Heart: Steve Turtur

### JV SOCCER

Captain: Aaron Gutierrez

MVP: Aaron Gutierrez

Most Improved: Luke Junkunc

Fighting Heart: Connor Kolb

### V BASKETBALL

Captain: Ryan Lundvall

MVP: Samuel Samson-Williams

Most Improved: Michael Jakab

Fighting Heart: Ryan Lundvall

### JV BASKETBALL

Captain: Diego Martinez

MVP: Diego Martinez

Most Improved: Patrick Jakab

Fighting Heart: Luke Junkunc

### C TEAM BASKETBALL

Captain: Jack Smith

MVP: Jack Smith

Most Improved: Duncan Shields

Fighting Heart: Jack Smith

### U-15 RUGBY

Captain: Luke Kennedy

MVP: Jeffrey Price

Most Improved: Stephen Hohman

Fighting Heart: Luke Kennedy

### U-13 RUGBY

Captain: Luke Junkunc

MVP: Luke Junkunc

Most Improved: Thomas Behan

Fighting Heart: Moses Monty

### U-11 RUGBY

Captain: Tanner Holub

MVP: Duncan Shields

Most Improved: Alec Johnson

Fighting Heart: Tanner Holub



Andrew Price, Class of 2012, All Camp MVP



## REGIS HOSTS NIKE ELITE RUGBY CAMP

*by Coach Holub*

As the school year was drawing to an end, Regis welcomed the San Diego, CA Nike Elite Rugby Camp to our campus—a first for Regis and a first for Texas! Several Regis students, past and present, have attended elite rugby camps in California. Our students' hard work and high performance prompted a phone call from Ethan Willis, Founder and CEO of Elite Rugby. Mr. Willis was keen to discuss what was going on at Regis and within our state because the Nike Elite Rugby Camp had previously never been to Texas. He was not only impressed by our players, but the "immaculate campus" as he described it, would be a great place to hold their first ever Texas camp. On June 7 and 8, Regis hosted 88 rugby players from across Texas, Louisiana, New Jersey, Nebraska, and California. The Regis School was well represented at the camp with twenty-six participants. Regis Alumnus Andrew Price, Class of 2012, received the All Camp MVP for his stellar two-day performance. In addition to having Zach Test and Colin Hawley, both USA National 7's players, as coaches at the camp, Regis also welcomed USA National 15's coach Mike Tolkin, Bryan Doyle, Mike Petri, and Captain Todd Clever to speak with the campers about hard work and goal setting on and off the pitch. The USA Eagles were in town to host Ireland at BBVA Compass Stadium in an International Test match, which Ireland narrowly won 15-12. Encouraged by the success of the camp, Nike Elite Rugby Camp has Regis on its radar for a potential fall camp and a return trip next summer.

## EVERYONE'S A WINNER

*by Coach Holub*

From new policies to new facilities and everything in between, over the years Regis has seen many changes. However, in twenty-two years, the one thing that hasn't changed is the willingness of this community to roll up its sleeves and pitch in. The new building design provided a weight room—an unequipped one! Led by parent Matt Schicke, Regis dads decided to remedy that situation in a unique way with a Coaches versus Dads basketball game. The idea easily became the hot ticket item at the school's annual auction. With families so generously supporting the cause by filling the playing spots, money was raised to purchase all needed equipment for the weight room, a set of plyo boxes, and a new scorer's table for basketball. The game provided an opportunity for community building outside of school with faculty from St. Thomas and Strake Jesuit, Kidventure, faculty spouses, and Father Hough, Rector of Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Church teaming up with Regis staff on the coaches' team. On May 17, the Student Life Center was packed with fans enthusiastically supporting both sides in a fast-paced game. The contest concluded with the coaches earning the victory as they pulled away late in the game. Thanks to all who gave of their time, talent, and treasure and to the Memorial City Chick-fil-a for donating chicken sandwiches for the event. After the post game handshake and pictures at mid court, Mr. Schicke summed it up best, "Notice the t-shirt says 1st Annual". Looking forward to next year's game, and yet another opportunity for the Regis community to come together.



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# LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER! A KNIGHT AT MARDI GRAS DEEMED A HUGE SUCCESS!

by Anita Bryant

Where can you find sequin masks, gas street lamps, and miniature knights in feather boas? Why, at The Regis School's 2013 Auction, of course!

On February 9, New Orleans' French Quarter was transported to the Memorial City Westin as more than 250 Regis revelers gathered to celebrate, dance, enjoy a delicious Cajun-inspired meal, and raise money for our beloved school.

Spectacularly attired in green, purple and gold, the Regis Krewe was out in full force and ready to party! The live auction created much excitement with bidding on such thrilling opportunities as a week at a private villa in Tuscany, a spectacular trip to remote British Columbia, and the vacation of your dreams complete with a private jet! The Richard Brown Orchestra provided the tunes that kept everyone stepping lively throughout the night.

Skillfully led by 2013 Auction Chair, Deana Blackburn, and the dedicated Auction Committee, the Regis Auction is the culmination of a year of planning and preparation. Jean Junghans, in charge of Logistics for this year's Auction, said, "My favorite part of the evening was seeing the final result of countless hours volunteered by so many fellow Regis parents. Though I worked behind the scenes for weeks before the event, I was still awed by the transformation of the ballroom and how beautifully the evening turned out. The auction was a huge success which made for a fun evening for me."

Overall, A Knight at Mardi Gras was a financial success, grossing a record \$475,000 thus topping 2012's record Auction revenue! Deana Blackburn was pleased with the results. "Regis has certainly turned



Deana Blackburn, Chair, A Knight at Mardi Gras

a corner with the Auction results for the last two years—the school seems to be entering exciting times with this and the new building. I would fully expect to build on this each year going forward."

Expressing her gratitude, Dr. Nancy Taylor said, "On behalf of the Regis community, we sincerely thank our Mardi Gras revelers, volunteers, and families whose participation made this year's auction a runaway success. With your generosity, Regis is able to sustain facility improvements and program enhancements, crucial to offering premier Sacred Heart education. A huge round of applause for Deana Blackburn and the Auction Committee for organizing a fantastic event."

When you can support your favorite school while enjoying a dazzling evening of great food, friends, dancing and music, you have a truly winning combination. Everyone in attendance would agree—A Knight at Mardi Gras was a winner! C'est si bon!

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