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KUEMPER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE EXCELLENT
CATHOLIC EDUCATION OF MIND, BODY, AND
SOUL TO EMPOWER ALL STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE
TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITIES IN
FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S CALL.

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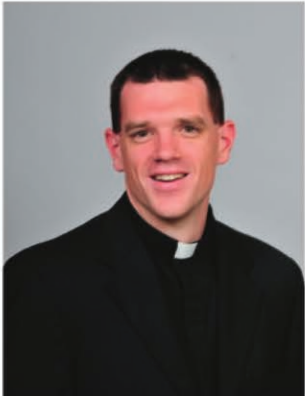
PROGRESS with our school facilities has been a theme this summer! Our buildings are fairly empty during the summer months, but that doesn't mean they are quiet. There has been plenty of dust and debris around here this summer, and that's ok. Kuemper continues to advance forward with capital improvements because of the wonderful support of our alumni and benefactors to keep our mission strong. Our physical school buildings are important but the mission always goes back to our overall goal of building young disciples for our Church. That must remain the core of our Catholic school's mission. If we continue that, then the rest falls into place for Kuemper and its future!

...IF WE DO THIS, THE REST FALLS INTO PLACE FOR KUEMPER

This year's Friends of Kuemper Ball was a ball. The Fieldhouse was full of excitement and energy surpassing \$700K for the first time. Besides being an important fundraiser, the Ball is a joyful pep rally for the Kuemper community. The Kuemper Foundation's capital campaign, *Faith Forward*, officially kicked off in March and has been a grand success recently reaching the \$9 million mark. Thank you to all our loyal supporters helping Kuemper move forward.

There have been so many high moments this year but my favorite has to be my trip to LaCrosse, Wisconsin and visiting the Franciscan Sisters about our *Faith Forward* campaign. I was reminded of their incredible legacy of service to our Catholic schools in the Carroll area. We are proud at Kuemper to help continue their faithful work and mission for the Church. Thank you, Sisters!

JOHN STEFFES '82
KUEMPER PRESIDENT



BLESSINGS

A WORD FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Kuemper's mission and the mission of every Catholic school is to form disciples. Yes, we have mission statements, and we look at data to ensure that our students are learning what they need to learn. But really, the only mission statement we need is the Great Commissioning of our Lord, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have told you." Those are our marching orders; they're the marching orders of every baptized Christian everywhere. At the end of the day, the only exam that matters is the one we will take as we stand before Christ and must render an accounting of our life. Will our Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant?" or will He say to us, "Depart from me?" This truly is the moment towards which our entire life as a disciple is building.

So, it's worth asking the question, "What is a disciple?" The English word disciple comes from the Latin word discipulus which simply means "student." So, a disciple is a student. In the ancient world, the disciple of a rabbi would walk behind him, following his every move. He would learn to eat, sleep, work, study, and pray, as his master did. The disciple would literally be covered in the rabbi's dust from walking behind him all day.

This is what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. We walk behind Him in order to learn from Him. We imitate Him in His habits of community life, study, prayer, and ministry. This is the mission of Kuemper, and every Catholic school. We are to help form our "discipuli," our students, to be "discipuli" of Jesus. We teach them to live as He lived, to imitate Him in a life of prayer, the sacraments, and virtue. These three staples...prayer, sacraments, and virtue, are the hallmarks of Christian discipleship.

Thank you for supporting us in this mission! It is my sincere prayer that each person reading this today will, at the end of your own life, hear those blessed words of our Savior, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

FR. PATRICK BEHM
KUEMPER PRIEST CHAPLAIN



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A STRONG FINISH

THE LAST FEW WEEKS OF SCHOOL ARE ALWAYS JAM PACKED AND EXCITING!

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

Tradition is something we speak often of here at Kuemper, and at the end of each school year we love to reflect on our favorite traditions old and new!

HONORING FR. KUEMPER

2022 Seniors began a new tradition of honoring Fr. Kuemper with a blessing and carnation ceremony at the Carroll Cemetery. Our Eighth graders were also able to pay tribute by participating in the Father Kuemper Walk, making the same trek Fr. Kuemper did from Carroll to Maple River. Mass and lunch with parents followed at the Maple River Park.

FIELD TRIPS

From Art Museums & rock sculptures to Star Wars Symphonies and bison viewing one thing was consistent, the students were so excited to get back to learning outside the classroom!

GRANPARENTS DAY

Featured below our students in K-3 welcomed their grandparents to lunch on May 6th, it was a packed house with over 900 guests who enjoyed hearing all about what their grandkids have been learning this year. Sixth graders and their grandparents joined the end of year fun as well! Grandparents were able to attend Mass, enjoy a concert and have a treat at the St. Lawrence Center!





GRADUATION

May 22, 2022

The class of 2022 had a beautiful ceremony at the Carroll Stadium. Class Valedictorian was Kamryn Venner, daughter of Jill (Ferneding '94) & Kevin ('92) Venner. The class Salutatorian was Kenadee Loew, daughter of Amy & Chris ('91) Loew.

The Senior Pledge was led by class President Hailey Ostrander & Vice President Ayak Agang Dut.

Class Motto:

We may not have it all together, but together we have it all.

Class Flower:

Magnolia

Class Colors:

Periwinkle & Ivory



**"We cannot wait to see what the future holds for each and every one of you!
Congratulations Graduates!"
-Principal Ted Garringer**

Kuemper Alumni Karsyn Thomsen '18 & Blake Baumhover '19, welcomed the class of 2022 into the Alumni family by presenting them with a carnation.

- SCHOOL NEWS -



✝ Wax Museum



Our fifth grade students look forward to the Wax Museum each year! Students are able to choose a current or historical character that interests them, the students then research, prepare a poster and dress as their character!

Parents are welcomed to the St. Lawrence Center "Museum" to see all the projects and listen to a little history! We've had queens, war heroes, athletes, actresses and many more exhibits over the years!

✝ Faith Life



Throughout the school year Kuemper students attend Mass each week with their buildings, but a few times a year Kuemper holds "All School Mass." It is a highlight for students as they get to see their older/younger siblings &

friends! Plus, having the church packed with red and white uniforms and smiling students is really something to see! This year at the final All School Mass not only did we have our May crowning, we also celebrated the baptism and first communion of two of our students. It was such a blessing to see how excited these brothers were to be joining the Catholic faith with their friends and peers around them! Congratulations to Cyer and Jiel Deng!

✝ Scholarship Spotlight



Bob Sporrer was a proud 1963 Kuemper graduate. He and his wife, Linda, raised their three children founded on faith, community and hard work. Their children

Kyle '01, Jackie '03 & Melissa '06, are all Kuemper graduates, and some of Bob's grandchildren are currently Kuemper students.

His family presented a scholarship to Sadie Smith, daughter of Jaci (Seidl '98) & Rod '96 Smith from Dedham, an individual who exhibits similar traits to Bob - she is hard-working with a strong sense of faith and community!

- Acuei Ater**, daughter of Victoria Chol
- Olivia Auen**, daughter of Jennifer Auen, Robert Auen
- Tyler Auen**, son of Steve & Krissi Auen
- Karly Baumhover**, daughter of Brent '88 & Diane Baumhover
- Emma Boes**, daughter of Summer Boes, Eric '94 & Heather (Quandt '95) Boes
- Hanna Brincks**, daughter of Carl '84 & Kyla Brincks
- Katrina Carpenter**, daughter of Lucas & Amanda (Leiting '00) Wheeler
- Garrett Christensen**, son of Jason & Jennifer Christensen
- Jared Craig**, son of Robert & Susan Craig
- Alan Domer**, son of Sara Brauckman
- Ayak Dut**, daughter of Agang & Mawien Dut
- Trenten Eischeid**, son of Brad & Jessie (Siepker '91) Eischeid
- Isaac Evans**, son of John & Beth Evans
- Brooklyn Foley**, daughter of Kelly '85 & Brenda (Mescher '94) Foley
- Grant Gerken**, son of Doug '92 & Kim (Snyder '92) Gerken
- Alexis Greteman**, daughter of Scott '94 & Cara Greteman
- Lilliana Guinan**, daughter of Emily Mueggenberg
- Emma Harrington**, daughter of Patrick & Robin Harrington
- Daisy Haukap**, daughter of Carter & Lara (Clark '91) Haukap
- Jared Hausman**, son of Matt '01 & Laura Hausman
- Nathan Heinrichs**, son of Michael '96 & Liz (Klocke '98) Heinrichs
- Laura Hensel**, daughter of Karen Hensel (Mueggenberg '86), John Hensel
- Patrick Hensel**, son of Karen Hensel (Mueggenberg '86), John Hensel
- Tanner Higby**, son of Jennifer (Rupiper '87) Higby
- Jemma Hoffman**, daughter of Jeff & Tricia Hoffman
- Samuel Janssen**, son of Michael & Aimee Janssen
- Molly Kasperbauer**, daughter of Troy & Stacey (Pudenz '98) Kasperbauer
- Xander Kasperbauer**, son of Tom '82 & Paula Kasperbauer
- Alexandria Klein**, daughter of Kyle & Brenda Klein
- Caden Knobbe**, son of Travis '00 & Sara (Eischeid '02) Knobbe
- Matthew Langel**, son of Glenn '85 & Kay Langel
- Ceanna Light**, daughter of Keith Light & Tom & Cindy Bordenaro
- Kenadee Loew**, daughter of Christopher '91 & Amy Loew
- Krista Lohff**, daughter of Becky (Drees '84) Lohff, Kevin Lohff
- Jaggar Luetje**, son of Jay & Cat Luetje
- Brett Lux**, son of Kraig & Renee (Schroeder '95) Lux
- Haley McClue**, daughter of Tom & Heather (Heinrichs '93) McClue
- Hannah Mescher**, daughter of Patrick '90 & Wendy Mescher
- Morgan Muhlbauer**, daughter of Robert '93 & Sarah Muhlbauer
- Paige Nepper**, daughter of Aaron & Jessica Nepper
- Nolan Nepple**, son of John & Stacey (Billmeier '89) Nepple
- Benjamin Nielsen**, son of Sara Anderson (Tomka '96) & Craig Nielsen
- Hailey Ostrander**, daughter of Jamie & Donna Ostrander
- Nathan Overmohle**, son of Derrick '88, Kim (Bauer '95) Overmohle
- Shea Parkis**, son of Brian '91 & Crystal Parkis
- Michael Pottebaum**, son of Keith '93 & Ann (Haberl '93) Pottebaum
- Kenya Prescott**, daughter of Troy & Michelle Prescott
- Carter Pudenz**, son of Greg '89 & Daphne Pudenz
- Haley Pudenz**, daughter of Jason Pudenz '92, Wes '95 & Alicia Bierl
- London Renze**, son of Eric Renze
- Brayden Riesberg**, son of Joshua '97 & Valerie Riesberg
- Riley Rotert**, daughter of Benita (Gute '89) Rotert
- Kenzie Schon**, daughter of Jared & Jill (Kemper '93) Schon
- Katelyn Schroeder**, daughter of Greg & Kristi Schroeder
- Amy Schulte**, daughter of Michael '92 & Joan (Gehling '94) Schulte
- Colin Schulte**, son of Nick '98 & Sara Schulte
- Jordyn Schulte**, daughter of Nick '98 & Sara Schulte
- Jordan Schwabe**, daughter of Bill '92 & Pam Schwabe
- Robert Schweers**, son of Curt '81 & Lynette Schweers
- Anthony Sibbel**, son of Scott '99 & Martha Sibbel
- Grace Sperry**, daughter of Kurt & Rachel Sperry
- Levi Steinkamp**, son of Doug & Julie Steinkamp
- Hayden Stout**, son of Joe & Melinda Stout
- Dillon Studebaker**, son of Michael & Julie Studebaker
- Kailee Sturm**, daughter of Jody '95 & Dawn Sturm
- Kora Thomsen**, daughter of Mark & Tara (Stark '88) Thomsen
- Olivia Tomka**, daughter of Michael '98 & Angela Tomka
- Kiley Trecker**, daughter of Bill '75 & Jean (Halbur '80) Trecker
- Kamryn Venner**, daughter of Kevin '92 & Jill (Ferneding '94) Venner
- Chloe Venteicher**, daughter of Jamie '95 & Holly (Gehling '97) Venteicher
- Cal Wanninger**, son of Doug & Sheri (Eich '87) Wanninger
- Dylan Wieland**, son of Kevin & Jodi (Beyerink '86) Wieland
- Keagan Wiskus**, son of Jeromie & Jamie (Vonnahme '98) Wiskus

- SCHOOL NEWS -



Our second graders went to work on Market Day learning about all the different aspects of being a business owner. They sold their unique creations to fellow classmates and heard from local business professionals! The Carroll Chamber was present to kick off the day with a ribbon cutting!



A summertime favorite! Our Kuemper Cares kiddos worked hard at their lemonade stand. They donated a portion of the proceeds to local causes!



Mrs. Schweers' 6th grade students had fun creating coded games for their peers to try out! Students incorporated their computer science skills while using the CS First site to learn basic video game coding concepts to make their own video games that included racing, platform, and launching.



Senior, Ayak Dut, was one of nine students who received Creighton University's Grit Scholarship, which was funded by the Heider Foundation. Mary (Rupiper '90) Chase, Vice Provost for Enrollment at Creighton University presented the award.

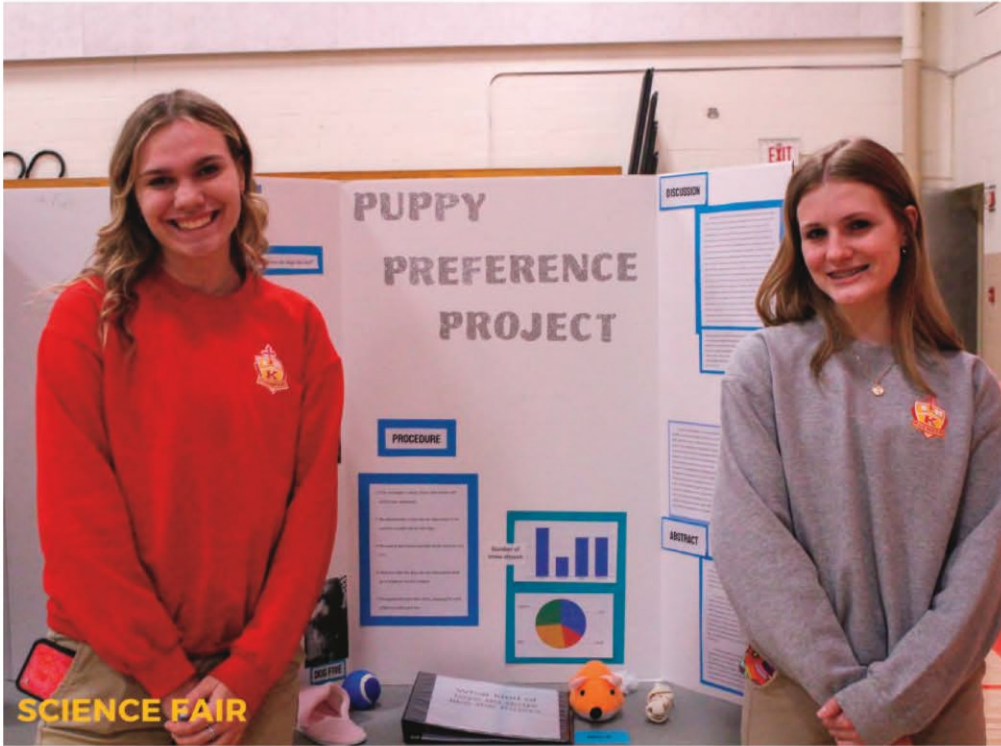


MathCounts is a competition math group that Kuemper's 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade students participate in. Kuemper's MathCounts group participated in a bonus competition at DMACC in Ankeny.



Our four year old preschool classes celebrated their 100th day of school by dressing up as 100 year olds! Kuemper educators Sara Neumann (Riley '02) & Jill Janson (Schrad '91) joined in on the fun!

- HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS -



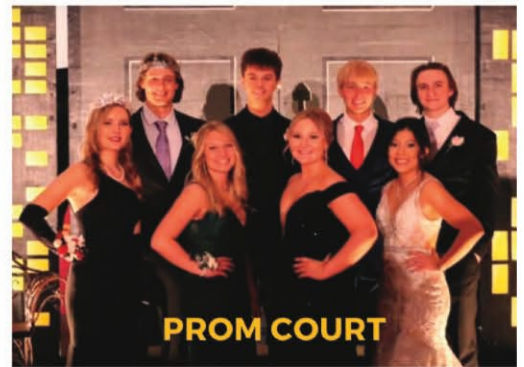
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GOLDEN SHIELD



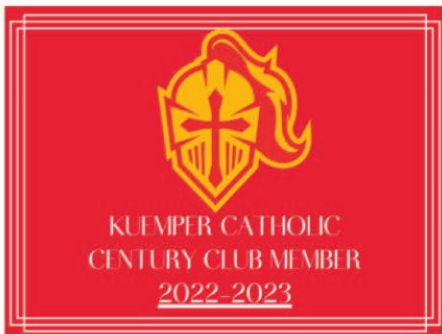
This year's Spring Musical was positively LOVELY! **Love** an original musical written, produced, & directed by Tim Tracy & Jake Gute '11, was quite the success! Congratulations to our student performers and many thanks to all involved!



PROM COURT



CHOIR



The Century Club funds ALL extracurricular activities.

Funds raised help pay for uniforms, referee fees, new equipment and travel expenses for state bound teams.

95% of our students participate in at least one extracurricular activity while they are here at Kuemper!

Visit www.kuemper.org/centuryclub or scan the QR code below for more information!



GOLF

- HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS -



SOCCER



SOFTBALL



SOCCER



TENNIS



Kuemper State Track send-off!

State Qualifiers: Evan Adams- Discus, Ellie Sibbel- Discus & Shot Put, Kenzie Schon-Shot Put, Ben Gerken- Long Jump, Michael Pottebaum- 400M & 4x400, Koby Lampman- 4x400, Trevor Rial-4x400, Logan Sibenaller-4x400, Patrick Hensel- alternate, Garrett Christensen- alternate.

2022 RECORD MAKERS

Logan Sibenaler, Baseball- Stolen bases. Record was previously held by Dean Moliter '06

Evan Adams, Track & Field- Discus 157' 01. Record of 156' 06 was held by Justin Klein in 2001

View athletic season results on Kuemper's Varsity Bound page: <https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/kuemper>



Members of the Kuemper Baseball team punched their ticket to the state tournament, which was located right here in Carroll, IA! The stands were packed, the energy was incredible and the team played a great game against undefeated eventual champions Van Meter.



TENNIS

Kuemper Girls Tennis competed at the State Tournament. They finished their regular season undefeated! Pictured are: Keziah Janssen, Alyssa Brandt, Jordan Schwabe, Sam Tidgren, Sophia Rohe, Ella Schwarte & Morgan Muhlbauer.



GOLF

Maverick Schwabe competed at State Golf at ColdWater Links in Ames.

- STUDENT SERVICE -

MISSION HONDURAS

Thirty-three Kuemper High School students and volunteers embarked on a mission trip to Honduras this past March. They built houses and furniture, and dispersed donated items to families with the most need in the area. They stayed at a school called Escuela de Santa Teresa where they met and interacted with the students.

Kuemper Chaplain Fr. Patrick Behm said- "The mission trip was an incredible experience on a number of levels. First, the service done for the people of Honduras was obviously appreciated. We changed the lives of two families, to be sure. We gave them a hope of a better tomorrow. But the missionaries also received much more than we could ever give. The Honduran people were so kind and generous to us. It was a wonderful reminder to be grateful for the many blessings we've received from the Lord. I also just want to acknowledge the good work done by each of the missionaries, but especially the 14 high school students. To say that I am proud of those young men and women would be a massive understatement! The future of our Church and of our world is in very good hands!"



2022 KUEMPER BALL



**THANKS TO OUR
GENEROUS
SUPPORTERS
OVER \$700,000
WAS RAISED!**



The 38th annual Friends of Kuemper Ball "A Knight of Hope" was truly an amazing evening! Our 2022 Kuemper Ball Chairs were Abby (Brincks '12) & Nick Schultes ('09), Jennifer Handlos & Curt Snyder, Jesse & Shelley Diehl and Kellie (Handlos '00) & Brian Brenny.

The event, held on Saturday, April 30, 2022, included: dinner, drinks, program with raffle winners announced, live auction, ball blitz, photo booth, live music & dancing! Over 600 meals were served by Lidderdale Country Store Catering. Kevin Liechti, Liechti Auction Services, ramped up excitement for our successful live auction, and the live band, Hap Hazard featuring Kuemper Alumni Mark Brenny ('70) played crowd favorites and had a packed dance floor!

This year Kuemper was so fortunate to have two matching gift challenges! Back for its fourth year the Heider Family Foundation made a \$10,000 match for any funds that were raised during our online "Ball Blitz" during the evening of the Ball. And this year Brian & Patty Hannasch started the "Thanks Mom & Dad challenge" to honor their parents for making sacrifices to insure their children had a Catholic education at Kuemper. This challenge matched all gifts over \$600,000. Because of the generosity of Kuemper supporters and these matching challenges, the 2022 Kuemper Ball was able to raise \$705,987!

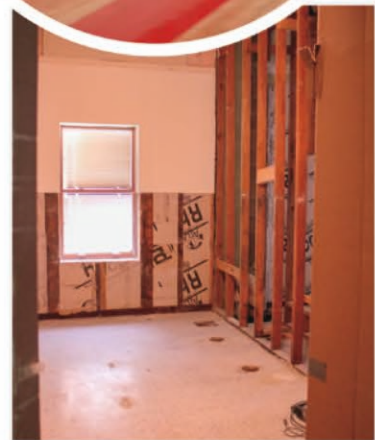
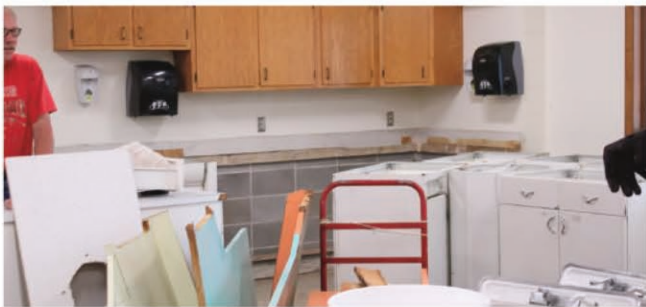
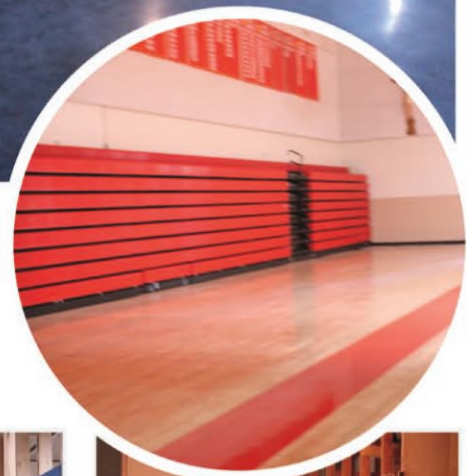
Fundraising efforts for the Ball began back in January with a kick-off event that celebrated our many volunteers who help make calls to supporters!



PROGRESS

Curious as to what happens when the students are away?

Take a look at Kuemper only a few days after our school year ended. We have Kuemper supporters to thank! Projects such as the preschool bathroom renovation and installing new bleachers in the Kuemper High School gymnasium are already wrapping up as we enter a busy summer of renovation projects. Because of the wonderful initial support we've received for Kuemper's FAITH FORWARD capital campaign, and The Annual FRIENDS OF KUEMPER BALL, we have been able to begin work on some of our priority projects - like the bathroom renovation at St. Angela's, the 42 new windows being installed on the west side of the high school building, the new flooring being installed in the St. Angela classrooms, and the renovations being done to the Family & Consumer Science classroom.



- 2022 HOMECOMING & REUNION INFORMATION -



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
VS THE EAST SAC COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL RAIDERS



2022 HOMECOMING SCHEDULE:

- 11:00am: Mass- Alumni will have a reserved section (near the Greteman Center)
- 12:00pm: Luncheon for those celebrating their **40th, 50th and 60th Anniversaries**-- Greteman Center
- 1:15pm: Pep Assembly and Coronation- High School Gym (Reserved Seating)
- 2:15pm: Parade- We encourage celebrating classes to have a float!
- 3:00pm: Student led tours of the high school
- 7:00pm: Football game vs East Sac
- 8:30pm: Alumni and Friends Social--Kuemper Fieldhouse



Scan the QR code to visit kuemper.org/alumni/class_reunions for information about Homecoming and your class's plans to celebrate!!

REUNION PLANS:

60th Reunion

The Class of 1962 will participate in Homecoming events and join together at the Moose Lodge on Saturday, Oct 1st.

55th Reunion

The Class of 1967 will celebrate on Homecoming evening, entering the parade and enjoying the Alumni Social on Friday night.

50th Reunion

The Class of 1972 will participate in Homecoming events on Friday and celebrate on Saturday, Oct 1st with a morning golf outing, Mass at 4:30 in the KHS Chapel and a 6pm social at Kerps Bar & Grill with dinner to follow.

45th Reunion

The Class of 1977 celebrated on August 19 & 20th. A wonderful event was held at the American Legion.

40th Reunion

The Class of 1982 is planning to join in the Homecoming fun on Friday and celebrate at Brother's on Main on Saturday, Oct 1st.

35th Reunion

The Class of 1987 will celebrate over Homecoming weekend!

30th Reunion

The Class of 1992 will be joining in the homecoming fun on Friday, September 30th and celebrating together at the Carroll Country Club on Saturday, October 1st! Please visit the class Facebook page for more information!

25th Reunion

The Class of 1997 will be celebrating Homecoming weekend and will have information on their facebook page.

20th Reunion

Class of 2002 will be participating in Homecoming activities on Friday and will have a float in the parade and attend the game and social together that evening. A private class tour of KHS will be held on Sat, Oct 1st at 10:30, meet at the KHS entrance!

15th Reunion

The Class of 2007 will participate in Homecoming activities on Friday and meet together on Saturday. Please view the class facebook page for more information!

10th Reunion

The Class of 2012 will join in on Homecoming activities Friday the 30th and gather on Saturday evening, October 1st at the 529 Club (top floor of Brother's on Main.) More details will be shared on the Class facebook page.

5th Reunion

The Class of 2017 will join together on Friday, Sept. 30 at Grit in Willey, IA at 5:00p before the game. Sat. Oct 1st a golf outing will be held at the Carroll Muni at 9:30am! Please RSVP to Kiana Brincks brincks.kiana@gmail.com or Von Kraus at vonwolfgangkraus@gmail.com

- ALUMNI UPDATES -

MATT DENTLINGER '17

2017 graduate Matt Dentlinger, son of Joel '82 & Sheila Dentlinger, was voted to the All-Academic Team for the third consecutive season at South Dakota State University. Dentlinger compiled a 3.99 grade-point average as a graduate student in engineering. He attained a perfect 4.0 GPA as an undergraduate student in mechanical engineering.

Matt played in all 35 games this season with 12 starts for a Jackrabbit basketball team that won both Summit League regular season and tournament titles!

To be eligible for the Academic All-League team, a student-athlete must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.30 (on a 4.0 scale), completed at least one full academic year at the current institution and participated in 50 percent of their team's competitions.

In the top picture friends & former classmates came to support Matt. Pictured L-R, Ben Dentlinger, Will Badding '17, Matt '17, Max Heithoff '17, and Jacob Schaefer '17.



Picture above courtesy of South Dakota State, Dave Eggen.

KATHIE (BURG '71) DANIELSON

Kathie (Burg) Danielson, daughter of Leonard & RoseMary Burg, KHS Class of 1971, attended Iowa State University and Drake University. She had a wonderful 43-year career in Des Moines Public Schools, teaching English, Speech, and Theatre at Hoover High and East High for 23 years. She then spent the remainder of time serving as Vice Principal (Hoover), Callanan Middle School Principal, Roosevelt High School Principal, Heartland AEA DMPS Regional Director, Hoover High Principal, and DMPS Director of High Schools. She had a passion for learning and leading professional development with teachers and leaders on Instructional Strategies, Smaller Learning Communities, Effective School Culture & Climate, and Instructional Leadership.

Kathie has been married to Ron Danielson for 43 years, and they raised their 3 children in the Des Moines-Hoover neighborhood. Retirement is a gift! She and Ron spend a great deal of time with their family of 15, including 7 joyful grandchildren. They travel, most recently to one of their favorite cities, New York, because of their love of theatre and Broadway. In addition, Kathie is a voracious reader and participates in two book clubs. "I am so grateful for my Holy Spirit and Kuemper education, and certainly feel those early years paved the way for my devotion to education. I visit Carroll often and love spending time with my two fun-loving sisters, Barb Toohey (KHS '69) and Deb Gute (KHS '76) and getting the cousins together!"



SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES

Each year Kuemper High School students work hard on their Science Fair presentations! Andrew Klenk, High School Science teacher says "Our goal for our students has always been to work through the scientific process to show how the world around us works. Projects ranging from Hover Boards, to Ferro Fluid, to observing the different types of bacteria and how they grow, the project list is endless. We always have students finding new things and ways to experiment and discover science. We are lucky to have local Alumni & friends help judge the event each year!" This year we had From left: Dr. Art Behrens '72, Tim Fitzpatrick, Angelo Luis- St. Anthony Regional Hospital Chaplin, Jill (Meiners '97) Rath RN, BSN, Dr. Martin Halbur '69, Dr. Lynn Curry, & Barb (Burg '69) Toohey RN, MSN.



- ALUMNI UPDATES -

RON OCKEN GIFT



Front row: Joan (Schoeppner '74) Reiling, Sherry (Rupiper '72) Wittrock, Barb (Rupiper '73) Schultes, Jan (Ocken) Wolterman (Ron's Sister), Harlan Wolterman, Karen Kay and Joan Justice.

Back row: Michelle (Rupiper '78) Tigges, Keith Rupiper '77, Doug Rupiper '80, Scott Rupiper '88 and Randy Rupiper '76.

On April 28, 2022, family and friends of Ron Ocken attended a dedication of the new bleachers at the St. Lawrence Center. It was Ron's 79th birthday.

Ron Ocken passed away in 2020. Ron had 34 nieces and nephews, with 20 graduating from Kuemper. In addition, he had 27 great nieces and nephews who are also Kuemper graduates and 4 great-great nieces and nephews attending or graduated from Kuemper. He loved following his family in their many various extracurricular activities.

Ron included the Kuemper Foundation in his final estate plans. Part of his amazing gift to Kuemper was sponsoring new bleachers at the St. Lawrence Center and Kuemper High School. His gift also sponsored scholarships for students, and assisted the teacher salary enhancement fund!

BOB FRIEDMAN '74

The University Of Northern Iowa recently announced their Hall of Fame Class of 2022 and it included Bob Friedman, Kuemper class of 1974. Bob was one of UNI's top distance runners in the late 1970s, placing fifth place at the 1976 NCAA Championships, fourth place in 1977 and 1978 and runner-up in 1979! Friedman set a number of school relay records during his Panther career. His 1,500-meter time of 3 minutes 44.06 seconds from the 1979 season is the third fastest in UNI history.

Bob is thankful for his Catholic Education from Kuemper and mentioned how lucky he was to have great teachers and fellow students. He was inspired to try running by long time Kuemper Coaches Chuck Van Heck, and Dennis Donnelly, (who did have to talk him into the sport, as basketball was his favorite at the time.) Bob encourages students to try new things (especially running) as you never know where something new may lead! Congratulations Bob!



A NOTE FOR THE RUNNERS

We also happened to find a note written by Bob and fellow classmate Dr. Mark Windschitl '74, hidden in a trophy top from 1973.

The trophy and note were dedicated to all Cross Country runners, doing their best for all the right reasons! They send you their blessings!



MARIAH BAKKE '10

Mariah Bakke graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School in 2010. Growing up in a creative and entrepreneurial household Mariah decided to pursue Landscape Architecture at Iowa State University. After graduation in 2015 Mariah decided to move to sunny Southwest Florida to pursue her passion for tropical landscape architecture. After working for RS Walsh landscaping for 5 years Mariah decided to open her own landscape architecture business in July 2020, Viva Landscapes, specializing in high end water front properties on Sanibel & Captiva Island and the Southwest Florida region as a whole.



Simultaneously while starting Viva Landscapes, Mariah started a sister company called Viva La Casa, a luxury vacation rental property company in Fort Myers. Using her landscape design skills and interior design knowledge from her parents the houses create a perfect oasis for people visiting from out of state. In 2021 Mariah was named Outstanding Young Professional from the College of Design at Iowa State University. As her businesses continue to grow she aims to create beautiful green public & private green spaces for people to enjoy.

Pictures courtesy of Sarah Ormiston Photography & Omar Cruz Photography



WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR NEWS!!

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go to

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- ALUMNI QUOTES AND WELL WISHES -

Jim Berger '68-

Local members of the class of 1968 gather on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:30am at the Carroll Pizza Ranch. All classmates are welcome to join them!

Roger Berg '85

Roger '85 and his wife Kathy, a Kuemper 6th grade teacher, will be chairing the 26th Annual Bishop's Dinner for Catholic Schools on September 17, 2022. They are both Catholic school graduates as are their three children, Alison '08, Matthew '11 and Elise '15. "We love to support Catholic education any way we can and are really looking forward to the "reunion" atmosphere of the Bishop's dinner; it will be a fun evening!" said Kathy.



The Bishop's Dinner supports the students in our 16 Catholic school systems throughout NW Iowa. Proceeds are used for the Parent Partner Fund for tuition assistance.

Helena (Engström '86) Cavieses -

Helen writes "Greetings from Sweden! On August 26th, 2021, I became a grandmother for the first time to a beautiful little boy named Elton. I asked my American Mom Peg Weitzl to get Elton a Kuemper baby onesie. It looks good on him! I'll be bringing him and his parents to Carroll this summer. We'll surely stop by Kuemper to visit."



Tom Steffes '87, Michael Barta '03, Quinn O'Brien '05 & Ben Berg '18-

The Johnston, Iowa Dragon Baseball coaches, who happen to be Kuemper Alumni, sent a special message to our Kuemper Baseball team wishing them good luck at the State Tournament!

Their team also participated and went on to win the 4A Championship! Congrats coaches!



Daniel Miller '18-

Daniel Miller, son of David and Kim Miller (current KHS Secretary) graduated from Wartburg College. He graduated Magna Cum Laude and was named the Most Outstanding Student in Music Education. Daniel will be sharing his love of music with students by teaching in the Ogden Community School System this fall!



Dan Balk-

Dan Balk was a well-respected and long-time AD and teacher at Kuemper. He recently moved to Des Moines from Carroll. There was a going away reception for him this summer. He impacted thousands of alumni.



John Steffes '82 with former Kuemper staff Mark Vonnahme, Vern Henkenius '61, and Bill Kane with Dan and Carol (Rothmeyer '57) Balk

Welcome Back- Kuemper Alumni returning as 22-23 new Kuemper staff members!



**Ashten (Vonnahme '09)
Pottebaum, School Nurse**



**Karsyn Thomsen '18
1st Grade**



**Mary Lawler '19
1st Grade**



**Marta Pugh '17,
High School Theology**



**Kyle Stevens '06,
OK-6th PE**

- DEATHS IN CHRIST -

The Kuemper Family offers prayers and sympathy to all of those who have recently lost loved ones. We would be honored to remember them in our prayers and Masses. Please feel welcome to notify the Alumni Office at 712-792-2212 or email: hcpietig@kuemper.org when a loved one passes away. We do our best to ensure that information is correct. We apologize if there are any errors. Those who have passed away after June 30th will be remembered in the Spring '23 Knight Letter. We will hold them in our prayers.

Delores Kasperbauer (SAA '49) passed away January 3, 2022. Wife to Delbert (dec), mother to: Diane Passarello ('77), Gary Kasperbauer ('81), and Jane Sikkema ('85).

Fr. Jim Smith (passed away on January 3, 2022. Fr. Jim served at both St. Lawrence Parish & Kuemper High School (teacher, then Superintendent).

Rick Langel ('76) passed away on January 6, 2022. Husband to Ann (Heinrichs '77), father to: Scott, Will, Alex and Seth.

Mary (Duffy) Reemts ('60) passed away January 8, 2022 and her husband Bruce Reemts passed away January 22, 2022. Survived by her sister Dorothy Duffy ('65).

Frances Sander ('53) passed away on January 9, 2022. Wife to Tony (dec.) mother to LeRoy ('61), LouAnn Kneifl ('65), Steve ('67), Paul ('68), Mary Thatcher ('70), Allan ('72), David ('74), John ('77), Mark (dec), Denis (dec), Jean (dec).

Rick Keat ('67) passed away on January 7, 2022. Husband to Mary Beth, father to Brian and Sarah (dec).

Joan Strautman passed away on January 9, 2022. Wife to James Strautman, mother to Christine Schon, Julie Schroeder and Dawn Helmkamp with husband Jens Olesen (dec). Step-Mother to Janice Stoffel ('70), Mary Jo Jeffers ('71), James Strautman Jr. ('74 dec), John Strautman ('80), Patricia Strautman, Ellen Johnson and Catherine Kaiser.

Ann Marie Vernia ('69) passed away on January 11, 2022. Sister to Bonnie Neumayer ('58) & Delmar Vernia ('70).

Jerry Starman ('73) passed away on January 18, 2022. Brother to Merle Starman ('75), Darlene Starman ('66) and Betty Jean "Liz" Schaefer ('69).

LouAnn Otto passed away on January 19, 2022. Wife of Clair, mother to Joe, Laura Boshoven ('76), Sheryl Carlisle ('78), Barb Fitzsimmons ('81), and Steve ('84).

Ron Siepker ('59) passed away January 23, 2022. Husband to Joyce (dec), step-father to Andrea Rogan, Alana Jonstone.

Patty Gehling ('71) passed away on January 30, 2022. Wife to Dennis ('70), mother to Jason ('91), Ryan ('92), Nicholas (dec), Holly Venteicher ('97), Melanie Daniel & Lindsey Gehling

Roxanne Rohner passed away on January 29, 2022. Wife to Edward ('67); mother to Tracie Moss, Heather Sander and Edward II.

Bill Gehling ('63) passed away on February 6, 2022. Husband to Janet (dec); father to Paul ('88), Deb St. Peter ('89), Carolyn ('94), and Katie Deweese ('00), Christine (dec) & Joan (dec)

Linda Bluml ('64) passed away February 6, 2022. Wife to Arden, mother to Gail Bueltel, Troy, Julie and Frank.

Ray Hacker passed away February 6, 2022. Husband to Marjorie (dec), father to P.J. Hacker ('67), Ronald Hacker ('68), Donna Noring ('70), Sheri Leiting ('72) and Peggy Rodenborn ('77).

Helen Malloy passed away February 8, 2022. Wife to Clair "Pete" (dec), mother to Mary Gray ('66), Katie Lawler ('67), Pat ('69), Mike ('71) and Sheila Nebbia ('78).

Leon Riesberg passed away February 9, 2022. Husband to Marlene (Rotert '57) father to Dan, Shelly Gute, Dean, Deb Danner & Doris Bateman

Peter (Bud) Danner passed away February 12, 2022. Husband to Dorothy, father to Tom ('77), Kathy Ewoldt ('79), Susie Scott ('84), Jeff ('86), Janet Irlmeier ('99) and Sarah McCarter ('01).

Rick Ramsey passed away February 13, 2022. Husband to Jeri (Davis '88) Ramsey, father to Haley, Nicole Becker ('14), Kyle ('18) & Kurtis ('20)

Lola Tigges (Fischer '73) passed away February 13, 2022. Wife to Gary ('70), mother to Shelley Klocke, Jen Dougall, Kristy Bass, Katie Lehr, Kari Taylor, Jason (dec.) and Scott.

Dennis Danner ('62) passed away February 26, 2022. Husband to Laura Ann (Hoffman '62) father to Doug ('85), Jerry ('86), Kathy Hall ('88), Beth ('89), Lynne Polzin ('91), Pat ('92), Eric ('93), Amie Littlefield ('96), and Angie Okones ('98).

Paul Olberding ('65) passed away March 3, 2022. Husband to Linda, father to Jeffrey, Jason and Jennifer Macke.

Rose Iler (Lutwitz, SAA '44) passed away March 1, 2022. Wife to Bob, mother to Sue Nelson, Nancy Williams, and Dianne Wood.

Jim Masching ('62) passed away February 28, 2022. Husband to Joyce, father to Jill Jones ('91) & Jay ('93).

Joe Sporrer passed away March 2, 2022. Husband to Mary K ('57-dec) father to Carol ('84), Pat ('86), Art ('87), Glen, Connie Hulse ('91), Ann, Kris Campbell, Joseph (dec).

Rita Kennebeck (Wiederin, SAA '42) passed away March 6. Wife to Joseph, mother to Diane Boell ('64), John ('68), Dave ('70), Donald ('74), Dale ('79), Julie Gilland ('81) and Jeannie Lampe ('84).

Duane Irlmeier passed away March 11, 2022. Husband to Pauline, father to Diane Rohe ('74), Cheryl ('75), Doug ('76) and Chad ('94).

Donita Nieland passed away March 15, 2022. Wife to Melvin, mother to Deb Simons, Rhonda Borer, Russ ('83), and Jodi Brincks ('85).

Lucille Julich passed away March 15, 2022. Wife to Julian (dec) mother to Ron ('61), Dave ('65), Dan ('66), Jean Hoelsing ('68), Roger ('71), Tom, Elaine Wittrock ('75), Dale ('80), and Donna Snyder ('82).

Albert Anthofer passed away March 18, 2022. Husband to LaVonne (Schlerman '59), father to Mark ('84), Karen Sommer ('85), and Brian.

Glen Sievers ('82) passed away March 18, 2022 husband to Beth, father to Jonathan.

Joleen Gredes (Pietig '59) passed away March 22, 2022. Wife of Chuck (dec) mother to Randy (dec). Sister to Doreen Grote ('56) & William Pietig('65).

- DEATHS IN CHRIST -

Irene Riesenbergr-Koithan passed away March 26, 2022. Wife of George, mother to Jerry ('70), Joan (dec), Joleen ('75) & Dan ('77) with Ed Riesenbergr (dec). George's children Tom, and Dan.

Donna Murphy (Hannasch, SAA '46) passed away March 25, 2022. Wife to Edward, mother to Alan ('66), Craig ('72), LuAnn Wittrock ('74), Lisa Storto ('83) and Keith (dec).

Mary Kay Dirx (Conley '60) passed away March 28, 2022. Wife to Lyle, mother to John, Kim Riesselman, Bob, Karmen Rotert & Shaun.

Urban Koster passed away on March 30, 2022. Husband to Patricia, father to Julie Main ('80), Leo ('81), Ann ('82), Gail Peters ('86), Ray ('88), Beth ('91), Neil ('94), & Tami Onken ('98).

Florence Daniel (Miller, SAA '50) passed away April 1, 2022. Wife to Loell (dec), mother to Thomas ('68), David ('69), Michael ('74), Laura Danner ('76), Jayne Klocke ('79), Patrick ('81), Pamela Mohr ('84), Paul ('84) and Mark ('86).

Jim "Strauto" Strautman ('74) passed away April 4, 2022. Husband to Carol (Irlmeier '74), father to Sarah Pike ('94), Debbie Koster ('96), Marissa ('08) & Michael ('12).

Don Beidler passed away April 9, 2022. Husband to Jane, father to Dan ('82), Sue Mosher ('83), Kim Severson ('84) & Mike ('88).

Richard (Dick) O'Tool ('58) passed away April 9, 2022. Husband to Sara, father to Mike ('83), Susan Schepanski ('87), Cindy Riesselman ('91).

Kay Boyce passed away April 11, 2022. Wife to Larry, mother to Lynn Forbush ('84), Loren ('85), & Karen Boell ('92).

Helen Knobbe Johnson passed away on April 19, 2022. Mother to David Knobbe ('71), Debra Jurvich ('74), Lois Pasley ('78) and Roger Knobbe ('82).

Judith Bretey passed away April 25, 2022. Wife to Gene (dec), mother to Tina Allen ('89), Tammy Langel ('90), & Travis ('95).

Bill Carr passed away April 23, 2022. Husband to Terry, father to John, Elizabeth, and Cathleen Rolfs.

Robbie Grundmeier passed away April 26, 2022. Husband to Jo (Vonnahme '77), father to Christopher & Daniel.

Joe White passed away April 28, 2022. Husband to Helen (dec), father to James ('69), Colleen Rossiter ('80), & Ann Nelson (dec)

John Arrowsmith passed away May 4, 2022. Husband to Deanne (Schultes '69), father to Linda Free, Joni Wieland, Carol O'Tool, JoAnn Clausen. Step-father to Marty Bauer('90), & Dawn Scott,

Berneice Wittrock (SAA '54) passed away May 6, 2022, wife to Jerry (dec), mother to Dan ('78), David ('80), & Dale.

Marlo Weiti passed away May 9, 2022 husband to Almyra, father to Clyde ('76), Douglas ('76), Brian ('78) & Carleen Evans ('82).

Dean Ludwig ('59) passed away May 9, 2022. Husband to Diane (dec), father to Susan Cornelius, Rhonda Ford, Christine Hardy, Brenda Reis.

Steve Kock passed away May 11, 2022. Husband to Jane, father to Onica Uveling ('96), & Tyler ('00).

Howard Drees passed away May 12, 2022. Husband to Patricia (dec), father to Michelle Satterlee ('78), Judy Schreck ('79), Connie Hoffman('80), Karen Kasperbauer ('82), Howie ('83), Holley ('83) & Jerry (dec).

Mary Lou Hartl (Reinart '58) passed away May 17, 2022. Wife to Joseph (dec), mother to Donna ('82), Keith ('86).

Jane Christiansen (Schenchinger '67) passed away May 23, 2022. Wife to Gary (dec), mother to Robert James.

Leonord Riesselman passed away May 28, 2022. Husband to Donna (dec), father to Dean ('75), DeAnn Eischeid ('76), Denise Middleton ('80), Dan ('81), and Deb Neubauer ('81).

Diane Gross (Halbur '65) passed away May 28, 2022. Wife to Joseph, mother to Maria Brey ('96), Pamela Anthofer (dec).

Howard Weiti ('61) passed away May 31, 2022. Husband to Sharon, father to Dr. Sheri Weiti-Harms, John, Angie Huff, Fr. Michael Weiti, Ulla Siedenburg

Bernice Williams passed away on June 2, 2022. Wife to Virgil (dec), mother to Glenn ('68), Jim ('71), Sue Seidl ('72), Gayle Schreck ('75), & Jon ('77).

John Greteman ('69) passed away on June 3, 2022. Husband to Cindy, father to Mark ('02) & Lexie Carlson ('05).

Larry Schultes ('63) passed away on June, 4 2022. Husband to Pat, father to Lisa Wolf, Mary Kay Todd, Matthew, Jennifer Steinkamp.

Megan Bauer passed away on June 5, 2022. Wife to John ('01), mother to Natalie & Alaina.

Jim Ferneding ('72) passed away on June 9, 2022. Husband to Joyce, father to Brian, Amy Hasenclever, & Abby Cowan.

Briggs Heiman passed away on June 13, 2022, he was the infant son of Eric ('09) & Hannah (Rossiter) Heiman, brother to Huxley & Ellee. Grandson to Coleen (White '80) & Lyle Rossiter, Dan Heiman ('72) & Eileen Langenfeld ('76)

Paul Schulte passed away on June 20, 2022. Husband to Agnes, father to Duane ('79), Paul ('83), & Peter ('85).

Catherine Zimmer (Simons, SAA '47) passed away on June 25, 2022. Wife of Joseph Carroll Zimmer, mother to Tom ('75), Brian, Chris, Amanda.

Brian Kitt ('94) passed away June 28, 2022. Husband to Stephanie, father to Landon.

Please accept our apology on a few missing or errored memorials from our Spring issue:

Marvin Bruch (62) passed away April 24, 2021. Husband of Rita, father to Susan Steele, Patty Stitz, Tom, & Amy Halbur.

Don Tigges passed away on November 28, 2021 husband to Marlene (Reinert '62), father to Mark ('81), Michael ('84), Lisa ('85) Smith, Matthew ('90) and Anthony ('93)

Ruth Diers (SAA '47) passed away on December 23, 2021. Wife to Don (dec), mother to Deb Schroeder ('68), Nancy Wagner ('72), Lori Wolf ('78) & Mary Neary ('84).

- KUEMPER HAPPENINGS -

OMAHA AREA REUNION

Kuemper Alumni & Friends joined together in August, at the Brazen Head Irish Pub in Omaha. Appetizers & lots of memories were shared!

The event was hosted by:
Nic Prenger '99, Mike Potthoff '99, & Renee (Pudenz '99) Coughlin
Thank you for sponsoring the event!



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Saturday
Sept 17, 2022
8:30 - 11:30am

Kuemper Catholic
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Nick Nurse
1985 Kuemper State Champion
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2020 NBA Coach of the Year



Participants receive their own basketball

All proceeds benefit the Kuemper Booster Club which supports Kuemper Knight athletics and fine arts programs.

Happy Retirement!

Many thanks to some Kuemper greats!



Jackie Kitch
46 years



Kathy Steffes
32 years



Darlene Hinners
30 Years



Kathy Stipe
19 years



Russ Steinkamp '70
13 years



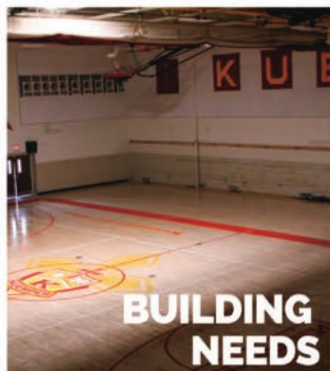
Gail ('78 Schmitz) Greving
11 years



Mark Kloser '77
6 years

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2022 Kuemper Alumni Phon-a-thon

Support current and future Kuemper Knights with a gift to the Annual Alumni Phon-a-thon. Volunteers will be calling and texting classmates, alumni & friends in October!

Donations for the 2022 Kuemper Phon-a-thon are now being accepted

You can use the enclosed envelope,
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Scan the QR code to be directed to our website!
www.kuemper.org/phonathon



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The Class of 1972 is leading the way! An anonymous donor has pledged to match the first \$5,000 raised by the class!
Happy 50th!



Your gift to the Phon-a-thon will support the Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund, The Father Kuemper Society (Tuition Assistance) and critical needs of the school!