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The Alumni  
Newsletter for  
Immaculate Heart  
of Mary School

## THEN AND NOW

The Field just before ground breaking at the 50<sup>th</sup> School Anniversary, October 2002.



The "Field" now with the Parish Center/Gym, the kindergarten, the preschool, the preschool play yard and the new lunch area. You can hardly see St. Michael's Hall!



**Save the Date:**

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL  
60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OCTOBER 2012**

Specific information about the event will be in our next newsletter. We are hoping to include some reunions in conjunction with the anniversary celebration.

Please contact Mrs. Karen Andreano if you would like your class to be included.

[alumni@ihmschoolbelmont.org](mailto:alumni@ihmschoolbelmont.org)

## Alumni News

**Raymond Acevedo '84:** Works as a speech therapist, is happily married to wife, Chiho, and has a 15 month old daughter, Luna.

**Jon Kaminski '86:** Is Captain in the U.S. Army and currently serves as the CIO for the Defense Medical Material Department at Fort Detrick, MD. Jon has 4 children, ages 4,7,11, and 15.

**Liane (Pettinelli) Nicolas '87:** Lives in San Carlos with her husband Jonathan. She is a Stanford Cancer Center Nurse Coordinator, and was recently recognized by the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) and received the Honor Someone Special Recognition Award, which salutes nurses who have made a difference in patients' lives.

**Jennifer Botts '89:** Was married in 1999 to Devin Botts, and is raising two children, Conner (9) and Kaitlyn (7). Jennifer is a sarcoma survivor and an IHM School of Religion substitute teacher.

**Eleanor (Duplissea) Enfield '89:** Is married and lives in San Mateo with husband, Mike, and almost 3 year old daughter, Grace, who attends Carlmont Parents Nursery School in Belmont. Grace may attend her mother's alma mater come 2014!

**Jeff Perry '89:** Is living in Redwood City with wife Jessica and their three children: Madeline (8), Connor (3), and Jack (9 months).

**Jennifer Lupient '89:** Graduated from Gonzaga University and has been a sales recruiter since 1997. Jennifer currently manages the Talent Acquisition Sales Team for Paychex, Inc. She lives in Folsom with her almost 6 year old daughter.

**Liam Fairbairn '90:** Has been married for 7 years to Lien Tang, and has 2 children, Keana (3), who attends preschool at IHM, and Rylan (2). Liam and family have been living in San Carlos for 12 years. He has been working at Silicon Valley Bank for the past 13 years providing financial services and financing to technology and life science companies in the Bay Area.

**Casey Kopjak Ross '90:** Has been married for 6 years, and has two children. She is currently a stay at home mom, about to open her own photography business.

**Jonathan King '90:** Lives in San Mateo with his 11-year-old son. He works as a mortgage consultant for Wells Fargo. Jon spends weekends as a Niner fan!

**Dynelle Cunningham Babb '91:** Is married and works in San Jose as a Special Education teacher. Dynelle just welcomed her first child, Michael Quinn, last April.

**Erin Desing Tessendorff '91:** Currently lives in Lincoln, CA with her husband, Ken, where she is a Pharmacy Manager for a retail pharmacy. They have 2 black Labradors who occupy a lot of their time and they are enjoying life!

**Miranda Hill Corbell '91:** Lives in Los Angeles with Hawk, her husband of 11 years, and their two-year-old daughter, Áine. Miranda is a photographer specializing in natural light portraits of children and families.



### Class of 1991 Alumni Children and Class Reunion

*By Genevieve Desuasido*

**Picture on left:** Chris O'Connor, '91 and Genevieve Desuasido, '91 now have their children attending Immaculate Heart of Mary School. Alec Desuasido is in fourth grade, Colin O'Connor and Felicity Desuasido are in second grade, Patrick O'Connor is in first grade, Derek Desuasido is in kindergarten, and Katherine O'Connor is in our preschool.

**Picture on right:** Members from the IHM graduating class of 1991 met for drinks at Hola's on March 5, 2011, for their 20-year reunion. 8 were present out of a graduating class of 21: **Pictured from top left:** Christopher O'Connor, Lisa (Giovanzana) Willet, Barbara Murphy, Timothy Podesta. **Pictured from bottom left:** Dynelle (Cunningham) Babb, Danielle Fernandez, Genevieve (Galvez) Desuasido, and Jeremy Perry. About half of the class lives out of town, the farthest being New York. Tim even wore our class t-shirt! It was a good turnout and a memorable night!

## REUNIONS

We encourage you to have a class reunion. Call us if you need help and we will be happy to assist you. St. Michael's Hall, depending on availability and time of year, can be used as a gathering place and tours of the school can be arranged. Contact Karen Andreano at [alumni@ihmschoolbelmont.org](mailto:alumni@ihmschoolbelmont.org).

### Share the Gift of a Catholic Education

**ESCRIP** We encourage you to register your credit cards and Safeway card with eScrip. You can register at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and identify Immaculate Heart of Mary School (group ID: 137700972 or search by city) as one of your groups. There is no cost to you and the merchants you support donate a percentage of your purchases to IHM.

**Adopt-A-Student Fund** We don't want any child to miss out on the opportunity of a Catholic Education. Therefore we have the Adopt-A-Student fund to help families who find themselves in financial crisis. All donations, large or small, are welcome throughout the year for this worthy cause. You can always drop a donation off at the school office or mail it to IHM School. Please mark your check: Adopt-A-Student Fund.

If you have any questions about these or other giving programs please contact Karen Andreano for information. ([development@ihmschoolbelmont.org](mailto:development@ihmschoolbelmont.org))

## Letter from the Principal

Dear IHM Alumni,

We are off and running with a new school year and things are going great! To start off this year I would like to draw your attention to a quote that hangs in our school office.

"Let it be known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school.  
He is the unseen but ever-present teacher in all of its classes,  
the model of its faculty and the inspiration for its students."

What a beautiful quote that sums up our Catholic school experience! It applies to our faculty, students, parents, parishioners, and YOU the alumni of our school. Jesus is the inspiration and model for all we do at IHM. I hope that you may have the opportunity to visit the school this year to see this inspiration in action. Our students live it through their school day, teachers model it through their teaching, and our school site reflects it through our modern updates that are constantly focused on improvements for our students and representations of our Catholic Identity.

What's New at IHM this year....

- New terraced lunch structure for grades K-8 by the preschool play yard with trellis coverings over the tables.
- New Religion, Spanish and Handwriting textbooks.
- New K-8 technology curriculum from [learning.com](http://learning.com) - Easytech.
- Smartboards in ALL classrooms.
- iPad lab.
- Redesigned Music room/Extended Care.
- Library remodeling.
- Cubbies in 5th-8th grade.
- New carpeting in hallways, offices and library.
- Updated office bathrooms.
- Refinished gym floors.
- Freshly painted playground games. Thank you Parent Club!
- Continued work on Goodness Garden. Thank you parent volunteers and teachers who made stepping stones at our faculty retreat!
- Additions to our after school programs - tennis and instrumental music classes.
- Updated school emergency plan and outdoor emergency supply storage shed.

With Sincere Blessings,

Mrs. Hannah Everhart  
[principal@ihmschoolbelmont.org](mailto:principal@ihmschoolbelmont.org)

## School News

### NEW IHM LUNCH AREA



The new lunch area was built on the slope between the Parish Center and the basketball courts. The structure was finished just in time for school opening in August but the landscaping is yet to be completed. There is even an area to serve hot lunches from our Choice Lunch program. The children all are enjoying this new area

### 2011 IHM Golf Tournament

The 2011 IHM Golf Tournament was held on Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> at Crystal Springs Golf Course followed by dinner and awards at the IHM Parish Center. The results are as follows:

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Don Sadlowski, Peter Bach, Fred Canavero, and Larry Firpo (1977)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Dave Johnson, Harry Versen, Mike Fadelli, and Alex Wong

**1<sup>st</sup> Place (Pictured left to right):** Josh Bently, Don Vitalis, Jon McDougall and Paul Wilkens.



### IHM OPEN HOUSE

On January 29, 2012, we will be celebrating the beginning of Catholic Schools Week by hosting an Open House after the 9:30 Mass. The theme this year is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service. If you are in the area please come by, we would love to see you. If you are not in the area and can't come by, check us out on **Facebook at Immaculate Heart of Mary School Belmont.** Look us up and 'Like' us!

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## **Help us locate Alumni**

Do you know any fellow alums that have not been receiving our newsletters? If you do, please forward their address and email so that we may send them a copy of In Touch. We are sure that these missing alums would enjoy reading about and contacting their old classmates for get-togethers and reunions. A HUGE "thank you" in advance for information on these former students.

Please send the information to: [alumni@ihmschoolbelmont.org](mailto:alumni@ihmschoolbelmont.org)

Watch for news about the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, school service projects, and more alumni tidbits!

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