



THE MOUNTIE NEWS ~ October 2023 Edition

Happy Fall!

Normally we have Mr. Alexander write a little message for each newsletter, however as we approach the holidays I would like to also add to the good news. These last few months of school have been going well. The homecoming dance was very well attended, out of the 83 students, 70 students gathered at the dance (some bringing friends from other local schools). I would like to extend a huge thank you to The Alt's, The Cavalieri's, Mill River Lumber, Ted's Pizza, Domino's and Foley's for their donations and dedicated time. Their efforts did not go unnoticed, and students said that this was the best dance they have attended and enjoyed celebrating in the Martin McDonough Gymnasium in a long time.



This sports season has also been great. Our continued member-to-member program with Mill River has built such a great relationship with our community for both Soccer & Football. St Peter's Field has added excitement for our Soccer Season. Thank you to Dominic DeBlasio for his continued support in the Concession Stand. I would also like to thank the Athletic Association for making sure our fields are not only pristine during baseball, but now Soccer as well. Our runners for Cross Country have excelled tremendously throughout the season. So much so that if you continue reading, you will see that both of our runners were awarded 1st team SVL. As we are near the end of Fall Sports, I personally encourage all students to try a Winter Sport. There are several opportunities and options to make for a great winter. I look forward to cheering in the stands and hope to see as many of you there.

To our Parents & Families, as we approach the holiday season, there will be a lot of events and exciting in-school activities as well as community projects. If you are interested in being a part of the PFC we would love to meet you and hear your ideas on how to continue to better our students and families. Please join us November 15th in the Library at 5:30 pm for our monthly meeting.

To Alumni, we thank you for your continued support, and enjoy the positive feedback of how much fun your reunions have been since being able to gather after the pandemic. If you may be interested, I encourage you all to reach out to me or the school to get more involved in the day to day as well. I am here to build relationships with you and our school. Any feedback is greatly appreciated. Your MSJ donation truly does not go unnoticed.

Please find some of our upcoming events listed below. Please share with your churches, relatives, and peers on Thurs. November 9th we will be hosting an Open House from 5-7p. On November 11th I invite our MSJ friends and family to join Christ the King School for the Spaghetti Dinner hosted at Christ the King. More details will be sent out closer to the event. During the event, the Fall Raffle winner will be selected!

Please connect with me if you may have any questions or feel free to email me with ideas you may want to see in our School, such as Events or Fundraisers. Thank you!

All my best,

Carly Ward

Director of Development & Alumni Relations
cward@msjvermont.org 802-775-0151 ext. 2015

"I pray everyone is doing well in their lives, I wish you all good fortune and look forward to another great year here on Convent Avenue! "

Respectfully,
Michael Alexander
Principal



Upcoming Events!

October 27th - Trunk or Treat at The Pines

October 28th - Halloween Parade 6:30p

October 31st - Spirit Wear Apparel Due
November 9th - Open House 5-7p
November 9th - Stuff-A-BUS, Market 32 Plaza
November 10th - Mountie for a Day
November 10th - (Fall Raffle & Poinsettia Order Due)
November 11th - Spaghetti Dinner for MSJ/CKS Fundraiser held at CKS
November 16th - Parent Teacher Conferences
November 22nd-26th Thanksgiving Break
November 28th - Giving Tuesday, with a \$2500
anonymous family match!
November - December Begin Project Help
December 7th - MSJ Holiday Concert
For Calendar Purposes ~ Save the Date: MSJ Auction, April 27th



Homecoming Dance 10/14/2023





Freshmen James Alt & Sophia Cavalieri ready to take on the Halloween Parade

October 11th Rutland Herald

Fall in Love with Mount St. Joseph Academy! It is Homecoming Week!



This week is Homecoming Week! The Students & Student Government are excited and have been planning themed Spirit Week attire for this week. Homecoming week kicked off with our Cross Country Runners who participated in the SVL race in Springfield on Tuesday. Friday the students plan on walking over to St. Peter's Field to decorate the bleachers for the Homecoming Games. They will host a Pep Rally and announce each team onto the field.



Later that evening there will be a Bonfire following the Boys Soccer Game vs West Rutland at 4p. Saturday will also be full of events such as the Girls Soccer Game Home vs Long Trail at 11a, MRU Football Away vs Windsor at 1p, and a Homecoming Dance to conclude the celebration. While Homecoming is an exciting part of our School year our students have been staying busy in and out of the classroom. Over these last two weeks there have been projects, group work, tests & quizzes and individual in class work to keep all students engaged and prepped for our remainder of the 1st Quarter.



Ms. Berry's American Literature students played Bazinga. The students are placed into teams, they choose a unique team name, and then are given question prompts. When they get the question correct, they get a point and get to choose a card from the board. The cards range from gaining more points, removing points from another team, trading team members, or physical movements (jumping jacks). There is one "Bazinga!" card where they get half of the points from all the other teams. It's a great review game for content before assessments. In this instance, the winning team earned 2 bonus points on their test (they chose bonus points over the chocolate Ms. Berry also had for them).



(a few 83' classmates featured at last years Auction)

Class of 1985 got together this Fall, they enjoyed the night sharing laughs and making more memories! They wanted to reconnect after Covid and start chatting about ideas for their 40th Reunion!



Mrs. RB's Spanish students received their daily journal notebooks that they will start answering weekly questions in. They will write down what the question is and what their response is in complete sentences. It is a continuous in class activity that they will be graded on.



Mr. C's Statistics students working on Deviations. They are evaluating the traditional bell curve to see if the bulk of the data falls between the mean and where the two standard deviations away are located.



Ms. Robbins Anatomy & Physiology students are learning about the skeletal system and demonstrating their knowledge by drawing life sized skeletons on art paper. They traced themselves for the outline!

Class of 1983 40th Reunion is this year! They will be gathering this weekend for fun festivities they have been planning for over a year! Over 50 alumni will be joining and having a mixer Friday night and hosting their Reunion at the Rutland Country Club on Saturday.



YOU'RE INVITED!
PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN
OPEN HOUSE

WHEN: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH
TIME: 5:00-7:00 PM
WHERE: MOUNT ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY
PHONE: 802-775-0151



Mount St. Joseph Academy at a Glance

More than 95% of Mount St. Joseph Academy graduates go on to College
Mount St. Joseph Academy welcomes students of all faiths.

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Mount St Joseph Academy offers Traditional Grading & Class Rankings

MSJ & CKS Fall Raffle 2023

Drawing Saturday November 11th

Win \$10,000 or a 2023 Can-Am Commander DPS 700 from
Central Vermont Motorcycles

Tickets - \$50.00

Buy your Ticket here!





WREATH & POINSETTIA SALES!

merry & bright

DUE BY 11/10/23 AT MSJ

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE REACH OUT TO

JANELLE JALT@MSJVERMONT.ORG

OR

CARLY CWARD@MSJVERMONT.ORG

Print your Order Form Here - Wreath & Poinsettias



MSJ PFC Annual Poinsettia & Wreath Sale 2023



It's time to start thinking about decorating for the holidays!

The MSJ Parents & Friends Club will be selling quality poinsettia plants in various colors available by pre-order, as well as custom made Balsam Wreaths and Kissing Balls from Garden Time of Glens Falls made with Canadian greens.

STUDENTS CAN OFFER THESE TO LOCAL BUSINESSES, FAMILIES & FRIENDS. MANY PLACES OF BUSINESS AWAIT THIS SALE EVERY YEAR!

POINSETTIA PLANTS:

- 6.5 inches in foiled pots
- Available colors are: Red, White & Pink
- Plants are \$19.00

WREATHS:

- 14 Inch Wreaths:
 - Plain Wreath - \$35.00
 - Wreaths with bow - \$38.00
 - Wreaths decorated with bow, pine cones & berries - \$45.00
- 24 Inch Wreaths:
 - Wreaths with bow - \$48.00
 - Wreaths decorated with bow, pine cones & berries - \$55.00

KISSING BALLS:

- Kissing Balls (roughly the size of a soccer ball)
- Kissing Ball plain - \$45.00
 - Kissing Ball with ribbon - \$48.00
- Bow Colors for all items: Red, Cream & Burgundy

**ALL ORDERS NEED TO BE PREPAID.
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MSJ.**

Orders & Payment must be returned to MSJ no later than Friday 11/10/23

Orders can be picked up at MSJ in the library on Tuesday 11/28/23 between 2:30 pm and 6:00 pm. The MSJ Family who sells them is responsible for collecting payment at time of order AND for the care & delivery of each plant & wreath/cross sold.

Please contact Janelle Alt, jalt@msjvermont.org 802-775-0151 or Carly Ward cward@msjvermont.org 802-775-0151 ext. 2015 if you have any questions regarding the order forms. **Thank you for supporting MSJ and your PFC!**

The MSJ Class of 1983



The MSJ Class of 1983 held its 40th reunion on the weekend of October 13-15 with classmates coming from around the state, New England and as far away as Virginia, California, Idaho, New York, South Carolina, Oregon and St. Thomas. It began with a mixer on Friday night at Taso's where some classmates had not seen one another in 40 years. Luckily there were name tags so people could recognize each other. Saturday night at the Rutland Country Club was an evening of reconnecting, lots of reminiscing and some crazy dancing. The weekend concluded with Mass at St. Peter Church to remember deceased classmates followed by a class photo on the steps of the old building and a tour of the school. While walking the halls some classmates even found their old lockers. A 50/50 raffle was held over the weekend with the proceeds being donated to help with the cost to repaint the school chapel. The winner of the raffle donated the prize back to the school and a total of \$905 is being donated. The Class of 1983 would like to challenge other classes who may be having an upcoming reunion to meet or exceed our donation with your own. It was a great weekend and before it was over there already were plans to get together again.

Southern Vermont League(SVL) Awards

Cross Country

1st team SVL Abraham Burek and Seleah Majorell



Girls Soccer:

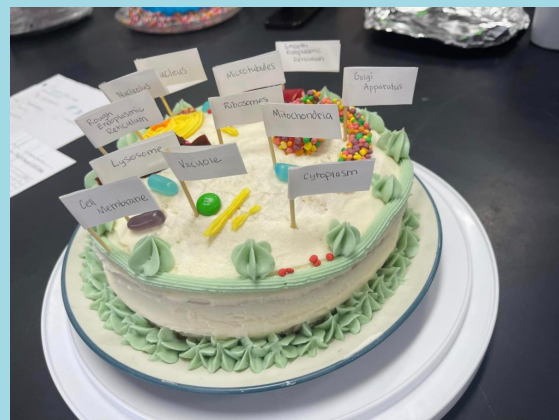
**1st Team SVL: Emma Blodorn,
Riley Collins, Isabella Anderson**
**Honorable Mention: Emma
Wiegers and Leah Majorell**

Boys Soccer:

**1st team SVL: Malcolm Whitman,
Brayden Schutt, Dominick Philips**
**Honorable Mention: David
Franzoni, Kyle Costales and
Dayshawn Reed**

Football:

**Mason Boudreau North South
Team**



The sophomore Honors & CP Biology Class presenting their Cell Shindig Science Project! Each dessert had to include labels and different toppings to display the cell diagram for a animal cell or plant cell based on their choosing. Students were also able to enjoy the delicious desserts!

Stuff-a-Bus



Led by the MSJ Student Government

Donate today:

By dropping off monetary donations or canned goods to the MSJ front office during school hours now until November 8th. November 9th will be the grand Stuff-A-Bus in front of the Rutland Market 32, so far they have raised over \$350 for this fundraiser!



Now is the time to start thinking about Christmas! Orders will be accepted until 10/31/23 to arrive by the end of November - students love wearing spirit wear in and outside of the school! Family members also enjoy wearing these to sporting events! If you're looking to support our winter sports and cheer on the stands, check out some fun apparel you can wear.

[Spirit Wear Order Link here!](#)



Prior to using St Peters Field for the Soccer season we wanted to thank Rutland City for allowing us to use their water truck to clean off the Bleachers. Both Boys & Girls Soccer have enjoyed playing on St Peters Field thus far this season

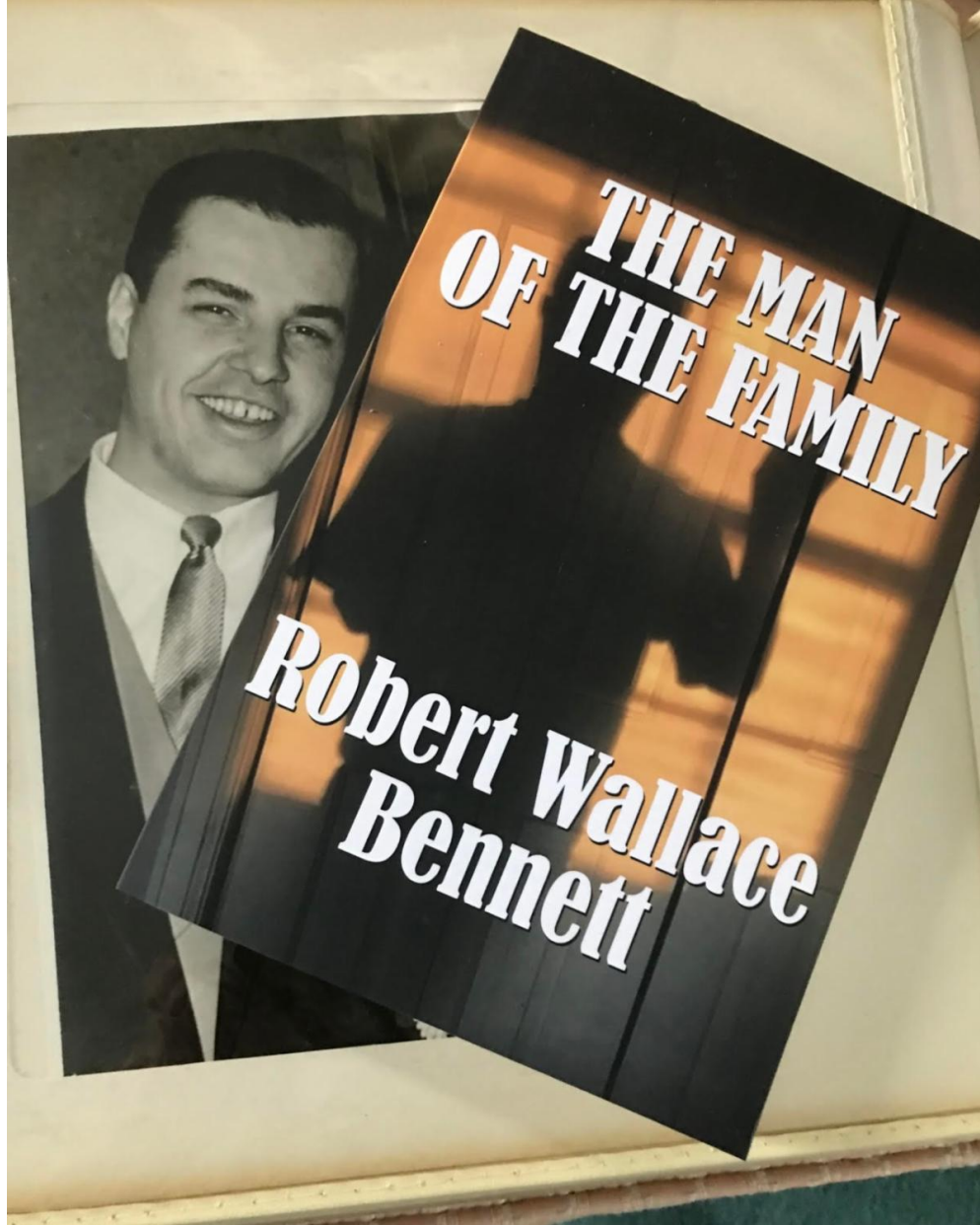
THE CARPET KING OF VERMONT



Thank you to the Carpet King of Vermont for donating the flooring that was replaced this past summer in our Chemistry room.



Head of Maintenance Nick Davis & Freshman James Alt.



Bob Bennett Class of 1954

A New Book by Bob Bennett (as Robert Wallace Bennett). In 1942 a New Jersey boy's father leaves his wife and three boys "to kill Hitler." Before he goes, he tells the oldest, six, he is now "The Man of the Family." While WWII rages on, the family moves to Vermont, ostensibly to "spend the war," but the six-year-old is now 80 years older and still lives in the Green Mountain state. "The Man of the Family" follows him all those years as he attempts to live up to his father's charge and includes all its rejections and successes in love and business. A fast-paced volume, written in the third person and largely the present tense, reads like a novel, although all of it is true. The author has published 10 nonfiction books as Bob Bennett, selling nearly half a million copies to devotees of rabbits and the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team. Locate this one on Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Smashwords, as an E-book and in print, or order it from your favorite bookstore, under the author's full name, Robert Wallace Bennett, as well as by the title. You can read the first five chapters free on Amazon.com.

The friendships and the memories
that form MSJ make my heart
smile. The love never dies.

"We are MSJ"
Father Lavalley

"I will always be grateful for
MSJ...For my life there, the
education and training I received,
the leaders and teachers who
provided me with security and skills
to pursue a blessed life, and for my
classmates of '62 who still have a

strong connection after 60 years!
- Mary (Hutchins) Hendricks 1962



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#GIVING
TUESDAY

ON THIS GIVING TUESDAY CONSIDER THE GIFT OF EDUCATION!

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Carly Ward, Director of Development & Kathy Reardon Bove, Chairman of Development



Hi I am Carly Ward, the New Director of Development & Alumni Relations. Need help with gathering your class together? I am here to help! Help our Development Committee by providing ideas you would like to continue to see from our Department! We would love to hear from you, thank you!

*Parents / Friends / Families, If you
are looking to get involved please
connect with me, we would love
your help!*

We Remember~

~In memory of MSJ Alumni~

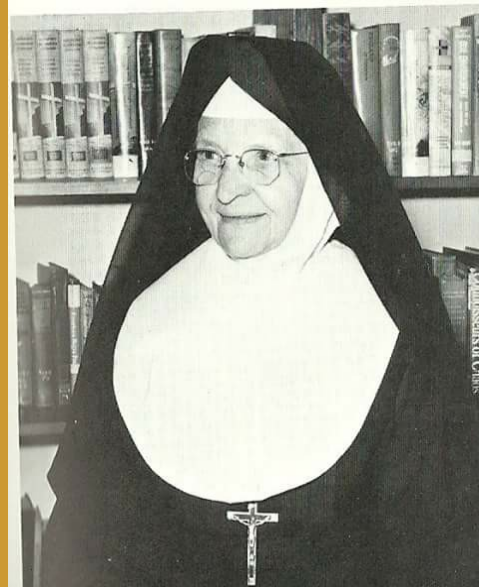
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Arthur Varga, Jr. 1973
Jeffrey Sherman 1988
Peter Caruso 1999
Gerald Courcelle 1956
Robert Carboneau 1962
Mary Anne Culver 1972
Charles Reed 1959
Susan O'Rourke 1969
Mildred Ponto Buffum 1954
Sandra Belfore King 1959
William Timbers 1948
James P. Garofano 1958
Kathleen Dezero Foley 1953
Martha Noonan Donahue 1946
C. Richard Polzello 1955

SHOUT OUT TO ALL ALUMS!!

MSJ Alumni & Friends (Rutland, VT) Facebook Group Page

Welcome to "MSJ Alumni and Friends," an independent gathering place for MSJ Alumni and Friends on Facebook. It is a place where you can share MSJ-related stories, pictures and memories, along with current alumni news. Check in regularly for updates. MSJ needs and appreciates the support of its friends. Please spread the word.



Golden Graduates
Thank you Class of 1973!

CLASS OF 1974 IT IS YOUR
TURN - Please email Victor
Shappy Sr. vshappy@vmmsgc.com
to get connected for your Golden
Grad Reunion.

The Class of 1973 had a great Golden Graduation this past Friday evening. Alumni were in attendance at the MSJ Commencement. They later joined at the Rutland Country Club Friday Evening, and then Saturday enjoyed Dinner at Southside Steakhouse.

Need Help Planning your Reunion? Contact Us!

Share your special moments with us!

**Send us your most current contact information at
cward@msjvermont.org**

Reunions that have happened this past year!

Class of '63 60th Reunion

July 22, 2023 at the Rutland Country Club

Class of '64 60th Reunion

September 10, 2023. Lunch at the Rutland Country Club. Several classmates also joined the Athletic Association Cash Raffle that evening.

Class of 83' 40th Reunion

Class of 85' Fall Gathering

Class of 1964 Christmas Lunch

Saturday, December 17, 2022

Rutland Country Club, The Class of 1964 came together to celebrate their 60th High School Reunion. They enjoyed their lunch and conversations!



Class of 2015

A few of the 2015 classmates got together over their busy holiday break. A few students live out of state so it was great for them to enjoy Breakfast at Sugar & Spice and share some laughs at the new Last Cup Café.



Class of 77 - 45th Reunion

Friday they joined for a social at David Fucci's House!

Saturday September 10th, they gathered at the Rutland Country Club



Class of 1977 45th Reunion

Class of 1972, They have gathered numerous times since their 50th Reunion this past June! Groups went on hikes, lunches, and recently joined at Two Brothers for a great Friday afternoon! To keep in touch please email kbove@msjvermont.org. This year they had so much fun, they plan on having their 51st Reunion this year!

Class of 1962 60th Reunion



"We celebrated for two nights!

On night one Martha Welch hosted us at her beautiful home on Lake Bomoseen. We caught up, enjoyed wonderful food and witnessed a beautiful sunset.

On the second night we celebrated at the RCC. Our classmate Louis Wirzbicki entertained with his accordion, Barbara Hanson, a former CKS cheerleader, provided a cheer for classmate, Bob Martel, and Laura Reilly, wife of classmate Jack Reilly, gave Wayne Young a special product to assist him with keeping his shirts wrinkle free!" - Bartley Costello Class of 1962



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SOCIETY

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MSJ Enrollment ~ Open House Thursday Nov 9th

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2021-2022 Annual Report

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Currently creating our 22-23 Annual Report! It will be listed in our November Newsletter

21-22 Annual Report



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