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Team’s #bannersseason motto carries them to inaugural state appearance & championship game

Colby Wiederin ’16, Nick Wanniger ’16 and Ben Vonnahme ’16 celebrate a goal.
A Note from the President’s Desk

We apologize for the messy renovations at Kuemper this summer… well, not really!

After all the remodeling dust settles, we will be proud and thrilled to show off the new front offices at Kuemper. This progress and enthusiasm is because of many supporters and benefactors like you. Thank you! A formal, strategic planning process began in 2010. It has led to these successful capital projects at Kuemper, from school security, new science labs, a new chapel, and this summer’s work.

Besides the new Fieldhouse currently being constructed (see page 10), the front entryway at Kuemper Catholic High School has seen a complete makeover this summer (see page 10). You won’t recognize it during your next visit. The signature space is the new shrine, seen as you walk into the high school. This sacred site will hold several benches and will be a quiet reflection space for students before and after school and in between classes. Fr. Kuemper’s pocket watch (see related story on page 6) will be on secure and permanent display here along with images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary accenting their red hearts and gold beams. If you recall from the Spring 2016 KnightLetter, these images helped inspire the original school colors of red and gold. The English word “knight” comes from the German word “knecht” which literally means “servant.” This fact will be highlighted in the shrine to remind and continually inspire our students of the true meaning of a Kuemper Knight.

Whether you’re from near or far, please stop by your school and visit soon. We would love to see you!

Yours in Christ,

John Steffes ’82
President

P.S. Special thanks to faithful volunteer, Matt Greteman ’79, for his services and many hours of expertise in coordinating these renovations. Thanks, Matt!

A Note from our Priest Chaplain

This past year as Priest-Chaplain at Kuemper Catholic has been outstandingly, wonderfully, and abundantly filled with blessings from God our Father. Our families’ support of Catholic education elicits a deep pride from our Catholic Community in the Kuemper Mission and Legacy. Seeing our students at Mass and at prayer is one of my greatest joys as a priest and their chaplain. It is my desire that each child comes to truly believe in God’s love for him or her and responds, with the help of the Holy Spirit, with his or her whole heart, mind, soul, and strength as he or she lives a life in Christ as a faithful Catholic. Thus, I join you in rejoicing and praising God for pour[ing] his love upon our children through our teachers, activities, classes, and most especially through the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist, Confession, and Confirmation. Whether it is a successful concert, an excellent athletic tournament, a noteworthy test score, great health, a meaningful friendship, or a beautiful day at the park, our children need us to help them acknowledge our Heavenly Father’s presence and love in every gift they receive. Doing so, we empower our children to live in relationship with God now, and our greatest desire, for all eternity in heaven. I am so excited for all of us to take advantage of another new school year to thank, praise and love our God for all the blessings we have received and will be given in the future. Go Knights!

Fr. Brian Feller
Kuemper Priest Chaplain

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Kuemper President John Steffes comments, “The Kuemper Ball is well-known for its broad support and loyal donor base. Generations of Kuemper family members attend and support the Ball. Area parishioners already faithfully support Kuemper through their parish giving, but along with that, other fundraisers succeed such as the Alumni Phon-a-thon and, even special drives, such as the current capital campaign, Kuemper Tomorrow. This promising story of Catholic education in the Carroll area – with growing enrollment in recent years - continues to inspire many.”

The chair couples, Kuemper staff, and students are grateful for the generosity of the entire Kuemper Family, alumni and friends who are willing to support the school’s’ tradition of high quality, faith-based education.

Special highlights this year included a 12 foot Olympic inspired mural, torches, and Olympic rings. Kuemper activities including sports, drama, music, academic, and social, were represented on gold medals which were displayed on the walls and tables. The tables were also adorned with gold, silver, and bronze décor and accented with beautiful fresh flowers.

“The success of the Kuemper Ball is a testimony to the ongoing achievements of keeping the choice of a Christ-centered Catholic education viable, strong and affordable for today and tomorrow.”

Chairing the 2016 Ball were (left to right) Jeff ‘87 & Dawn (Rofles ‘87) Koster of St. Lawrence Parish in Carroll, Mark’88 & Melanie Bauer of Sacred Heart Parish in Templeton, Scott ’06 & Kayla (Klocke ’06) Venner of St. Augustine Parish in Halbur, and Kelly ’85 & Brenda (Mescher ’94) Foley of Holy Spirit Parish in Carroll.

The 32nd Friends of Kuemper Ball, held on Saturday, April 30 celebrated past and present “Olympic Knights” and the tradition of Catholic education in the community which resulted in a total of $685,432.11 raised.

This year’s Annual Friends of Kuemper Ball was supported by over 3,500 gifts. Donations ranged from $6-$10,000+. Over the last 32 years, the Kuemper Ball has grossed over $9 Million with a net total of $7,376,503 being used to continue and improve the tradition to high-quality Catholic education in the Carroll area.

Events for the evening included a special Mass celebrated by Rev. Ed Tiedeman in the Kuemper Chapel. A delicious buffet was served in “Charlie’s” Restaurant while the Al Welsh Orchestra played in the main ballroom. The Kuemper Jazz Choir performed during the breaks of the orchestra. After a special presentation from the Ball chairs and the raffle winners were announced, the dance floor was packed with DJ music provided by alumnus Scott ’94 & Cindy Masching – “A Time Of Your Life.”
A New Graduation Tradition

New Traditions
This year we began a new tradition for our graduates. After each graduate received his/her diploma and left the stage, as they began the journey towards their own vocation and legacy in life, a pocket watch that belonged to the namesake of our school, Fr. Kuemper, was handed to the first graduate who then handed it off to the next and so on. Each graduate had the opportunity to hold his watch and examine the small gold K imprint. They were asked to reflect on Fr. Kuemper’s time and legacy on earth, and think about their own time, and the legacy that remains in front of them. They were asked, “What will YOUR imprint be?”

Fr. Kuemper’s Legacy
The hard-working German immigrant was ordained a priest in 1880. He left an incredible legacy here as he founded St. Anthony Hospital, three area parish, and of course, the St. Angela Academy – the all-girls high school and predecessor to Kuemper. Fr. Kuemper had few possessions when he died in 1923. This pocket watch with his “K” imprint on it has been hidden away in a bank vault over the years. The graduates had the opportunity to think back on Fr. Kuemper, as he held and checked this watch on his busy days of his priestly work, his many meetings, his time on the construction sites as a carpenter building another church or school building, getting back to begin Mass on time, hurrying on his brisk walks to Maple River along the railroad tracks to deliver Holy Communion, or thinking of the anxieties and challenges of the day. This simple device is what tracked the time that started the institution that we are all a part of today.

“It begins today. Make the most of your time – especially in service to others – as Fr. Kuemper’s time on earth was. It is time.”
- President John Steffes

This summer’s renovation at Kuemper will include a permanent display case to be built near the front entry to showcase Fr. Kuemper’s watch.

The following reunions will be during Homecoming Weekend September 30-October 1

Class of 1961 - 55th Reunion
Saturday will include Mass at Holy Spirit and social at Moose Lodge. For more information please contact Jean Ludwig at jnludwig@q.com.

Class of 1966 - 50th Reunion
Saturday’s festivities will be held at Kerp’s Party Room. If you did not receive the invitation and information (or if you have misplaced it), please contact Tom Louis at 712-830-6342.

Class of 1971 - 45th Reunion
Please contact Sue Van Dyke at suevandyke@mchsi.com for more information.

Class of 1976 - 40th Reunion
Continue the fun on Saturday with afternoon and evening events. Please contact Carol Dalhoff Franzina with questions or suggestions at 214-213-5540 or cfranzina@live.com.

Class of 1981 - 35th Reunion
Please watch for information and invitations. Please contact John Bruggeman at (712) 792-2404 if you are willing to help.

Class of 1996 - 20th Reunion
Watch for email updates or join the Kuemper Class of ’96 Facebook group for more updates. Please contact Nicole Martin at nbmartin@kuemper.org for more info.

Class of 2001 - 15th Reunion
Please contact Alissa (Tiefenthaler) Eisheid at a.eisheid@hotmail.com with questions.

Class of 2006 - 10th Reunion
Invitations with more information should be received soon. Please contact Melissa Sporrer at melissasporrer@gmail.com for more information. Be sure to join the Kuemper Class of 2006 Facebook page for updates!

HOMECOMING 2016 AGENDA

Friday, September 30, 2016
11:00 AM: Mass
12:00 PM: Alumni Luncheon
1:00 PM: Coronation and Pep Assembly
2:15 PM: Parade
3:00 PM: Tours of Kuemper
6:00 PM: Booster Club Grill Out
7:00 PM: Football Game vs. South Central Calhoun Titans

Annual Alumni Social
The Annual Alumni Social will be held at the Carroll Country Club following the homecoming football game on Friday, September 30th. All Alumni and Friends are invited for live music, food, and drinks!

Alumni are always welcome to come back to visit their alma mater. Students enjoy having alumni come to share what it was like at KHS/St. Angela or the grade schools when you were here. Contact Alayna Hansen at alhansen@kuemper.org.

ATTENTION ALUMNI – UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS:
Kuemper Catholic High School is looking to serve its alumni in any way possible. Please contact the Alumni Office for class lists or labels and to coordinate the scheduling of your reunion. Feel free to call Alayna at (712) 792-2212, or e-mail at alhansen@kuemper.org.
Abon Ajang, daughter of Mayot & Achai Ajang
Derek Allen, son of Cheryl Allen
Abon Ajang, daughter of Mayot & Achai Ajang

At graduation time each year we reflect on the thousands of Alumni from St. Angela Academy and Kuemper who have proudly walked the halls and earned diplomas. We feature below the newest Alumni, Class of 2016, noting those who followed in their parents’ footsteps, instilled with values and knowledge from Kuemper’s Catholic education.

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Kuemper Alumni Start Businesses in Carroll

Toploft Clothing
Toploft Clothing, owned by Matt ’00 and Stephanie (Janning ’00) Hackfort, started as an online-only boutique in 2013. In 2014, they upgraded to a physical store in Thomas Plaza; they moved into the current location on Adams St. in April of this year. During the years since they started the business, they have added an expanded selection of women’s clothes and sizes, as well as a children’s clothing line called RuffleButts. In addition to accessories, shoes, handbags and jewelry, the store also sells handmade barn wood items made by family members.

“My husband and I are grateful for the education and core values we received during our time at Kuemper. We would like to say thank you to all the teachers and staff that assisted us along the way. We feel fortunate to be back in Carroll and have our daughters in the Kuemper School,” states Stephanie.

Stephanie is the daughter of Randy and Barb (Hulsing ’79) Janning, and Matt is the son of Dan ’73 and Janice (Kerkhoff ’78) Hackfort. Matt & Stephanie have three daughters, Charlotte, Alexandra, and Vivian.

Carroll Design and Salvage
Carroll Design and Salvage, owned by Jennifer (Bock ’99) Dirkx and her husband Tim, opened in April 2016 as a result of knowing many talented people in Carroll with no outlet to display and sell the items they create. Their store, located just east of Subway on U.S. Highway 30, has 20 local vendors who offer items ranging from tin letters, photography prints, baby clothes, vintage toys, aprons, antiques and more. Her store also includes consignment items and some new retail items. Jen is the daughter of Neil and Rhonda (Ankenbauer ’74) Bock. Tim & Jen have two kids who attend Kuemper, third-grader Maddox and first-grader Avery. Jen hopes to hold monthly workshops at the store for both kids and adults, including ladies nights, chalk painting, kids’ tic-tac-toe painting days, essential oils, soap-making and more.

Alumni Spotlight

Blood, Sweat & Beers
Barb (Sundrup ’81) Boldt was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in October, 2014. She went through several chemotherapeutic regimens to get into remission and then underwent a stem cell transplant in March of 2015 using her sister Patti (Sundrup ’76) Sundermann’s stem cells. Barb is doing very well post-transplant, still in remission, and thanking God every day for that. As a Physician Assistant by trade, Barb was not able to return to work yet, yet she felt a calling to do something to help others, even if it wasn’t in the way she was used to. Barb began to work with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society chapter in Des Moines to bring the Blood Sweat and Beers 5K Run/Walk fundraiser to Carroll. Blood, Sweat & Beers is a non-profit organization. The proceeds from the event will be utilized to support the patient services for Iowans who are suffering from blood cancers, helping pay for transportation costs and other bills based on financial need. Visit www.bloodsweatandbeers.com for additional details about our mission. The Carroll event will be held Saturday, Oct. 8 at 11 a.m. until approximately 4 p.m. at Swan Lake State Park in the East side shelter.

Governor Walker Excellence In Tourism Award
Allen Schroeder, ’74 has been actively involved in the Wisconsin tourism industry for more than a decade, serving as a board, bureau and chamber member across southwest Wisconsin. Schroeder’s genuine enthusiasm for the preservation of Wisconsin history can be seen in his work as site director for three separate Wisconsin historical sites – Pendarvis, First Capitol Historical Site and Stonefield Historic Site. Sponsored by the Governor’s Council on Tourism, The Governor’s tourism Awards recognize individuals, organizations and businesses for their commitment to excellence, achievements, dedication and leadership, which have an impact on Wisconsin’s travel and hospitality industry. (Photo caption: Allen Schroeder ’74, left, receives the Legacy Award from Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker)

A Trip Abroad
Kirsten Daniel, ’14, a junior at Creighton University double majoring in Chemistry and Spanish, had the opportunity to go on a study abroad trip to Spain from May 8 to June 4 with eleven other students and two Creighton professors. The expedition earned her 6 credits towards her Spanish major. The group had the opportunity to visit 9 cities in Spain: Madrid, Cadiz, Toledo, Segovia, Merida, Cordoba, Tarifa, Granada, and Seville. The students were required to communicate in Spanish during class, with the host families, and on excursions; she was unsure if she would be able to understand others and answer them. To her surprise, communicating in Spanish became easier after only a few days. “Being immersed in Spain with its language, people, and culture greatly improved my Spanish speaking skills,” Kirsten stated. She hopes to return to Spain in the future. After graduation Kirsten plans to attend medical school, hopefully at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, to become a family physician specializing in oncology or hematology. After having studied abroad in Spain, Kirsten says, “I feel like I am better prepared to communicate with patients whose primary language is Spanish.” Kirsten is the daughter of Clint ’87 & Melinda Daniel.

S.A. Class of ’47
St. Angela’s Academy Class of 1947 gathered for an informal reunion in June in Carroll. President, John Steffes, joined the ladies for a picture and a rendition of the traditional, and infamous, St. Angela’s Institute Chant. (Visit the Kuemper Facebook page to watch the video) Lyrics: “Rootie Toot Toot! Rootie Toot Toot! We are the girls from the Institute. We don’t smoke and we don’t chew, and don’t go with the guys who do!”

Please submit any “Alumni News & Quotes” to the Kuemper Alumni Office 116 S. East St., Carroll, Iowa 51401 or by emailing Alayna Hansen at alhansen@kuemper.org.
The Kuemper Family offers prayers and sympathy to these and all of our families who have lost loved ones. We would be honored to remember your loved ones in our prayers and Masses. Please feel welcome to notify the Alumni Office at (712) 792-2212 or e-mail: alhansen@kuemper.org, when a loved one passes away. (Deaths as of July 17, 2016)
**2016 Spring & Summer Sports**

**Girls Track:** The Girls Track Team, under the direction of Head Coach Chad Klein and Assistant Coach Katie Beldt, completed the season with a squad of 15 members. The girls learned about competing at the varsity level this season, as the team was made up of mostly younger runners. The team's best finish was 3rd place at the Griswold Tiger Relays. The Knights qualified two events for the State Track meet, Hannah Irbeck (picture) took 12th Place in the 100m Hurdles and 7th in the 400m Hurdles. The team will be returning a lot of experience next season. Senior Brandi Eckerman’s leadership will be missed. Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Honors: Brandi Leverington-Eckerman '16

**Boys Track:** The Boys Track Team had a total of 20 students participating in 12 meets and 5 tournaments. The team’s season record was 35-6. Second Team All State honors went to sophomore McKenna Ludwig. Second Team All Tournament for State was Allison Schweers who finished 13th in the State Tournament held at Coldwater Links in Ames. The lone senior, Courtney Snyder, competed in her fourth state tournament finishing in 34th place overall. Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Honors: went to Courtney Snyder '16

**Boys Golf:** The Boys Golf Team, led by 4th year Head Coach Brian Billmeier ’84 and assisted by Coach Leon Muhlbaier, concluded their season as the Third Place finisher in the Class 2A State Golf Tournament held at the Lakeside Municipal Golf Course in Fort Dodge, IA, with a score of 305-309-614. The team was lead by Ryan Feauto (3rd place), Jared Tigges (10th place), Tucker Boeckman (22nd place), Nathan Mertz (29th place), Mitchell Ludwig ’16 (42nd place) and Jacob Schlesman (42nd place). The team completed the season with a squad of 22 members made up of seven seniors, five juniors, six sophomores and four freshmen. The Knights finished the year with a 66-11 record and second place in the Hawkeye 10. Hawkeye 10 All Conference Awards went to Nathan Mertz, 2nd place and Tucker Boeckman ’16, 3rd place. Ryan Feauto was named 2nd Team All State and 1st Team All Tournament and Jared Tigges was named 2nd Team All Tournament by the Iowa Golf Coaches Association. Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Honors: Mitchell Ludwig ’16 and Tucker Boeckman ’16.

**Co-Ed Golf:** The senior pair Courtney Snyder & Mitchell Ludwig finished in 7th place with a score of 77 at the Co-Ed State Golf Tournament. Coach Deb Gute accompanied two teams to Marshalltown for the 18 hole alternate shot tournament. McKenna Ludwig and Ryan Feauto played well with a score of 83, finishing in 22nd place of 53 teams.

**Girls Tennis:** The Girls Tennis Team, coached by 1st year head coach Jason Schwarte and 2nd year assistant Dena Fineran, had a very respectable rebuilding year and finished with a duel record of 10-3 for the season. This years team of 31 girls had only two seniors, so a lot of experience was gained by the underclassmen. The void of those two seniors, Cora Hicks and Bailey Nichols will be felt, each played in the top 3 all season. Highlights for the year were placing 3rd in the Hawkeye 10 Conference Tournament and 2nd in the Spencer Invitational as a team. Cora Hicks finished in 3rd place in the regionals for singles. Madeleine Schwarte had a first place finish in #2 singles at the Spencer Invitational. In team competition, the Knights hosted the first 2 rounds of team regionals and defeated Audubon and St. Edmund before falling to the eventual state champion. Hawkeye 10 All-Academic honors: Cora Hicks ’16

**Boys Tennis:** The Boys Tennis Team was again under the direction of Matt Greteman ’79, completing his 23rd year as head coach, and assisted by Steve Kock. The young team finished 5-5 in dual matches during the season and will return 8 letter winners next year. The Knights finished 5th in conference and 5th in district action. At conference the double team of Matt Dentringer and Connor Uhlenkamp finished 2nd in #2 doubles and the team of Cam Pille and Tanner Finken finished 4th in #1 doubles. District action had Tanner Finken finish 4th in singles. Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Honors: Benjamin Kenkel ’16, John (Jack) Van Erdewy’16 and Ryan Rawlings ’16

**Girls Soccer:** The Girls Soccer Team started the season with some key injuries, but they battled through. The players strived to become better every day, Coach John Wagner ’84 was very impressed with their hard work. The girls ended the season 7-10 overall and 3-5 in the Hawkeye 10 conference play. Four of the losses came to eventual state tournament teams. All Conference honors were earned by Abby Derner ’16, 1st Team (unanimous); Madeline Wagner and Chloe Riesenb erg ’16, 2nd Team; and Honorable Mention was awarded to Tia Nieland ’16. Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Honors: Kylie Daniel ’16, Abby Derner ’16, Haley Kraus ’16, Tia Nieland ’16, Paige Overmohle ’16, and Chloe Riesenb erg ’16

**Boys Soccer:** The Boys Soccer Team completed another historic season in 2016! Kuemper qualified for the state tournament for the 1st time in school history, which was played at James W. Cownie Soccer Park in Des Moines, Iowa. The Knights were the talk of the state tournament after knocking off Columbus Junction 1-0 in OT in the opening round and defeating Gladbrook-Reinbeck 2-1 in a thriller in the semifinals. The season would come to an end in the state championship game as the Knights fell by a score of 2-1 to powerhouse Beckman Catholic in a closely contested match. Second year head coach Ryan Isgrig and assistant coach Ryan Milligan ’96 led the Knights. This year’s squad consisted of 32 players including 12 seniors, 3 juniors, 9 sophomores, and 8 freshmen. Knights finished the year with an overall record of 18 wins, 3 losses, and outscored their opponents by a combined score of 81-14, breaking last year’s record season. Nick Wanninger ’16, Derek Drees ’16, and Nick Auen ’16 were selected to the Class 1A All Tournament Team. 1st Team All State Honors went to Derek Drees. 2nd Team All State Honors were earned by Nick Wanninger and Ben Vonmahme ’16. Honorable Mention All State Honors go to Tim Sibbel. Derek Drees achieved All State Academic Honors, First Team. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Andrew Evans ’16, and Collin Slattery ’16, Hawkeye Ten All Academic Honors: Nick Auen ’16, Derek Drees ’16, Andrew Evans ’16, and Collin Slattery ’16
Welcome Mr. Haefs!

Mr. Pete Haefs joined the Kuemper family as the new high school principal in July. He and his family have moved here from Remsen, Iowa where he was the PS-12 Principal of St. Mary’s since 2013. Prior to that time he taught high school social studies and coached in Hinton. He earned his Bachelor’s Degree from Briar Cliff University, his Master’s Degree from Wayne State College, and is currently pursuing his doctoral degree from the University of Northern Iowa.

Assuming a leadership role in a Catholic school has allowed Mr. Haefs to find his vocation; “When I became immersed in Catholic education I knew I had found the home God had been calling me to my whole life.” His wife Mandy has also become invested in Catholic education, as the former principal at Sheldon St. Patrick’s and now working at the St. Lawrence building of Kuemper, as well leading their whole family to a closer relationship with Christ.

As a former coach and runner in high school, Mr. Haefs is also excited by the extracurricular programs at Kuemper. From quality sports programs, to a great selection of solid fine arts programs and clubs Mr. Haefs is eager to see these programs continue to support our mission to help students grow spiritually, academically, and socially in a Christ centered environment.

Family is the engine that drives Mr. Haefs to do all he can for his schools. His wife Mandy, daughter Breanna, a Fighting Bee at St. Ambrose; son Draven, a Junior at Kuemper; and daughter Aislinn, an eighth grader at Kuemper, are the inspiration that drives him to seek excellence for all of his staff and students. Their love and support have allowed him to pursue his vocation, and he is incredibly thrilled to have his whole family in the same system now, "My wife and I have been in education for years, and have always been at different schools on different schedules. Now that we are all part of the same school family I only see our family and faith growing stronger. Even though Bre is going off to college she will have a tighter knit home to return to!"

Mr. Haefs is energized for this school year and looks forward to what the Kuemper family can accomplish for its students, and most especially for our God!

The Class of 2034 Looks Adorable!

Over the course of the 2015-2016 school year, Kuemper had a large number of staff have babies. Class of 2034, here they come!

Front: Tricia (Rohe ’02) Heithoff (boy), Elise (Bernholtz ’08) Soyer (girl), Amy Rohe (twin girls), Kayla (Klocke ’06) Venner (boy). Middle Row: Jodi Steinbach (boy), Alayna (Clancy ’06) Hansen (boy), Mallory Soyer (girl), Elissa Sexe (girl). Back Row: Kathi (Kluver ’97) Milligan (girl), Beth (Neumayer ’96) Seidl (boy).

“Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.” Psalm 127:3

Softball: The Softball Team may have started their season unknown and unranked, but their finish was unforgettable. The squad, ranked #12 in class 3A by season’s end, competed in the regional final and finished 24-12; their success set a team record for wins in one season. The Knights finished 4th in the Hawkeye 10 Conference and emerged as champions in both the OA-BCIG Tournament and Tiger-Knight Tournament. They were led by four-year letter winners Cora Hicks ’16, Bailey Nichols ’16, Kendra Peter ’16, & Megan Wallace ’16, as well as manager Jacque Bats ’16. Head coach, Erin Bohlmann ’07, was assisted by Dan Stipe and Carol (Irmeier) Strautman ’74. Bailey Nichols was selected for the 3A West All-District team & 2nd Team All-State. Hawkeye 10 All-Conference awards went to Bailey Nichols & Kalee Peter, 1st Team (unanimous selection); Megan Wallace & Cora Hicks, 2nd Team; and Honorable Mention to Chloe Grote. Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Honors: Cora Hicks ’16 and Kendra Peter ’16.

Baseball: The Baseball Team completed a very successful season this year with a 26-12 record and a runner-up finish in the class 2A State Tournament in Des Moines. The Knights, coached by Randy Snyder ’80 & Mark Feilmeier ’85, would finish the season on a 14-1 winning streak with a loss of 8-1 to Clear Lake in the Championship game. The Knights were lead by seniors Brett Sibbel, Trevor Feilmeier, Jacob Wallace, Tyler Williams and Ben Vonnahme. Highlights of the season include a 3rd place finish in the Hawkeye 10 and 2nd at the Carroll Invitational. Special thanks to Fr. Remmes and Fr. Tiedeman for their spiritual guidance this season and also to our parents, fans, and those who continue to support us in many ways. Hawkeye 10 All-Conference awards went to Rease Snyder, 1st Team, (unanimous); Tyler Laing, Jacob Wallace, and Tyler Williams, 2nd Team; Honorable Mentions were awarded to Brett Sibbel and Trevor Feilmeier. All District SW Iowa awards were received by Rease Snyder & Jacob Wallace, 1st Team; 2nd Team Honors went to Ben Berg, Trevor Feilmeier, Tyler Laing, and Tyler Williams.

Academic Achievement honor for achieving a team GPA of 3.86.
Memorials

The Memorial Page of the *KnightLetter* is a very special section of the alumni paper. There are many special occasions during our lives when we choose to memorialize or honor in a special way those we hold dear, whether deceased or living. It helps us all recall the special people in our lives that now live in peace with God, but whose memory continues to live on. A memorial is a great way to continue to support the education of the young people in our Catholic schools. Memorial gifts can be designated days, months, or even years after a person passes away. Living Memorials can also be established for people who are still alive.

The following memorials have been established, or added to, since the Spring 2016 newsletter. A complete list of all memorials is listed on the Kuemper website.

We thank the families and friends for keeping the memories of their loved ones alive while at the same time enriching the future of Catholic education for the Carroll area. These contributions are placed in Kuemper’s endowment as perpetual memorials of Kuemper loved ones. Memorials and benefactors of our Catholic schools are remembered in Kuemper student Masses and chapel services.

**Kuemper Foundation**
The Kuemper Foundation receives gifts, including from estates, in memory and in honor of individuals and families, both living and deceased. The Foundation supports and advances the mission of the Kuemper Catholic School System.

**In Memory of**
**Betty (Odendahl ’61) Anderson**  
Judy (Collison ’59) Feld  
Mike ‘66 & Cathy Greteman  
Dennis & Mardy Snyder

**Bill & Frances Arts**  
Rev. Paul-Louis Arts

**Patty Axman**  
Family & Friends

**Bill Baumhover**  
Kathy (Baumhover ’59) Kraus

**Madonna Boeckman**  
Gary & Carol Stark

**Dennis Bradshaw**  
Ed & Penny Miller

**Marguerite Broich**  
Family & Friends

**Lucille Buelt**  
Family & Friends

**Mary Ann Gradoville**  
Charles Gradoville ’91

**Joe E. Halbur ’73**  
Family & Friends

**Richard Hunsaker, Sr.**  
Jerome & Jean Blum

**Larry Kay**  
Jerome & Jean Blum

**Luella Klein**  
Family & Friends  
Patricia Reeder  
Ron ’60 & Jan (Klocke ’60) Eich  
Paul & Tamra (Moehn ’70) Milligan

**In Memory of**
**John H. Kock**  
Family & Friends

**Rose Mary Korwas**  
Family & Friends

**Dr. Francis McCabe**  
Ruth McCabe  
Patty Pietig

**Dan Mielk ’86**  
Ron ’60 & Jan (Klocke ’60) Eich

**Maury Nurse**  
Family & Friends

**Chris Siemann ’71**  
KHS Class of ’64

**Rita Sundrup**  
Ed & Penny Miller

**Ivan Tigges**  
Frank ’72 & Kathy (Beiter ’73) Comito

**Annabelle VonBon**  
Family & Friends  
Doug ’71 & Mary Schroeder  
Deborah Southard  
Jim ’72 & Mary Greteman  
R.L. & Karen Skovgard  
John & Anne Nelson

**Cecelia E. Vonnahme**  
Family & Friends

**Sr. Marian Wieland**  
Holly Jensen ’88  
Dr. James & Darlene Jensen

**Evelyn Wiederhold Wolterman**  
Family & Friends

**Father Kuemper Society (Tuition Assistance Fund)**

**In Memory of**
**James Behrens**  
Family & Friends

**Harry & Lois Harmeyer**  
Henderson & Jan (Harmeyer ’67) Gines

**Edwin Pudenz**  
Hubert & Virginia (Fiedler SA ’53) Hagemann

**Richard Ricke**  
Family & Friends

**Vic & Helen Rupiper Memorial Scholarship Fund**  
Michael ’80 & Michelle Rupiper

**Father Kuemper Society Living Memorials**

**In Memory of**
**Halbur Chicken Inn Scholarship Fund**  
Nick ’80 & Donna Witrock

**Maurice & Colette Potthoff Living Memorial**  
Patrick & Cheryl O’Brien  
Russ ’70 & Mary Jo Steinkamp

**IRA Tax Break Permanent**

As part of the tax extenders bill that was signed into law in December 2015 Congress has made permanent the allowance of taxpayers who are at least 70 ½ years old to make up to $100,000 in qualified charitable distributions from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA’s) without including the distribution in their federal income each year. The Kuemper Catholic Schools Foundation is a qualified charity as would be any other charitable entity that is recognized as a 501 (c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service.

With this law becoming permanent taxpayers can now make these contributions to these qualified organizations at any point during the year with the confidence of the tax treatment for federal income tax purposes. These transfers to qualified charities will continue to be deemed as part of the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) calculation that is required for taxpayers when they attain the age 70 ½ and own IRA’s.

There are potentially many other tax advantages to this technique of giving in which you should contact your tax advisor and/or financial planner to determine how they could affect your current individual income tax situation and/or your long-term estate planning situation.
Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund

The Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund (TSEF) was established through the Kuemper Foundation in 2001 to help close the salary gap between Kuemper and public schools. The investments from this fund are used to help enhance the salaries of Kuemper’s dedicated teachers. With your contribution, you can help say thank you to Kuemper’s teachers and also help with recruitment and retention of quality faculty. Kuemper has 23 teachers that have each dedicated 20 years or more to Kuemper.

You can help grow the Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund by designating your gift to the annual Phon-a-thon for the TSEF on the enclosed envelope.

Please designate my gift for:

[ ] Father Kuemper Society
[ ] (Student Tuition Fund)
[ ] Teacher Salary Fund
[ ] Your most critical needs
[ ] Other (write in below)

Mr. Bill Kane, High School Math Teacher

High School Entrance Under Construction!

(Above) The boys restroom at the front of KHS has been expanded and converted into a new front office reception area.

(Below) The KHS front offices across from the trophy cases will now be the new restrooms.

Renovation Ribbon Cutting

for the high school remodel will be

Friday September 23rd from 8:00-9:00am

Tours Available! All are invited!

The New Fieldhouse

After an official groundbreaking ceremony with Bishop R. Walker Nickless on April 25th, work began on the new Kuemper Fieldhouse. The Fieldhouse project was made possible by donations made to the Kuemper Tomorrow Capital Campaign. Check out the “time lapse” video of the construction on Kuemper’s facebook page. Supporters can still contribute to the Kuemper Tomorrow campaign by contacting the school or by visiting www.kuemper.org.

The new field house will be 20,000 square feet and serve multiple sports and activities. The estimated date of completion is December 1, 2016.
PHONES WILL BE RINGING IN OCTOBER FOR THE 2016 PHON-A-THON!

In mid-October, the St. Angela and Kuemper Alumni will be calling their classmates once again to renew old friendships, discuss reunion plans, and ask for their support. Current school board, faculty, and students will also assist with the personal contacts.

The 2015 Phon-A-Thon was able to raise $204,673! Classes were asked to "meet or beat" their Phon-A-Thon donation from the previous year; twenty-eight classes (38%) surpassed their Phon-A-Thon totals from 2014, especially the classes of 1965 and 1975 who challenged their class for their anniversary year. This accomplishment was achieved by the outstanding efforts of many alumni all over the world who so generously support their alma mater and Catholic education. The Class of 1977 took the top spot by raising $12,040!

You can help your class make the difference this year in helping the current Kuemper students follow in your path. Monies raised from the 2016 Phon-A-Thon can be designated for the Teacher Enhancement Fund, Father Kuemper Society (Student Tuition), Critical Needs, or other specific designations - thus giving donors the opportunity to designate where you want your gift to make a difference at Kuemper. Our best efforts are made to contact everyone, but if you are overlooked, we apologize and welcome hearing from you.

Please use the enclosed envelope, for your convenience, to show your support for quality, Catholic education at Kuemper!

Show your appreciation for what Kuemper has done for you over the years by making a donation today! The Honor Roll of Donors will be listed in the next issue of the Knight-letter. Gifts to the past phon-a-thons have ranged from $5,000 to $2.00. Any gift, no matter how large or small, will be greatly appreciated by the entire Kuemper Family.

You can make all the difference!

PLEDGE ONLINE!

For your convenience Kuemper can now receive Phon-A-Thon pledges online. Go to www.kuemper.org, click on Ways to Give, then scroll down to Phon-a-thon Online Donations to support your alma mater and save a call. We look forward to hearing from you!