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## North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment-Trust, Inc.

### Annual Fund Drive Continues

*It takes two...* the old saying goes. But, in the case of the North Platte Catholic School system, it takes three. McDaid and St. Patrick's schools are funded by three major sources. One, is tuition paid by our families.

The second is subsidies from St. Patrick's and Holy Spirit parishes. Third, is funding from the Endowment-Trust.

Just like a puzzle, each of these three pieces must fit together to make the school budget function effectively. If one area falls short, the difference

must be made up from another source. That is why the Endowment's Annual Fund Drive is so vital to the financial future of North Platte's Catholic Schools. This year, the

ber will pass \$600,000.

Your donations to the Annual Fund are what keeps Catholic education alive in North Platte. Thank you to those who have helped us meet

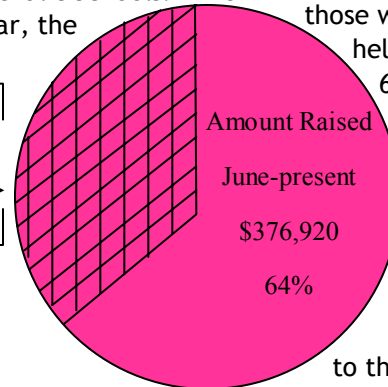
64% of our goal so far. For those of you we haven't heard from, it's not too late to make a contribution to this year's fund.

Aside from being tax-deductible, your gift helps keep tuition affordable for our students, and secures the future of our schools. We need your support!

Goal Remaining

\$209,323

36%



Endowment is charged with the goal of raising just over \$586,000 to fulfill our commitment to the school budget. For the 2008/2009 school year, the num-

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### Phonathon Update

Every little bit counts, especially when it comes to pledges from the 2007 Endowment phonathon. Thousands of calls were made in September, asking for support of our Catholic schools. Thank you to those who promptly

made pledge payments. If you are still receiving pledge reminders, please don't ignore them. We rely on the phonathon each year to help meet our Annual Fund goal. If paid by July 1st, your donation will still help

us meet the \$586,000 commitment we owe to our schools. If paid after July 1st, donations will be part of the 2008/2009 Annual Fund. Either way, we appreciate your support and commitment to honor your pledge.



Fun was had by all at the Cake Walk, carnival-style games, and inflatable games donated by FunJumpz (Shawn & Mary Harrison)

## 33 Years of Irish Fest

The tradition continues... and continues to provide a valuable source of funding for the North Platte Catholic Schools. The 33rd Annual Irish Fest was held Sunday, February 24th at St. Patrick's High School.

Hundreds of local families, came, ate, played, and enjoyed the Irish Spirit that makes Catholic education so special. Teamwork among teachers, students, the Endowment, and countless volunteers continue

to make Irish Fest a fun and successful event year after year. Thank you to all who volunteered your time and talents.

Proceeds from this year's event were just over \$15,800, and will go directly to our schools. Congratulations to our raffle winners! Andrew O'Neill-\$1,000; Kellie Vap-42" HDTV; Tom Otis-La-Z-Boy Rocker from Erickson's; Ronna Klasna-Weber Charcoal Grill from ACE. Five lucky winners won \$100 Cash.

They are: Josh Crisman, Jacque Allison, Dr. Jim Smith, Troy Pedersen, and Paula Egnoke.

Thank you also to our 2008 sponsors: Spectrum Quick Copy Center/Copyrite Printing, James & Deb O'Malley, Jerome & Janet Gilg, Jorgensen Chiropractic, North Platte OBGYN, State Farm Agent Jack Morris, Weathercraft of North Platte, Bill & Julie Mackley, Platte Valley Physical Therapy, Kent & Jacque Allison, NebraskaLand National Bank, U-Save Pharmacy, Brouillette Law Office, State Farm Agent Bill Burbach.



Students in Ms. Ferguson's 5th grade class with a new "Hands-On Equation" math set purchased through the G.R.E.E.N. Teacher Wish List.

## Think G.R.E.E.N. 2008

It's time to think G.R.E.E.N. for 2008! A committee has been selected and plans are getting underway for this year's G.R.E.E.N. night to celebrate Catholic education in North Platte.

Lewys and Holly Carlini are the 2008 committee chairs. They will work with Treg & Cameron Vyzourek, Matt & Kelley Hasenauer, James & Deb O'Malley, Dan & Carolyn

Riggs, and Cory & Angela Morris to plan the event.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 22nd, 2008** and plan to attend!

**G.R.E.E.N.** 2007 raised nearly \$84,000 for our Catholic schools, and set a new record for attendance. Over \$5,000 was

raised for the Teacher Wish List, and teachers and students are already enjoying their new classroom supplies!



Volunteers are always needed, so please

contact the Endowment office (534-5939) if you're interested in helping with **G.R.E.E.N.**

*Donations to the North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment-Trust can be made online!*

*Visit us at [www.npcset.org](http://www.npcset.org)*

## From the Alumni Association

A reminder to all St. Patrick's alumni about the annual all-class reunion scheduled for July 4th through 6th, 2008. What a great weekend to spend in North Platte!

Don't miss your chance to make contacts with friends and classmates from years gone by.

Contact the Alumni Association for more

information: **308-532-1874** or by e-mail at:

**[wmcgahan@esu16.org](mailto:wmcgahan@esu16.org)**

We look forward to seeing you in July!

## Students in the News

Congratulations to the many North Platte Catholic School students who have been making headlines across the state.

Senior Zack Richards captured a GOLD medal at the State Wrestling meet in February. He is the state champion in the 130 lb weight class. Sophomore Trevor Wid earned a 4th place medal in the 125 lb weight class.

Five St. Patrick's students qualified for the

State Speech contest in March. Congratulations to: Katrina Bennett, Kortnei Hoef, Carleigh Smith, Amanda Ferguson and Dani DeTurk. (pictured below, l-r)

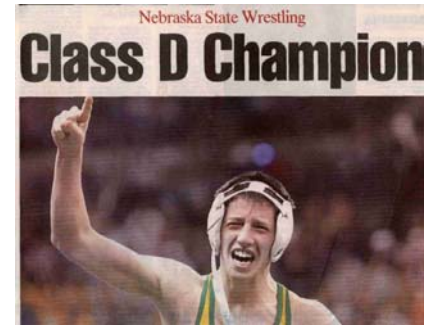


You may have also noticed senior Danielle

Weiseler's photo in the newspaper. She was selected to dance at special events in Paris on New Year's Day.

Junior Leah Bjornstad garnered media attention in March when she attended the Attorney General's Youth Advisory Council at the State Capitol.

Faith and Knowledge in Education truly make our students shine!



State champion Irish wrestler Zack Richards after he claimed the gold medal at the State Wrestling Meet in Omaha. *Courtesy North Platte Telegraph*

## Share Your Memories & Blessings

Are you looking for a special way to honor someone? A memorial gift to the Endowment's Book of Memories is a unique and meaningful way to pay tribute to loved ones or friends who have passed. Gifts may be made to the Endowment at any time, or can be established to the Endowment by the family at the time of a

funeral. The name of the relative or friend is inscribed into the Book of Memories, and will be remembered at special masses each month at each of North Platte's 3 Catholic churches. Each memorial gift is acknowledged with a receipt and memorial card.

You can also honor someone special, for any

occasion, by placing their name in the Book of Blessings. This is a living memorial that pays tribute to those important in our lives. The honoree receives a special card, and their name is placed in the Book of Blessings on display at the Endowment office. Visit [www.npcset.org](http://www.npcset.org) for more information.

*"Say not to your neighbor, 'Go, and come again tomorrow I will give,' when you can give at once."*

*Proverbs 3:28*

## Have We Missed You?

The Legacy Society honors those who have included the Endowment in their will or through a planned gift. The goal of the program is to help people understand their options when it comes to charitable giving, and to

highlight the importance of these types of gifts to the North Platte Catholic Schools. The goal of the Endowment is to utilize investment income to provide our schools with additional funding. Planned gifts and

bequests make this possible.

Please notify us if you have chosen to include the Endowment in your will or estate plan so that we can honor you for your generosity.



Are you a member of the "Legacy Society?" Please let us know, so we can honor you with a special statue of St. Patrick.



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