Congratulations Class of 2015

The 67th Graduation Exercises were held on Sunday, May 17, 2015, at Holy Family Church. Twenty-one graduates and their families gathered for Mass concelebrated by Rev. Patrick O’Neal, Schlarman Academy Chaplain; Rev. Greg Nelson; Rev. Timothy Sauppe; and Rev. Ted Pracz.

The Commencement speaker was a Schlarman High School Alumnus of the class of 1990, Dr. Curt Girouard. After graduating from Schlarman in 1990, our Commencement Speaker went on to get his Bachelor of Arts degree from Miami University in 1994, followed by a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Illinois in 1998. He now practices veterinary medicine at Stateline Hillcrest in Danville. He and his wife, Laura, are the proud parents of Jack, who will be a 7th grade student at Schlarman Academy.
Dear Friends of Schlarman,

Schlarman Academy continues to build partnerships with Danville Area Community College. Currently, we have several students taking dual enrollment classes through DACC. Some of these classes are offered on campus such as psychology, sociology, and rhetoric. Others are offered online or through attendance at DACC. It is our goal to help our students obtain thirty credit hours towards their college degree before leaving Schlarman. Our graduating Seniors have a combined total of 262 college credits this year, along with their high school diploma. This is also a huge cost savings to the families of Schlarman students as seen in the chart below. We will continue to build upon this concept adding more classes on campus next year. Preparing our students for the future is our primary goal!

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Evaluating our strategic plan is on-going. We look forward to implementing several new programs to Schlarman Academy. We are working to continue to offer the Language Programs. We will continue with Spanish and French at all grade levels next year. We have seen tremendous growth of students through this program. It is fascinating to hear the young students saying prayers in both French and Spanish, especially at Mass. All of these programs help our students become the global leaders of tomorrow!

We have hired many new staff for next year to help strengthen our programs. Mr. John Henkelman (class of ‘70) will be joining our math department. He brings with him twenty years of experience teaching math. Mrs. Katie Coulter will be our new guidance counselor. She brings both high school and St. Joseph College guidance experience with her. Ms. Catherine Field will be teaching junior high science. She is a trained Project Lead the Way teacher, which aids us in continuing to teach engineering at the junior high level. We have many new faces joining Schlarman Academy next year!

Our athletic department continues to strive for the best! We have seen continued success through volleyball, which made it to super-sectionals. The 7th grade girls basketball team made it to state, and the 8th grade girls basketball team won the IESA State Championship again this year. We added new coaches to the athletic department bringing experience to the teams. Kyle O’Brien (Class of ‘98) joined Schlarman coaching high school track and field. Jeff Carlson coached the high school boys basketball team, while Matt Darling coached high school girls’ softball. We are excited for the future of Schlarman athletics!

Congratulations, Schlarman Academy Class of 2015, and best wishes for a happy and successful future. As always, we pray for all of our alumni and wish you all peace and happiness from the Hill. God bless all of our alumni and friends, as well as your families, and we hope to see you back on the Hill!

Sincerely,

Gail Lewis
Schlarman Academy Principal
Dear Schlarman Family & Friends,

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord… We will work with each other, we will work side by side… We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand… And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. They will know we are Christians by our love.

These song verses were in the closing song, “They’ll know We are Christians” at Schlarman Academy’s 8th Grade Promotion Mass. When I hear these words, they always set my heart and mind in the right place. These 8th graders worked hard to get where they were and to go forward as the new freshman class. How appropriate for this song to be the closing song.

As a deeper reflection, these “words” …one in the Spirit…one in the Lord…work with each other…work side by side…walk with each other…walk hand in hand…certainly fit at Schlarman. Our Schlarman Academy FAMILY, which includes staff and faculty, students, parents, grandparents, families, parishioners, alumni, donors, supporters, and community members, helps to ensure the success of Schlarman and our students. We work with each other, we walk with each other. We ALL help guide our students to the end goal…graduating seniors who are spiritually, mentally, and physically prepared for their new journey.

Love is the key. The love for our students from preK –12 is what it is all about. We want our students to succeed and it shows. The Class of 2015 graduated with 262 college credits through our Dual Enrollment Program. The class had 21 seniors who took 108 Dual Enrollment classes. Some of our students graduated with one year of college credits under their belts. How amazing!

We are proud of their drive to succeed. Five of the seniors were Honor Graduates by maintaining a GPA of 3.5-3.9 during all four years. Six were Highest Honor Graduates by maintaining a GPA of 4.0 and above during all four years. We are even prouder that over $1.9 million was offered to this Class of 2015 in scholarships from colleges and universities all over the United States. ALL of the seniors will be going on to a college or university.

Schlarman Academy prides itself on service to others. From serving chili to doing yardwork, our students go where the need is. The top 10 students with the highest number of service hours put in a total of 2,695 hours into our community over the past four years. This number only reflects 10 seniors. The overall picture of all of our Schlarman Academy students’ service hours is pretty astounding. Love, again, is the key….the love for others.

May our 8th graders continue their journey strong in their faith with the desire to be challenged in their academics. May they strive to be like the Class of 2015 – full of faith, strength, and the desire to continue to learn. May the Class of 2015, our new Alumni, go forward with great pride, determination and a prosperous future. Blessings to them all for much success!

We are ALL one in the Lord and when we work with each other…side by side, great things are accomplished…at Schlarman Academy!

Sincerely,

Christina Dietzen
Schlarman Academy Development Director
Greetings Schlarman Family!

School’s out for summer! After a rather hectic second semester, students, faculty and staff can take a little break. Many of you will be off to vacation in other areas, maybe some will stay at home for “staycations.” Whatever your choice, I hope and pray that it will be relaxing, safe, and above all joyful and holy.

Taking breaks and vacations is important to us for our own sake - for the health of our minds, bodies and souls. So often in our world today, we are compelled to work ourselves to exhaustion. God, in His wisdom and goodness, knows that we need a change from the routine, everyday work. He gave His chosen people the Sabbath, an extraordinary thing in the ancient world: one day a week in which there was to be no work, so that time could be spent deepening a relationship with God, with family and friends, and letting our bodies, minds and souls recover and be refreshed.

As people of the New Covenant in Christ, our Sabbath is Sunday, the day of the Lord’s triumph over sin and death in His resurrection. As Catholics we keep the Sabbath holy by celebrating Mass, either on Saturday evening, the beginning of the Sabbath, or on Sunday. For us, this is a serious moral obligation we have. We owe God a debt of thanks as creatures to our Creator, but moreover, we owe God a debt of adoration and worship as those created in His image and likeness, and above all we owe Him a debt of love as those called to intimately share in the life of the Holy Trinity. We do this at the Mass, the greatest and best prayer we have, since it’s Christ’s prayer to the Father, shared with us in the Holy Spirit.

Yet, how often do we look for excuses to miss Mass? Maybe the homily is dull, the music bad, the air conditioning is too cold or not working at all. Maybe a big game is on, or a bargain deal is offered at our favorite store. Maybe we’re tired because we stayed up too late the night before. These reasons are valid, but not enough to excuse us for missing a weekly opportunity to let God refresh and strengthen us. Certainly, illness, emergencies, or an unchangeable work schedule are serious reasons for why we can’t make Mass. However, if we can be there, God expects us there. We’re fortunate enough to have five parishes in our area that offer Mass at various times. Sure, it might be a bit of a drive, but it’s worth it. If we can’t make Mass at our parish, then take a road trip!

By all means, get away for awhile this summer. Leave work behind and relax! But don’t get away from your relationship to God and His people the Church - our brothers and sisters. Let His Word instruct your mind, let His Body and Blood feed your soul, and let His love refresh and strengthen your heart, so that you can face the coming work week with Him, and radiate Him in all you say and do.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer, and as always
God bless!

Fr. Pat O’Neal
Chaplain, Schlarman Academy
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Bridgit Mae Bateman
Honor Graduate
Danville Area Community College

Emily Kay Carson
Honor Graduate
Danville Area Community College

Dania Michelle De La Hoya Rojas
Salutatorian
Illinois State University

Joslyn Anne Dietzen
Highest Honor Graduate
Indiana State University

De’Ja Nicole Echols
Highest Honor Graduate
Indiana State University

Garrett Michael Fields
Danville Area Community College

Dylan Joseph Fisher
Danville Area Community College

Mason Michael Gard
Danville Area Community College

Laura Anne Gross
Honor Graduate
Parkland College

Megan Christine Hammer
Highest Honor Graduate
University of South Florida

Eirelyn Sass Johnson
Danville Area Community College

Kevin Michael Lane
Danville Area Community College

Sarah Faith Larson
Valedictorian
Truman State University

Anna Linae Martindill
Danville Area Community College

Travis Todd Maxwell
Danville Area Community College

Sydni Lee Neal
Honors Graduate
Eureka College

Nicholas Dean Rademacher
Highest Honor Graduate
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Donovan Chandler Rathgeber
Danville Area Community College

Hannah Louise Shillo
Honors Graduate
Danville Area Community College

Hasan Mark Shillo
Danville Area Community College

Reed Hamilton Steiner
Danville Area Community College
Valedictorian and Salutatorian Honors
The Valedictorian is defined as the student who possesses the single highest cumulative Grade Point Average after the seventh semester. This year's Valedictorian for the Class of 2015 is Sarah Larson. The Salutatorian is defined as the student who possesses the second highest Grade Point Average after the seventh semester. This year Dania De La Hoya has earned the honor of being Salutatorian for the Class of 2015.

Highest Honor Graduates (G.P.A. of 4.0 and above)
Joslyn Dietzen, De'Ja Echols, Megan Hammer, and Nicholas Rademacher.

Honor Graduates (G.P.A. of 3.5-3.9)
Bridgit Bateman, Emily Carson, Laura Gross, Sydni Neal, and Hannah Shillo.

President’s Educational Achievement Awards (G.P.A. of 3.0-3.49)
Garrett Fields, Dylan Fisher, Eirelyn Johnson, Donovan Rathgeber, and Reed Steiner.

Piankeshaw Chapter of the Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution-Reed Steiner.

Governor Bradford Chapter-DAR Good Citizen Award-Megan Hammer.

Eric S. Eberhardt Community Service Scholarship-This scholarship is awarded for exceptional community service in the spirit of Eric Steven Eberhardt, a 1967 graduate of Schlarman High School, who is remembered by his family, friends, and community for his devotion and commitment to the improvement of all that binds us as a fellowship of human beings. This year two scholarships were awarded, one to a graduating senior, De’Ja Echols to attend the college of her choice, and the other to an underclassman, Nicholas Labayog, to continue his education at Schlarman Academy.

Mark C. Meyer (SHS ‘61) Memorial Scholarship-This scholarship is presented by the John P. Meyer family in memory of Mark C. Meyer. It is given to a member of the senior class who is voted the most caring and compassionate person by their senior classmates. This year’s recipient is Joslyn Dietzen.

Michael and Mary Michael Bateman Scholarship-The Michael and Mary Michael Bateman scholarship was started this year by Bridgit Bateman Chayt in honor of her parents Michael and Mary Michael Bateman. This $2,000.00 scholarship is awarded to a senior student who best exemplifies a strong commitment to their Schlarman Academy community and the Danville area community at large. This year’s recipient is Reed Steiner.

GR8Savers Scholarship-Dania De La Hoya, Garrett Fields, and Sydni Neal.

Presence United Samaritans Medical Center Scholarship-Joslyn Dietzen.

Rotary Essay Scholarship-Sarah Larson.

Red Ribbon Essay Scholarship-Joslyn Dietzen & De’Ja Echols

David Brosi Poetry Awards-Sarah Larson, who finished in 3rd place for her poem “Porcelain”; Dania De La Hoya, who finished in 2nd place for her poem “Lost” Megan Hammer, who finished in 1st place for her poem “Honest Lies.”

Mark Hannah Scholarship-Joslyn Dietzen.

Women’s Care Clinic Awards-Poster Portion: Sarah Larson, 3rd place, De’Ja Echols, 2nd place. Essay Portion: Donovan Rathgeber, 3rd place, Megan Hammer, 2nd place, Dania De La Hoya, 1st place.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Scholarship-De’Ja Echols.

Money Smart Week Essay Scholarship-Joslyn Dietzen ($500); Sarah Larson ($1000)

Healthy Me is Drug Free Essay Contest-Joslyn Dietzen & De’Ja Echols.
Katali Archery Scholarship-Nicholas Rademacher.

**Student of the Year**-Laura Gross.

**Faith Alive Community Service Awards**-(completing over 150 hours of community service over their four years): Megan Hammer (150 Hours), Sarah Larson (158 Hours), Nicholas Rademacher (207 Hours), Joslyn Dietzen (212 Hours), Laura Gross (212 Hours), Reed Steiner (242 Hours), Dania De la Hoya (268 Hours), De’Ja Echols (359 Hours), Bridgit Bateman (413 Hours), and Anna Martindill (482 Hours).

S.T.A.N.D.-Emily Carson, Dania De La Hoya, Joslyn Dietzen, Megan Hammer, Sarah Larson, Anna Martindill, Nicholas Rademacher, and Reed Steiner.

**Vermilion Valley Conference All-Academic Team and IHSA Scholastic Recognition Recipients**-Joslyn Dietzen, Laura Gross, Sarah Larson, and Sydni Neal.

**Academic Challenge**-Dania De La Hoya (participated in Regionals and Sectionals for Math & English), Joslyn Dietzen (participated in Regionals for English and Biology), De’Ja Echols (participated in Regionals for Math and English), Megan Hammer (participated in Regionals for Math and English), Nicholas Rademacher (participated in Regionals and Sectionals for Physics and Engineering), and Sarah Larson (participated in Regionals, Sectionals and State for English and Physics).

**Scholastic Bowl**-Dania De La Hoya, Megan Hammer, Sarah Larson, Nicholas Rademacher, and Reed Steiner.

**National Honor Society**-Bridgit Bateman, Emily Carson, Dania De La Hoya, Joslyn Dietzen, De’Ja Echols, Dylan Fisher, Laura Gross, Megan Hammer, Eirelyn Johnson, Sarah Larson, Sydni Neal, Nicholas Rademacher, Hannah Shillo, and Reed Steiner.

**Senior Class Officers-Secretary:** Joslyn Dietzen; **Treasurer:** Nicholas Rademacher; **Vice-President:** Garrett Fields; **President:** Anna Martindill.

**Department Awards**

Art Awards-Bridgit Bateman, Mason Gard, Eirelyn Johnson, Kevin Lane, Travis Maxwell, SydniNeal, Donovan Rathgeber, Hannah Shillo, Hasan Shillo, and Reed Steiner.

Drama Department-Joslyn Dietzen for Cinderella, Wizard of Oz, and Starlight Express; Hasah Shillo for Starlight Express.

John Philip Sousa Band Award-Sarah Larson.

Yearbook Awards-Editor: Garrett Fields; Copy Editor: Sydni Neal; Sports Editor: Donovan Rathgeber; Social Editors: Eirelyn Johnson and Bridgit Bateman; Staff Members: Dylan Fisher, Kevin Lane, Anna Martindill, Travis Maxwell.

English Award-Dania De La Hoya.

French Honors-Garret Fields, Anna Martindill, and Nicholas Rademacher. French High Scholastic & 4 years of Academic Excellence- Dania De La Hoya.

Geometry Awards-Mason Gard and Laura Gross.

Calculus Awards-Dania De La Hoya, Megan Hammer, and Sarah Larson.

Statistics Awards-Bridgit Bateman and Garrett Fields.


4 year Spanish Awards-Bridgit Bateman, Emily Carson, Joslyn Dietzen, De’Ja Echols, Megan Hammer, Eirelyn Johnson, Sarah Larson, and Hannah Shillo.

Religion Award-Megan Hammer.

Voices of Schlarman-Laura Gross and Anna Martindill.
The following members of the graduating Class of 2015 have been awarded scholarships.

**Bridgit Bateman**
- DACC
  - Mervis Family Endowed Scholarship: $1,000
  - Mark and Rebecca Schlecht Scholarship: $500

**Emily Carson**
- DACC
  - Golden K Kiwanis Edward Puhr Memorial Scholarship: $750
  - O'Rourke Family Scholarship: $500
  - Vic and Pat Pate Scholarship: $250
- Indiana State University
  - Academic Merit Scholarship: $1,000/yr
  - Illinois Student Scholarship: $7,800/yr
- Eastern Illinois University
  - Commitment to Excellence Scholarship: $4,000/yr

**Dania De La Hoya**
- Illinois State University
  - Presidential Scholarship: $11,000/yr
- University of Missouri
  - Diversity Award: $14,824/yr
  - Walter Williams Scholarship: $4,000/yr
- Louisiana State University
  - LSU Excellence Award: $20,500/yr
- Marquette University
  - Pere Marquette Award: $15,400/yr
- St. Louis University
  - Vice President's Scholarship: $20,000/yr
- Drake University
  - Presidential Scholarship: $14,000/yr

**Joslyn Dietzen**
- Illinois State University
  - Redbird Academic Scholarship: $2,000/yr
- Rockford University
  - Academic Excellence Scholarship: $11,000/yr
- Indiana State University
  - Academic Excellence Scholarship: $4,000/yr
  - Illinois Student Scholarship: $7,800/yr
- Aurora University
  - Aurora University Fall Board of Trustees Scholarship: $13,000/yr
- Olivet Nazarene University
  - Academic Excellence Scholarship: $18,000/yr

**De'Ja Echols**
- Indiana State University
  - Academic Distinction Scholarship: $2,500/yr
  - Summer Honors: $1,000/yr
- Illinois Student Scholarship: $7,800/yr
  - Warren Anderson Scholarship: $5,000/yr
- St. Ambrose University
  - Academic Distinction Scholarship: $16,000/yr
- University of St. Francis
  - Presidential Scholarship: $12,500/yr
- Trine University
  - Presidential Scholarship: $15,000/yr

**Laura Gross**
- Parkland College
  - Athletic Scholarship: $3,954/yr (2)
- McKendree University
  - Presidential Scholarship: $8,000/yr
  - Athletic Scholarship: $27,820/yr
- Quincy University
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Commencement Address
Dr. Curt Girouard

First of all, congratulations to all of you. You should be very proud of yourselves for achieving this milestone. It is one that should be celebrated and I am pleased to be here to join you. Passing this milestone marks the end of your high school career and offers you the chance to reflect on your achievements, your failures, your time spent in and out of class, your friends, and your family. It also marks a beginning. After today, each of you will embark on another chapter in your lives taking with you unique gifts, knowledge, and experiences. It is these tools that your parents and teachers hope you will use to continue to carve out a meaningful life and eventually a livelihood. I take great pride in assuring you that your time here at Schlarman will assist you in that endeavor.

In 2012 Charles Wheelan wrote an essay in the Wall Street Journal titled, “10 Things Your Commencement Speaker Won’t Tell You.” In his message he stated that graduation speeches often are filled with stereotypical statements such as…”you are the future,” “all of you will go on to do great things,” or “you can change the world”. These words of encouragement can be enabling, and I hope that each of you lives up to such standards. In his essay however, he provided his readers with some realistic and grounded observations. Here are four that I thought were most appropriate.

#1 Your time in friends’ basements was well spent: Through these years you have forged many good friendships. With your involvement in classwork and extra-curricular activities, these relationships have been strengthened through the sharing of common interests and goals. Work hard to continue these relationships as time and distance will make it increasingly difficult to do so. Research shows that one of the most important factors associated with happiness and well-being is your meaningful connections with others. You are all going to meet many new people along the way with a variety of backgrounds and points of view. As you learn who they are and where they come from, be patient with them as you never know… one of them may turn out to be your future boss or your spouse. It should be comforting to know that Schlarman has provided you with a great environment to develop friendships that will last a lifetime.

#2 Some of your worst days lie ahead: Graduation is a happy day, and I wish I could stand before you and say that you need not worry about failure or feelings of self-doubt. Unfortunately, this isn’t the case. It can be pretty scary to think that in just four months, some of you will be leaving home for the first time and will be expected to figure out what it is that you want to do with the rest of your lives. That’s intimidating. During the next four years, you will be presented with many challenges and at the same
time, many opportunities. I urge you to look at these challenges as opportunities for growth and for character building. And always know that you have in place a system of tremendous support with your family, your friends, your school and your faith.

#3 Don’t make the world worse: Again it is cliché to say that you possess the power to change the world, but it is true. You are all intelligent people, and you all have skills that can influence other’s actions. With this comes great responsibility. Throughout life you will be tempted to do things that you have been taught not to do. Use what you have learned at Schlarman to make thoughtful, sound decisions, and you will be glad you did.

Finally, Don’t try to be great: Instead, work hard to be good at something and to put yourselves in the right places throughout life. By doing so, success should follow by default. Pressuring yourself to be great at something can be very exhausting and unhealthy. Know that the few who do achieve it often get there by way of events outside of their control. Challenge your strengths along the way, and at the same time explore your weaknesses as it sure to make you a better person. If you do achieve greatness, realize that you had plenty of help along the way and that some of it occurred here at Schlarman.

In closing, focusing on friends and family, working hard to accomplish your goals, and knowing that you possess the necessary tools to make good decisions will surely set you on a path to success.

I thank you again for the opportunity to speak this evening, congratulations, and good luck to all of you.

Being a Hilltopper stays with us forever...
Good afternoon! There are so many people in this room that I would like to thank, but I will start off by thanking all of you for being here today to send us off into the next stage of our lives. I would also like to thank all of you in advance for sitting through this entire speech. I tried to keep it short, but I tend to ramble, so I can’t promise you anything.

They say that good things come to those who wait. If you keep that in mind, the fact that I turned this speech in at the very last minute really is not all that bad. Sorry, Mrs. Turner. You know I only wait until the last minute because I will be older and therefore wiser.

Not too long ago, I was the one who was waiting. Just a few hours ago, I was counting down the days, hours, minutes, seconds, milliseconds, and whatever comes after that until graduation. Today, I am astounded at just how fast this day has come. I was constantly told that these four years would fly by, but I did not see the truth in this until my last day of high school. I focused so much of my energy on waiting for bigger and better things that I forgot to enjoy the last stretch of my high school experience. My Netflix addiction probably had something to do with it, as well. This is an easy mistake to make, and one I urge all of you to avoid. (Forgetting the present, I mean. Not Netflix. Netflix is never a mistake.) Live in the moment, because it is a moment you will never get back. John Lennon once said, “Life is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans.” While walking through life blind as a bat is not something I would advise, especially while crossing the street, appreciating what you have while you have it is something I will always endorse.

The other idea that I would like to leave with you today is that of change. There are many things we as a class and as individuals would like to change, but we settle on complaining about our grievances instead. One of my favorite quotes is, “Be the change you want to see in the world.” I think Kanye West said it. I’m just kidding; it was Gandhi. I urge you to take what you have learned in class, in your homes, and through your faith to make the change you so avidly vouch for, even if you do not think it will make a difference. If a spider can make me run away faster than I did throughout my entire cross country career here at Schlarman, you can make a difference. Be the Good Samaritan who helps a man in need despite societal expectations. Be the peaceful protestor who does not resort to violence to get his point across. Be kind, be generous, and follow the Golden Rule: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

My favorite moments at Schlarman are those that have exemplified this rule. It is when our students give freely of their time to help others or rally together to support a member of the Schlarman family that I am glad my parents made the decision to send me to a Catholic high school. The summer before my sophomore year, I was the member of the Schlarman family that needed support. When my brother passed away in 2012, Schlarman was there for my family and me, something I will never forget. To me, that is the legacy Schlarman leaves: one of family and loyalty, and for that, I would like to thank them.

I would also like to thank the teachers and staff for doing their best to prepare us for the real world and not slamming their heads against their desks when our senioritis became evident. I would like to thank Mr. Mulholland in particular for putting up with me since middle school and teaching our calculus class that it is okay to fall as long as you get back up. I would like to thank Ms. Wagner for making Chemistry fun and not yelling at us when we accidentally set the trash can on fire my freshman year or purposely set plush moles on fire my sophomore year. I would like to thank Madame for letting us have so many French parties that I probably gained like ten pounds each year. I would like to thank my homies—Joslyn, De’Ja, Megan, and Sarah—for giving me so many hilarious memories to look back on and taking me out in public even though I’m embarrassing. Joslyn, you’ve been stuck with me since elementary school so you’re the real MVP. Lastly, I would like to thank my family. Without your endless love and support, I would not be standing up here today. Thank you to my parents for all of your sacrifices, to Daniel for brightening my days, even though you frustrate me 99% of the time and won’t stop quacking at people, and to Jorge for inspiring me and being my best friend.

I have talked for way longer than necessary, so I am leaving my class with one final quote before we all go our separate ways: “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Good luck and congratulations, class of 2015. It’s been an eventful four years.
Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Sara Larson, and I am the last speaker in between the Class of 2015 and our diplomas. I know that sitting through even one more speech at this point may seem unbearable, so if you simply cannot stay awake, I understand. Just remember the classroom rule: no snoring or drooling.

A few months ago, I was informed that I would have to stand before all of you today and give a speech. I waited for further instruction up until last week when, by the look on Mrs. Turner’s face when I told her I still had not written it, I learned no more was coming. So I decided to start this speech like any other assignment I’ve had over these past four years: with no idea what I’m doing, and Google open in another tab.

Class of 2015, what an interesting and strange time we have had together. We’ve laughed, cried, set mole projects on fire, sprained our wrists wrangling bears in the Ozarks, and watched the ending of *The Pianist* several times. Joslyn even won Scrabble twice in a row once, which can only be explained by divine intervention. And somehow, through all of the change and chaos, we managed to learn something. Maybe you haven’t realized it yet, but every story told and lecture given by our teachers has prepared us for this day and what lies ahead. Of course, we will not always remember exactly why Mrs. Prall was talking about crab fishing that one day or what Mr. Eltzeroth meant by the question “Can you chunk it?” but we will always remember how they delivered these anecdotes and bits of wisdom: with everything they had to offer us. There is no better example of what it means to love what you do and live what you preach than some of the teachers we have had the honor to have in our classrooms. Teachers, I know we usually just stared blankly at you and sat silently whenever you asked simple questions, but on behalf of the Class of 2015, I would like to thank you for being our teachers, for sticking out these four years with us, and for thousands of other amazing things you do every day for us that go unnoticed and unrewarded.

Parents, you too deserve so much more than just a thank you. You love us through all of the phases we go through and have seemingly infinite patience with us. You listen attentively to our rants about things and people you don’t know and graciously handle our silence when we’re feeling particularly teenager-y. You drive us to an emergency room that is forty minutes away in the middle of the night after we somehow snap our Achilles tendon lightly jogging down the basketball court, and then don’t complain when we make you turn around halfway because the pain medication has finally kicked in. Mom and dad, thank you for putting up with me during my second infancy after that happened, and making fewer jokes about it than you could have. Thank you for everything.

I have now come to the point in my speech where I think I am supposed to dispense some advice and inspire you all to live out your lifelong dreams. I know you are all tired of that by now, so I’ll keep it brief. I am about to reveal exactly how nerdy I am because I am going to quote Doctor Who, a British sci-fi series about a time-traveling alien with only a companion and a sonic screwdriver. It is a common theme in this show that everyone the Doctor, that is the alien, meets comes away from the experience with a new outlook on the world and life itself. One character says the following, “When you're a kid, they tell you it's all grow up. Get a job. Get married. Get a house. Have a kid, and that's it. But the truth is the world is so much stranger than that. It's so much darker. And so much madder. And so much better.” I know it is easy to view our lives in stages, high school, college, first job, marriage, children, and so on, but actually living it feels entirely different. Life is not a universal list from which to check off items; it is one great adventure with so many places to see and things to experience. Take advantage of the opportunities that come your way, and if none do, create your own. Be brave, and be kind to those you meet along the way. Lastly, I implore you to use the faith you have grown up with, and to find something every day to thank God for. You have a responsibility now to share your faith with the world. Don’t worry; you don’t have to be the sidewalk preacher thumping his Bible and shouting, “Jesus!” to do so. Just follow your conscience, and lead by example as our families and teachers have shown us to do.

Congratulations, Class of 2015, and good luck.
8th Grade Promotion

On Tuesday, May 20th, a Mass and 8th grade Promotion Ceremony was held at St. Paul’s Church. Those promoted include: Thomas Blakely, Selena Caballero, Kelli Colleen, Cameron Colunga, Sarah Craig, Daniel De la Hoyar, Mollie DeBord, Ashley Faulkner, Ana Fitzgerald, Carrigan Gard, Quinn Gard, Jalon Glover, Thomas Hantz, Noah Kimmell, Anthony King, Sarita Kumpuckal, Jasmine Labayog, Alexander Lyon, Chloe Miller, Hailey Munro, Anaya Peoples, Angel Perez, Thomas Quick, Roberto Rangel, Christopher Rongey, Sara Southwell, Elizabeth Stimac, Emma Wilkins, and Madaline Winn.

Please note names are not in the same order as the photo.

7th-11th Grade Honors and Awards

Perfect Attendance: Mae Grace Medlin, and Selena Caballero.


Honors: Marcus Blurton, Chloe Jarmer, Mark Lukas, Truce Souza, Grace Wise, Cameron Colunga, Mollie DeBord, Ashley Faulkner, Carrigan Gard, Elizabeth Stimac, Olivia Craig, Bryce Vorick, Janie Gross, Jake Sermersheim, Ruoyu Gu, Jaida Green, Jayden King, Olivia Stout, Erin Bateman, Haydee
Caballero, Mollee Lane, Sydney Fisher, Noemi Torres, Catherine Lescak Emma Lyon and Mary Rongey.


Academic Challenge –Worldwide Youth In Science And Engineering: Jessica Berenz, Sara Cooper, Jason Cravens, Ellen Elghammer, Catherine Lescak, Elizabeth Schiro, Nicholas Labayog and Lucas Steiner.

Math: 7th grade Top Student– Trevor Davis. Algebra I-Jaida Green and Olivia Stout; Trigonometry Awards-Kristen Cahill, Gavin Gard, Nicholas Labayog and Lucas Steiner. Pre-Calculus Awards-Sara Cooper and Jason Cravens.

Religion: 7th Grade-Andrew Kittell, Mae Grace Medlin and Jeremiah Cooper. 8th Grade– Mollie DeBord, Jasmine Labayog and Thomas Hantz. Freshman-Aleksas Dietzen. Sophomore-Nicholas Labayog; Junior-Meredith Black.

Science: 7th grade-Isabelle Peters; 8th grade-Jasmine Labayog; 9th grade-Reagan Gifford and Madison Sermersheim; 11th grade-Abigail Muehl and Sara Cooper.


Good Citizen Awards: 7th Grade-Emma Bogen; 8th Grade-Anaya Peoples; Freshmen-Reagan Gifford; Sophomore-Lucas Steiner; Junior-Meredith Black.

Eric Eberhardt Community Service Scholarship: Nicholas Labayog

Congratulations to all!
HILLTOPPER HAPPENINGS

2015 Race for Education

Lap Winners

Most Laps overall:
  Lane DePratt 54

Seniors:
  Mason Gard 20
  Joslyn Dietzen 20

Juniors:
  Lane DePratt 54
  Jessica Berenz 23

Sophomores:
  Johnny Carnahan 35
  Rachel Wallis 32

Freshmen:
  Bryce Vorick 38
  Sabrina Hantz 45

8th Grade:
  Roberto Rangel 36
  Selena Caballero 22

7th Grade:
  Cole Carnahan 38
  Chian Scott 38

6th Grade:
  Andy Craig 50
  Suzet Sermersheim 42

5th Grade:
  Jason Craig 42
  Brycie Carnahan 40

4th Grade:
  Jack Morris 35
  Destiny Machado 29

3rd Grade:
  Will Stout 40
  Maya Jenny 40

2nd Grade:
  Pedro Rangel 34
  Reese Rundle 29

1st Grade:
  Liam Rome 31
  Deana Linares 29

Kindergarten:
  Shaw Black 29
  Gwendalyn Bennett 23
Senior Partner Project

Schlarman Academy has created a fun and exciting writing project. This project, known as the Senior Partner Project, was designed to create a partnership between the students at Schlarman and the senior parishioners of the 5 county Catholic churches. Each student in grades K-12 is partnered with a senior parishioner and corresponds monthly with cards and letters. The students share information about their education and activities at the school, thus allowing senior partners to share in the wonderful opportunities Schlarman provides, as well as, making a new friend along the way.

Starlight Express Presented by Schlarman Academy Students

Schlarman Academy presented the musical Starlight Express from April 24 – 26, 2015. This unique musical of Disco and Pop was performed entirely on roller skates for the very first time in the Vermilion County area. Several performances were available to attend but the first evening offered a lasagna dinner. Starlight Express was written by Andrew Lloyd Webber with its original debut in 1984.

The Schlarman Academy cast ranged in age from 5th – 12th grade with a total of 18 performers. The Starlight Express cast tells the story about a child’s dreams of toy trains coming to life. The performers mimic these trains by wearing roller skates. The cast and crew included: Noah Berryman, Jericho Maniquis, Ely Dunham, Meredith Black, Joslyn Dietzen, Suzet Sermersheim, Isabelle Peters, Farrah Anderson, Cathy Clark, Bryce Vorick, Jack Girouard, Sara Switzer, Chloe Miller, Mae Grace Medlin, Ethan Dunham, Dakota Keller, Alex Lewis, Lisa Dunham, Sharon McMahon, Sara Cooper, Hasan Shillo, Marcus Blurton and Michael Welsch. Musical Directors were Sharon McMahon and Ann Soderstrom. Music Director was Lisa Hilleary. Choreographer was Lisa Dunham. Accompanist was Jonathon Myers. Percussionist was Mathias Miles.
April 7, 2015, marked an important day in the Danville area as it was Election Day. Just as important, Schlarman Academy welcomed Congressman John Shimkus to the North Campus. He represents Danville in the 15th Congressional District of Illinois. Congressman Shimkus met with the Business Class then addressed the student body in the Paul C. Shebby Gymnasium.

This was a great opportunity for our students. Congressman Shimkus spoke about the three branches of government and his job and interacted with the students with questions and answers. Other local elected officials who joined the Congressman and said a few words were Representative Chad Hays, Mayor Scott Eisenhauer, Alderman Mike O’Kane and his wife, Nancy O’Kane, both Schlarman High School alumnae.

Schlarman Academy Showcase

Schlarman Academy Schowcase of Events held at our North and South Campuses again this year. The North Campus showcase helped kick off Catholic Schools week on January 25. Many students’ projects were on display like poetry, drawings, brochures, booklets and cathedrals. There were also many interactive events throughout the Showcase like musical performances, food tastings from different countries, essay readings and a Powerpoint presentation. Tours were also given to many prospective families and students. Our Showcase of Events was certainly a success at both campuses. Thank you to everyone who came. We are looking forward to 2016!
Scholarships Awarded to Schlarman Academy Students

The following scholarships (made possible by generous donors) were awarded through the Schlarman Academy Development Office and the Schlarman Foundation:

- **Richard Beard Davis Scholarship** awarded to Noah Kimmell.
- **Armand & Mildred Stella Scholarship** awarded to Ana Fitzgerald.
- **Sursum Corda Scholarship** awarded to Angel Perez.
- **The O’Rourke Family Scholarship** awarded to Madaline Winn.
- **John A. and Kay Ronchetto Scholarship** awarded to Selena Caballero.
- **Fred & Ann Mueller Scholarship** awarded to Quinn and Carrigan Gard.
- **Fred J. Faulstich Endowed Scholarship** awarded to Emma Wilkins and Madaline Winn.
- **Knights of Columbus Scholarships** awarded to Daniel De La Hoya and Sarah Craig.
- **Schlarman Academy Academic Advancement Scholarship** awarded to Anaya Peoples.
FROM THE OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Schlarman Academy and the Schlarman Foundation are grateful for the many memorial gifts they have received. The following gifts were made from November 1, 2014 through June 1, 2015. All contributions are truly appreciated by the students, faculty, and staff, and are very meaningful to the families of those who are honored. Please accept our apologies for any errors.

Edward Bell
SHS Class of 1958
Mr. Ned Gruca

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TO
THE SCHLARMAN
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Carol Candido
SHS Class of 1964
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Janosik

IN HONOR OF
SHS classes of 1949 and 1950
Mr. Mike O'Brien and Ms. Anne Sacheli

Louis O'Brien
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SHS Class of 1951
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Myers

HONOR GIFTS

In Honor of SHS classes of 1949 and 1950
Mr. Mike O'Brien and Ms. Anne Sacheli
Congratulations to the top three alumni classes!

The Top 3

1. 1959 $3,050.00
2. 1951 $1,150.00
3. 1970 $925.00

Thank you to all who participated in the Top of the Hill Challenge for the 2014-2015 school year (this year’s campaign ends June 30, 2015). As you will see below the current Schlarman Academy students participated through a monthly Piggy Bank collection. Thank you for your continued support!

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Total $20,668.59

The Top of the Hill Challenge 2015-2016 starts July 1, 2015.

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18th Annual Spring Raffle

The Schlarman Development Office is pleased to announce final figures for the 2015 Annual Spring Raffle. 3,701 tickets were sold. Total revenue generated by the Spring Raffle over the past 18 years to benefit Catholic education in Vermilion County is over 4 million dollars. This figure includes over $670,000 distributed to the five Vermilion County parishes. A BIG thanks to all who bought and sold our tickets and our ticket outlets; as you can see by the above figures the entire Catholic community continues to benefit from the Annual Spring Raffle!

$100,000 Grand Prize
David Brown
Covington, IN

2nd Prize-$20,000
Marianne Brown, et al
Veedersburg, IN

3rd Prize-$10,000
Ed Coultas
Danville, IL

4th Prize-$5,000
Jack Stevens
Albuquerque, NM

5th Prize-$2,000
Edith Bates
Danville, IL

6th-10th Prize-$1,000 Each
6-Cheryl Hunt, Williamsport, IN
7-William Sakotnik, Danville, IL
8-Kima Knight, Danville, IL
9-Sue Auter, Danville, IL
10-Leonard Henkelman, Tilton, IL

11th-25th Prize-$500 Cash
11-Frank Kimmell, Danville, IL
12-Tom Smoot, et al, Catlin, IL
13-Dan Hall, Westville, IL
14-Cindy Myers, et al, Westville, IL
15-Robby Di Domenico, Orland Park, IL
16-Michael Sweikar, South Bend, IN
17-Connie Cheesman, Oakwood, IL
18-Darryll Edwards, et al, Williamsport, IN
19-Kim Serd, et al, Danville, IL
20-Angela Bailey, et al, Danville, IL
21-Jason Vickey, Danville, IL
22-Tanner Tuggle, Danville, IL
23-Traci King, Danville, IL
24-Joey Thomas, Danville, IL
25-Jessica Shutes, Danville, IL

26th-60th Prize-$200 Each
26-CAAR, Inc., Danville, IL
27-Joseph Oldani, Westville, IL
28-Renee Mroz, Danville, IL
29-Darren White, et al, Westville, IL
30-Dave Stone, Catlin, IL
31-Larry Welch, Fairmount, IL
32-Jay C. Hein, Danville, IL
33-Mike Pemberton, Hoopeston, IL
34-Julie Trigalet, et al, Danville, IL
35-James Baumgart, Danville, IL
36-Richard Jones, et al, Tilton, IL
37-Ron Giroudard, Danville, IL
38-Omal Handley, Jr., Bismarck, IL
39-Ron Perkins, Danville, IL
40-D. Crist, Danville, IL
41-Thomas Kasallis, Hoopeston, IL
42-Gale Bryant, et al, Westville, IL
43-Lyndsey Trotter, Danville, IL
44-Dan Schroeder, Danville, IL
45-Garett Pabst, Catlin, IL
46-Angel Hoepner, et al, Danville, IL
47-Russell Davis, Oakwood, IL
48-Lucas Darr, Fairmount, IL
49-Pedro Zarate, Jr., Bainbridge, IN
50-Dolores Magarity, et al, Danville, IL
51-Kay Ronghetto, Bismarck, IL
52-Steve Dulski, Danville, IL
53-Ann Hillenburg, Danville, IL
54-Jason Bilstad, et al, Danville, IL
55-Rachel Blisset, San Antonio, TX
56-Jeff Craig, Danville, IL
57-Marcia Good, et al, Indianapolis, IN
58-Michael Acord, Westville, IL
59-Robert Merrell, Danville, IL
60-Nora Price, Danville, IL

61st-75th Prize-$150 Each
61-Dennis Hilton, Danville, IL
62-Glenda Hackman, Danville, IL
63-Geena DiDomenico, Orland Park, IL
64-Sherry Wheeler, et al, Rossville, IL
65-Harry Lee, Ocala, FL
66-Sandra Darling, Lawrence, IN
67-Davis & Delanois, Danville, IL
68-Brad Eastham, Paris, IL
69-Sarah Bogen, Danville, IL
70-Robert Kessler, Danville, IL
71-Mary Clark, Westville, IL
72-Debbie Ruper, et al, Danville, IL
73-Nancy Boesdorfer, Danville, IL
74-Rossie Renaker, Georgetown, IL
75-Debbie McElwain, et al, Oakwood, IL

Main Drawing 50/50 Winner
Nancy Kovanic, Evansville, IN

Pay Day Winners-$250
Elaine Poepp, Danville, IL
Darlene Dastous, Danville, IL
Greg Schmidtkecht, Vincennes, IN
Toni Stone, Danville, IL
Renee Hiser, Danville, IL
Jennifer Turner, Catlin, IL
Chris Costello, Fort Mill, SC
Ryan Wyckoff, Effingham, IL
Arnie Sumila, Westville, IL
Robert Nicholson, Danville, IL
Robert Malivuk, Danville, IL
Glenn Lungerich, Covington, IN

Early Bird Winners
1st Prize $5,000
Beth Haurez, et al, of Danville, IL

2nd Prize-$1,000
Konstance Peterwas, Danville, IL

3rd Prize $500
Debbie Kiley, Danville, IL

Early Bird 50/50 Winner
Tina Bateman of Danville, IL
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Zedrick came to Miami after spending three seasons as an assistant coach at Wichita State. While at Wichita, he helped lead the Shockers to the Missouri Valley Conference Championship each year. They also participated in the NCAA Regional each season and three golfers earned All-America status. Zedrick aided in all aspects of recruiting for Wichita, while serving as the tournament director for their home tournament, the Diet Pepsi Shocker Classic.

Prior to his time in Wichita, Zedrick spent two seasons as a Graduate Assistant Coach at Toledo. While there he helped with all aspects of recruiting as well as providing on-course instruction during competitions.

Zedrick was a four-year letterwinner for Michigan State University. He served as team captain in each of his final two years. He was a member of the Academic All-Big Ten team in each of his final three seasons with the Spartans.

Zedrick earned his bachelor's degree in communications from Michigan State. He graduated with High Honors. He earned his master's degree from Toledo in 2008 in recreation management with an emphasis in athletic administration. He lives in Oxford with his wife Amanda and daughter Mille.

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Article written by News Gazette staff writer Noelle McGee
"I Love My Major"

In a few months, Lohgan Bryant may be pursuing her Master's in Business Administration, or moving to Indianapolis for an internship. Either way, one thing's for sure: athletics will be involved. "I love my major (sports management), because I am going to be able to be around sports the rest of my working life," said the Schlarman High grad and star of the Hilltoppers' 2011 state softball runner-up team.

The 22-year-old Danville native graduated from McKendree University, where she played softball on scholarship, made the dean's list and was named an All-American Scholar Athlete.

A few more things you ought to know about one of the area's distinguished alums:

1. Initially, the speedy infielder sought a career as an athletic trainer. That is, until she saw exactly what she'd be getting herself into. "I thought I could handle someone breaking a bone and it protruding from their skin, but after watching videos of these types of situations, I realized that I could not barely stand to watch it," said Bryant, who soon realized she enjoys the business side of sports much more.

2. Bryant recently decided her future may be on the compliance side of college sports, making sure everyone plays by the NCAA rules. Although she isn't quite sure just yet what her dream job would be, she applied for an internship with the Indianapolis-based Great Lakes Valley Conference, of which McKendree is a member. Another possibility: Staying at McKendree (near St. Louis), pursuing her MBA and working in a graduate position with duties in game management, marketing/promotion and compliance.

3. She's not all sports, all the time. An animal lover, she loves nature too, especially fishing, hiking and running. "Basically anything outside," says Bryant, who in five years hopes to be married, be a mom and have a job she loves, but farther south, "because I am not the biggest fan of winter."

*Article written by News Gazatte staff writer Tracy Moss*

Schlarman Alums Participate in DACC Graduation

During Danville Area Community College’s recent graduation ceremonies, two Schlarman alums graduated Summa Cum Laude and were given key roles in the graduation ceremony. They were Holly Huckstadt who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Alex Pate who led the graduates out of the ceremony during the recessional. Both Holly and Alex graduated from Schlarman Academy in 2013.

Class of 1965 Plans 50th Reunion

Come join your fellow alumni for our 50th reunion on August 14th, 15th and 16th. "Meet and Greet" at Turtle Run Snappers at 5 PM on Friday, August 14th. Reunion dinner at 5PM on Saturday at the Danville Boat Club. Contact Pat O’Neil for more information at Pwo3737@gmail.com, or cell, 847-903-9009.
Class of 1955 Celebrates 60th Reunion

The Schlarman High School Hilltoppers class of 1955 held their 60-year reunion June 19/20/21, 2015. Of the 63 in the graduating class, 17 have gone to their reward, one cannot be located. Of the remaining 45, 44 (53%) attended the reunion, along with 11 guests (spouses, grown children, friends). Hilltoppers is such an appropriate nickname. The beautiful school on the hill is at the highest point in the city.

The festivities were spread over three days: Friday, June 19 -- informal get-together at Jocko’s Restaurant; Saturday -- banquet at the Danville Boat Club, which included a memorial ceremony for deceased classmates; Sunday -- Mass in the school chapel, followed by a tour of the school and fond farewells.

Of the 24 out of 45 living classmates in attendance, 12 live in Danville or Vermilion County, and 12 live elsewhere. Seven states were represented. The class of ‘55 -- sometimes they call themselves ‘The Double Nickels’ -- has spread out from sea to shining sea.

The group has been in touch since 1997 via an email group, which currently has 30 members. In recent years Facebook has become a favorite of some, with its broad reach and ease of posting photos and videos, especially of family.

Starting in 1998, when classmates from out of town would come to Danville, there would often be a mini-reunion, usually at Jocko’s. Previous full reunions were in 1980, 2000 and 2005. They initially thought they would call this year’s reunion “The Last Hurrah” but that was soon rejected as being pessimistic, and this is an optimistic group. There is already talk of having a 70-year reunion.

These Hilltoppers were delighted to be together again to reminisce, catch up, and once again roam the halls of SHS, now the North Campus of Schlarman Academy.

In the photo, classmates who attended the reunion were: First row: Patricia Forsyth Pate, Marlene Erven Dunagan, Catherine Such Wicoff, Mary Lyn Kuemmerle Legg, Mary Johnson Angerer and Roger Connor. Second row: Mary Michael Fullen Bateman, Janet Hoelzel Albert, Mary Saladino Hamburg, Nancy Alwine Jones, JoAnn Bormann Spivey, Joan Stark Higgens, Faye Wiles Williamson, James Ovall, Christine Chrostowski Christian, Shirley Bann Hughes and guest, Ron Wicoff. Third row: Andrew Bartek, Richard Strader, Bill Judd, Larry Cassel, Robert Boylan, Bob Miller and the Rev. Paul Faulstich.
Make plans to join us this fall for the 6th Annual Schlarman Golf Outing hosted by Zeke Bratkowski (’49), John O’Rourke (’50), and Dr. Ron Girouard (’62). The event will take place on October 3rd at the Danville Country Club. As soon as more details are available we will add them to our webpage at www.schlarmanacademy.com. All proceeds benefit the Schlarman Athletic Department.

We look forward to seeing you there!

All Alumni make plans to join us for SCHLARMAN’S HOMECOMING CELEBRATION on Friday, September 25th. Watch for game details on our webpage at www.schlarmanacademy.com. Stop by the alumni table in the front of Shebby Gym to receive your FREE pass to the game, then join your former classmates to cheer on our team!
Be sure to log on to www.schlormanacademy.com for all the latest Schlarman Academy news!

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