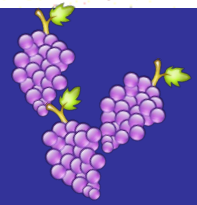


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# The Grapevine



Message from our President—*Hunt Hool '79*

Dear Alumni;

I'm back! I would like to start by apologizing to everyone for having to read and/or relive the disappointing loss in the 1980 City basketball championships. It is not a fond memory in the Hool house, we never speak about it. Why? Because a boy grew up dreaming of playing for his father and winning the championship, after watching Sante Salvador, Gary Ulicny, Norb Rammler, Stan Krete, Jack Bolgan, etc., win the 60's, and then Vince Landry, Bruce Walker, Steve Quigley, Denis Kelly, and Bobby Wales, win in the 70's. So as my father spent his last days at home with me at his side (an incredible 8 days of my life), I felt compelled to apologize and take responsibility for losing that title game. He replied, "Forget it, there's more important things in life, especially family". I then promised him that I would take care of my mother, Jane, which I did until the day she peacefully passed away on January 5, 2017 to be reunited with my father. Jack and Jane together again.

So that is my excuse (not the dog ate it), as to why I didn't write a President's Message in the last newsletter issue. Instead it was replaced with the basketball article, which Linda Presello '81 so kindly covered for me. Thank you to Linda for all your hard work.

As I write this message during a break from cleaning out my parent's house on HUNT Street in Michigan, which my grandfather Curt HUNT, built in 1949 and lived in for 40 years and then my parents since 1989, I am filled with memories. My thoughts and emotions are all over the map as I take down the Christmas tree for the last time, after being put up each year in the living room since 1949. A great tradition, a great memory.

In conclusion, I hope this article, (once again submitted late to Linda), although an expression of my confusion in life and death, is also a realization that life does go on. As I continue to sort through boxes of belongings and memories, I choose to remember these great memories, to hold off sadness, and keep all of our family traditions alive. Thank you for bearing with me during this difficult time, something that all of us have or will experience. My Sunday prayers are for everyone experiencing a loss. Take care and always count your blessings!

Hunt Hool '79



**Celebrating  
150 Years  
of  
Goodness,  
Discipline  
and  
Knowledge  
November 7, 2020  
Assumption  
College Catholic  
High School  
(Save the Date)**

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Top row L to R: Matthew '12, Michelle '14, Alexander '10. Bottom Row L to R: Susan '76, Norman '51, Linda '81

## Three Generations of Assumption Graduates



Three generations have walked the halls of Assumption College Catholic High School, from 1951 to 2014.

**Norm Lesperance '51** and his wife Lorraine just celebrated their 62nd Wedding Anniversary in May. Norm retired from the Windsor Police Department after 30 years and has been blessed to enjoy 30 more years of retirement. He has 5 children, 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**Susan Lesperance '76** (first class of females to graduate from ACS) is retired. After teaching in Toronto, Susan came back to Windsor where she taught at St. James and J.H. Lassaline, until her retirement in 2013 from the WECDSB. Susan enjoys volunteering in the community and keeps busy playing volleyball and swimming.

**Linda Presello (Lesperance '81)** is the Campus Minister at Assumption College Catholic High School. After working for the Diocese of London for 14 years as a Pastoral Minister, Linda came to ACS in 2001, twenty years after her ACS Graduation. Linda continues to volunteer, coach and she absolutely

loves what she does. She empowers young people in their Catholic Faith to live out the Gospel teachings. She is married to Frank (Kennedy '80) for 31 years and they have three children.

**Alexander '10** has just finished his first year of Medical School at Schulich School of Medicine Western University, Windsor Campus. He graduated from the University of Windsor in 2014 from Human Kinetics and 2016 completed his Masters in Biology. Alex was a competitive swimmer during his years at ACS.

**Matthew Presello '12** is a E911 Telecommunicator. Matthew graduated from the University of Windsor with an Honours History Degree. He went on to complete his Emergency Telecommunications course at Fanshawe College in December of 2016. While at Assumption, Matthew played trumpet, drums, guitar and vocals in the Choir and Jazz Band. He also played for our Alumni Reunion Mass in 2015. Matthew also volunteers at Corpus Christi Church in the Folk Choir, where he shares his gift of music.

**Michelle Presello '14** has just completed her third year of Nursing at the University of Windsor, with the goal of becoming a Nurse Practitioner.

Michelle participated in many sports while at Assumption, excelling in volleyball and soccer.

*"It was an honour to have my children attend Assumption with me. I know it wasn't easy on them at times, having their mom in the building through their teenage years, as the Campus Minister. I have journeyed with many students in the very best and worst times of their lives. Campus Ministry is a safe place for students to talk, and to know they have someone that won't judge them, and will accept them unconditionally. Alex, Matt, and Michelle were able to witness first hand, exactly what the call to service means, and they are very compassionate and caring young adults because of it."*

Teach me Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge, was instilled in them very early. We are proud to be Alumni.

*"For my father, to have two of his children, and three of his grandchildren graduate from his Alma Mater is very special to him."*

L. Presello



Golf Tournament—Fr. Sheedy Memorial

Golf Tournament

## Entry Form

37th ANNUAL FR. SHEEDY MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT  
SAT. JUNE 3, 2017 AT ROSELAND GOLF CLUB

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Tees times: 11:00 A.M. – 1:52 P.M.

(Limited to 80 players)

Call Gary Ulicny '66 to reserve time (519) 944-4403

(Deadline May 20, 2017)

I have arranged to play with:

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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I enclose a cheque for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover:

\_\_\_\_\_ Golf and Dinner: \$100 per person

\_\_\_\_\_ Dinner only: \$40 per person

Please return to: **Assumption Alumni Office**  
**1100 Huron Church Road**  
**Windsor, ON N9C 2K7**

## Boniferro/Landry Golf Outing

Everyone is invited to join in the annual Guy Boniferro/Mark Landry golf outing to be held on Saturday, June 10, 2017, at Kingsville Golf and Country Club. Only 9 holes to be played, with tee times starting at 11:30 am, followed by lunch, fellowship, and story telling.

**If interested, please contact Dino Latella '82 at (519) 919-4279.**



## Countdown to the 150th Anniversary Celebration—2020

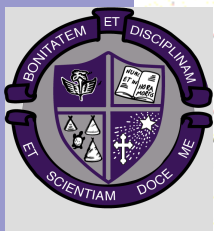
Assumption College High celebrates 150 years of  
"Goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge",  
at the Reunion on Saturday, November 7th, 2020.

Only 3 years until the big celebration, but don't wait until the last months or weeks to organize your class.

The ACH Alumni Committee has already started working and planning. We need volunteers from every graduating class at ACH, to act as class representatives to make phone calls, emails, "*Save the Date*" notices, *Facebook*, etc., to contact your classmates. Several grads have already stepped forward for their respective classes, which will be compiled, updated, and listed in each issue of the Newsletter. The Committee will assist by providing class lists and contact information in order to make this a huge successful Reunion.

If you or a group are interested, **please** contact the Alumni Committee by voice message or email at the Alumni office, (519) 256-7801 ext. 2225, or [achalumni@gmail.com](mailto:achalumni@gmail.com).

**Teach Me Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge**



# Find us on



**Looking for individuals from each Grad Year to begin a facebook page. Great way to connect, stay connected and receive information. Send a friend request and please let us know your Graduation Year. Those classes that already have a facebook page, please let us know so we can spread the word. Please send a request to "ACH Alumni Association"**

ACH Alumni Association Windsor On — Like us on facebook! Be our friend!



## Message from John Riberdy, Principal of ACCMS



Early last year I was thrilled to learn that I was being appointed to the position of principal for the new Assumption College Catholic Middle School. The challenge of opening a new school while launching the International Baccalaureate Programme with our grade 7 & 8 students was an exciting prospect.

While I had never attended Assumption as a student, years ago I was a caretaker at the school. Back then I was working as a caretaker while I attended the University of Windsor. Mr. Mulvey was the school's principal and I can still remember Lil Dumouchelle '75 teaching math in a classroom downstairs. I must admit that the first time I entered Assumption Catholic High School last year it was quite a shock for me. I opened the doors off the main parking lot expecting to see a cafeteria, but instead found myself in a hallway which led

to the music room. While it did take me a few days to adjust to the change in the layout of the building, there was no doubt in my mind that what hadn't changed was the indomitable Raider Spirit. Both the staff and students at Assumption gave our new school a warm welcome!

The new Middle School is located mainly on the ground floor of the Basilian wing, which is on the North side of the building as many of you are aware. It's a section of the school that I had never dared to venture into as a caretaker. It was off limits to most Assumption staff in those days and I was too intimidated by the priests to even attempt to assuage my curiosity about what that part of the building looked like. Keeping that in mind I find it extremely ironic that I'm now sitting in the Bishop's former office while I write this article. How things change with time! (I kept the deep red plush wallpaper on one wall of the office as a reminder of those times).

While the former ground floor of the Basilian wing has been converted into classrooms, there's still more work to be done.

This summer a gym and student lounge will be constructed for the middle school (we've been sharing the high school's gym) which will cause some disruption to the roadway on the North side of the building. However, things should be back to normal relatively quickly. Please keep in mind that even though some structural changes have taken place, both the Chapel and Sacristy have been preserved and will continue to be used in Eucharistic Celebrations as originally intended.

Assumption College Catholic Middle School is an International Baccalaureate Candidate school, focusing on the Middle Years Programme (MYP). This will allow students to enter the IB programme in grade 7, building a foundation for those students who wish to continue on with the IB Diploma Programme in high school. As such, the middle school supports and compliments programming at the secondary level.

Both the staff and students of the middle school are delighted to be a part of an institution with such a long and distinguished history as Assumption, and we look forward to being a part of its future as well!

## We Remember ACS Alumni

- John Nacaratto '72**
- Irene Bryne**
- Sean O'Keefe '82**
- John Dooley '54**
- Don Reaume**
- Art Kainz**
- William Bridgeman**
- Mary Lynn Berthiaume**  
(Wife of retired Assumption Principal Joseph Berthiaume)
- Robert Britton '42**  
(Father of former staff member)
- Jane Hool**  
(Wife of former staff member Jack Hool deceased 2013)
- Mother of Sara '77, Kim '78, and Hunt '79)
- Shirley Mary Kane**  
(Mother of Charlotte '72, Janet '74, Dan '75, Debbie '75)





## Windsor student takes the stage in national poetry competition



David White admits he likes the spotlight, and he'll get his way this week.

The 17-year-old is among only 24 finalists out of 10,000 competitors from across the country headed to Vancouver for a national poetry recitation contest.

"I've always loved being in front of an audience and talking, it's kind of my thing," White, a student at Assumption College School, said. "I like being the centre of attention."

White will take the stage on April 20th the English language division of the Poetry in Voice competition in Vancouver.

Poetry in Voice is a charitable organization that encourages

Canadian students to appreciate poetry through reading, writing and recitation. Literary greats Dionne Brand, Anne Michaels and Margaret Atwood are among its supporters.

The finalists will compete for a total of \$25,000 in prizes for themselves and their school libraries.

Last year, White's friend Enzo Campa won the national competition, which was held in Toronto.

Competitors were required to choose two poems from a selected list, then memorize and recite them in front of an audience. White won his school competition, which gave him the opportunity to record himself reciting three poems and submit them to the Poetry in Voice website.

White later learned he was one of 12 English-speaking competitors from across Canada chosen to compete at the national event in Vancouver. There are also French and bilingual categories, each with six finalists.

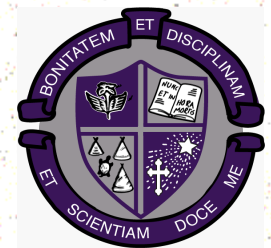
The poems White chose to recite are A Supermarket in California by his favourite poet Allen Ginsberg, Sometimes a Voice by

Canadian poet Don McKay and Alone by Edgar Allan Poe.

"The ones that I chose were all sort of narrative," said White. "They tell a story but it's in an absurd, surreal way. They're all just interesting and quirky, and they just stood out to me among all the rest."

White, who will recite the same poems in Vancouver, was surprised to learn he beat out 10,000 other people.

"It's definitely an achievement, even if I don't end up winning or even making the top six," said White. "Even making it to Vancouver is pretty cool. It's kind of a surreal experience because last year I didn't even win the school competition and now I'm going to the nationals. I'm excited. And I get to go to Vancouver all expenses paid."



### Alumni Chatter...

**Raymond Durocher** Sr. '47 writes: "I have always enjoyed the newsletter. Please keep sending it. It will be 70 years this year since I graduated. My 5 children Donna, Dennis, Ron, Yvonne and Michelle also graduated from Assumption and are all doing well. Best wishes."

**Charlie Hickey** '50 writes: "Please insert this message in your next edition: Dick Donald please contact Hickey at [chickey28@cogeco.ca](mailto:chickey28@cogeco.ca)" As Charlie reminds us, this is a great way to renew old friendships.



## Our Lady of Assumption Parish Celebrating 250th Anniversary



The Assumption Parish dates back to Oct. 3, 1767 when its first pastor was named and assigned to care for Huron and French settlers on what is now Windsor's west end near the shores of the Detroit River. That has Assumption's parishioners this year poised to celebrate the 250th anniversary with several activities planned in the months ahead.

"Assumption (parish) is something that has always been in the hearts and minds of people in this community," said Kevin Alexander, chairman of the parish council. "Historically, it's part of the first people who came here."

"Things change over time, but constantly for 250 years we have had this spiritual presence in place in the community," he added. The first

church under Assumption parish was made of timbers and opened in 1787 on the eastern edge of parish property between University Avenue and Riverside Drive — today a park just east of the Ambassador Bridge.

The original wooden structure was replaced by the showpiece larger Assumption Church building that opened on University Avenue near the intersection of Huron Church Road in July 1845. Due to disrepair, the aging landmark was shuttered in November 2014 for regular mass and its fate has remained in limbo.

Assumption Church is a nationally protected historic site. But the masonry, exterior support walls, roof, plaster, a storm drainage system, and the mechanical and electrical systems all need to be repaired or replaced. The parish pastor, Rev. Maurice Restivo, remains hopeful the church can somehow generate funds and be repaired. "There is no capital campaign right now, (but) if we were ever to get a major donor the diocese would reopen a campaign and we would hopefully be able to restore the church and return," he said in an email. "We hope that by being in the public eye for our 250th, someone might come forward."

The parish has relocated about a dozen blocks away to Holy Name of Mary Church on McEwan Avenue which was opened in 1917 when Assumption's congregation grew too large. The parish's 250th anniversary celebrations started with a potluck celebration held a few weeks ago to recognize the former St. Patrick's parish. Next up are similar dinner celebrations on June 18 for the former Blessed Sacrament Parish and Holy Name of Mary Parish on Sept 12.

Assumption Church will re-open for a couple of days this summer for the annual Feast Day celebration and community barbecue on Aug. 13 and again on Aug. 15 for tours and prayers. Several other activities are also being planned by the parish's anniversary committee for the months ahead, but not yet been finalized, Alexander said.

On Sunday, Oct. 1, Holy Name Of Mary will host the primary celebration for the actual Oct. 3 founding anniversary. Mass will occur at 11 a.m. with Bishop Ronald Fabbro and Bishop Joseph Dabrowski in attendance followed by a gala luncheon.



# CATHOLIC EDUCATION: **WALKING** forward **together**

**“Do justice, love, kindness, and walk humbly with your God”**

*Catholic Education Week April 30—May 5, 2017*

*Micah 6:8*

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2017: **Walking Forward Together**, comes from the response of the Canadian Bishops to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Residential Schools and the prayers reflect the call of all Catholic Bishops *“to work with others towards a healthier society where just relations flourish in families and communities and where the most vulnerable are protected and valued.”*

Activities scheduled at Assumption College Catholic High School include: daily prayer, a Province Wide Mass with our Priest Chaplain Rev. Maurice Restivo, and to finish off a wonderful week of empowerment, we celebrate a school wide pot luck luncheon on May 5. This is the day staff and students wait for; a day to eat foods from around the world and students dress up in their cultural garbs.

A Campus Ministry tradition which began in 2001, includes a mural representing every Administration, Teaching Staff, Support Staff and Student’s names. We celebrate our Catholic faith and our diversity. We walk forward together.







*Assumption High School*  
*Class of 1977*

**WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS,  
MY FRIENDS...**



[https://www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=O71fetlkCZo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O71fetlkCZo)

Prom Committee was so right choosing  
this song .

# 40 YEAR REUNION

On September 30, 2017, The Class of 1977 will be celebrating their 40th high school reunion.! The event will take place at two venues.

Dinner Location: 5 to 8 pm Lilly Kazzilly's Crabshack & Grill, 9550 Riverside Dr. E.

Call (519) 944-8332 for tickets and reservations. Class photo scheduled 6:00

Amazing Menu: Prime Rib 8oz., or Chicken Cordon Bleu or Baked Haddock. Soup or tossed Salad, Potato or rice and vegetables. Cake \$28.10 Bar beverages extra.

Dress attire: Semi formal and comfortable M.C. Mr. Dwight Duncan

Band: Electric Blue

*LET THE PARTY BEGIN!*

With the Jody Raffoul Band at The Lion's Head 7880 Wyandotte St. E (Corner of Wyandotte and Lauzon) (519) 945-4773 for serious dancing with Karaoke, games, 50/50 draws, raffle baskets. (We are asking for people to donate baskets for the raffles) We have a flat screen donated & some lovely baskets already prepared. Cash bar the average person will spend about \$50. We will also have a photo booth at \$5.00 a sitting. All the proceeds will be donated to the Assumption Bursary program. If you choose to donate a cheque to the program, the WECDSB can provide you with a receipt.





## Century Club Contributions

Thank you

*The Century Club is composed of those former students and friends who have contributed \$100.00 or more within a given year to the Alumni Fund to sponsor Alumni Activities including the Newsletter. The following are individuals who have generously made a contribution. Thank you for your continued support.*

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## Your Contributions at Work

**Do you know where your donations are going?**

**Why should you donate?**

**What good comes out of your donations?**

Donations are used to provide financial assistance to Assumption College Catholic High School students, clubs and athletics. They help provide a positive learning opportunity, when the financial means is otherwise not available.

An example. This past year Fr. Q. Johnson celebrated his 50th Jubilee of Ordination and the Alumni Committee donated \$500.00 to St. Vincent de Paul Society in his name. More recently, the Alumni committee donated, \$500.00 to Model UN (see article page 11) and \$500.00 to the Music Department (see article 11).

Through your donations, the Alumni Committee voted in favour of starting an annual **Alumni Scholarship**, which will provide financial assistance for those ACS Graduates entering College or University. This scholarship will begin June 2017.



The ACS Model United Nations team began in the 2014-2015 school year and consists of about 20 students from grades 9 to 12. The team has participated in numerous successful simulated conferences in the Michigan (Lansing and Kalamazoo) and local (University of Windsor) area. The team returned from each of these trips with delegate awards and a genuine appreciation of diplomacy and they are prepared for their third trip to the University of Windsor for the 2017 Model UN Conference, which was held April 28-29.

The team greatly appreciates the continued support and financial assistance provided by the Alumni Association! Previous donations have assisted the group in attending conferences in the States and have eased the burden on students who are determined to attend this valuable learning experience.



The Assumption Jazz and Concert Bands recently returned from New York, where they competed at the Festivals of Music. The Raiders brought home two gold medals achieving the highest rating “superior” in each category. Under the direction of Mr. Brian Zanier students played a remarkable performance and made the Assumption Community proud. A special thank you to Mr. Mike Seguin, '78 Superintendent of the Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board, for sharing in his talents and chaperoning the trip. The New York experience included, Top of the Rock, NBC Studio Tour, Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Times Square. The 52 music students would personally like to thank the Assumption Alumni for their donation. It really helped deter the cost of the trip.

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