



When the BG leadership team asked me to lead the new capital campaign, it was easy to make the decision to come back to Lund Road. I am privileged to work with a dedicated team that is planning the future of the school for decades to come, while engaging the Bishop Guertin community of over 7,000 alumni, parents and faculty who have made our history so rich.

Catholic education has always been a central part of my upbringing. It started with my father — a graduate of both the Chaminade High School in Mineola, New York, and the University of Notre Dame as a member of the Class of 1944. He made Catholic education a primary tenet in our family. I had the pleasure of graduating from BG in 1977, following my brother's footsteps from the year before, while with my sister graduated from Mount Saint Mary's in 1979.

The 70s were special for the kids at BG. We were inspired by the Brothers, teachers, coaches, and the administration. My classmates and I were empowered to develop and create own paths to success. We participated and watched our classmates in sports, extracurricular activities, and community service, while receiving the finest education in the area. I returned to BGHS in the early 90s to a brand-new school, complete with the merger with Mount St. Mary's. BG was stronger and more diverse, complete with the addition of female students. We continued to excel in all aspects of education and extracurricular activities throughout the region.

I often think about my responsibility to give back and 'pay it forward' to a place that gave me opportunities and set the foundation for my journey to a meaningful and honorable life. I ask that you reflect on your foundational experiences at BG and how it molded you and helped provide the success you are enjoying on your path.

'The Future is Now' capital campaign is the most ambitious and bold endeavor in our school's history. It enhances not only what we have, but expands all areas that are needed to compete and succeed for decades to come. This campaign is made up of three components: an athletic track & field complex, a new performing arts center, and the establishment of the Sacred Heart Scholars Foundation. The new Keegan Athletic Complex finally provides the tools necessary for our athletic department to continue to be competitive in Division I by providing safe, state-of-the-art facilities for all our student-athletes. A new performing arts center will provide our students with a first-class center for the arts, including facilities for drama, music, dance, and technology (to include space for our FIRST program). Finally, we must never forget the Brothers' mission when they opened the school in 1963: "To rescue young people from ignorance, to prepare them for life, and to give them a knowledge and love of religion." The Sacred Heart Scholars Foundation will ensure that any student who deserves and wants a BG education will have the opportunity to do so, regardless of their financial circumstances.

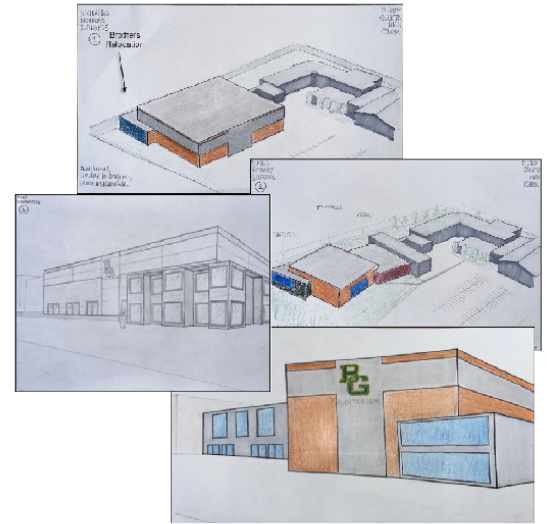
I encourage you to read about 'The Future is Now' campaign. It stands to shape the next generation of our students and strengthen the school's foundation. Thank you for being part of the BG community.

Sincerely,

Tony Johnson '77
Chairperson



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