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## President's Message

May is a month that is filled with excitement and energy for students and educators. As the end of the school year begins to draw close, this is a time to reflect on what went well this year and to consider the new opportunities that lie in front of us. Graduation is right around the corner for our seniors and eighth grade students. Summer is just ahead and with it comes time to relax, breathe, and dream it all up again once school begins anew in August.



I've had no shortage of opportunities to reflect on the blessings that we – Siena Catholic Schools of Racine – have been bestowed in 2018-19. We've collaborated and found success academically, athletically, artistically, and systemically. We have found strength in our numbers and uniqueness, creating a system of schools that celebrates our faith in Jesus Christ and our faith in each other. We've persevered during our infancy



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## **Student Spotlight on: Juan, Our Lady of Grace Academy**



### **What is your favorite subject? Why?**

My favorite subject is math. Although most people don't like math, I like it because I'm interested in numbers and algorithms. Plus, math problems have solutions just like life.

### **What do you do when you want to relax?**

I like to help my community by volunteering my time and helping others. I enjoy listening to Christian music, helping my parish during Mass, helping the poor, and attending the ACTS Friday youth group with my friends.

### **What job do you want to have when you grow up?**

I like jobs that include problem-solving for the community, for families, and for the future of our world such as engineering or teaching.

### **If you could choose an animal for a class pet what would it be?**

I would choose a mouse because it is an animal that is resourceful. Mice, like me, can find ways to get around obstacles and solve problems.

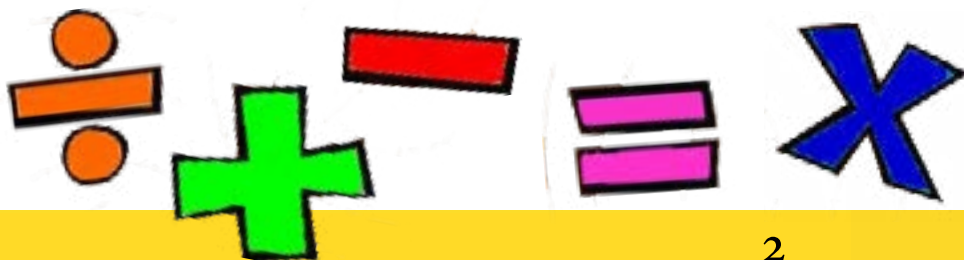


### **If you could create one mandatory course, what would it be?**

All Catholic schools should teach service in a youth group or in campus ministry. For example, learning service by helping the homeless can help a student with their grades and learning abilities by taking the focus off self and moving it to others.

### **Which subject do you think prepares you most for life and why?**

I think math prepares you the most because it is a part of daily life. It's used when writing a paper, reading, growing or buying goods. It's always there no matter what.







## An Evening of Celebration

On Wednesday, May 15, community members, donors, leaders, and Siena staff came together to honor the many people who have helped make our successes possible. Archdiocese of Milwaukee Auxiliary Bishop James T. Schuerman joined us for an evening of celebration; celebrating Catholic education in Racine, the combined mission of our organization, and the uniqueness of the schools who define us.



We also recognized three dedicated individuals whose service on the Siena Board of Directors is coming to a close: Ray Johnson, Dean Landry, and Board Chair Dan Horton.

## Congratulations!

### 4 Years

Mark Duckworth - St. Catherine's  
Kari Stankowski - St. Catherine's  
Lisa Schumacher - Siena/John Paul II Academy  
Susan Lepak - Our Lady of Grace Academy  
Thomas Scheller - St. Catherine's

David Arvai - St. Lucy  
Kirsten Bargender - Our Lady of Grace Academy  
Rachel Burton-Grinde - St. Catherine's  
Karen Folker - St. Rita  
Ann Gillis - St. Joseph  
Jennifer Krupecki - St. Joseph  
Emily Mueller - John Paul II Academy  
Ronald Rosales - St. Catherine's  
Russ Tillmann - St. Catherine's

**Thank you for your years of dedication!**



## **Spotlight on: Jenny Gianou** **3rd Grade, Our Lady of Grace Academy**



**What was your favorite book as a child?**

I absolutely loved "The BFG" by Roald Dahl. I enjoyed the silly language spoken by the giant and the message of the story.



**What made you want to work in a school?**

Growing up I babysat all the time and enjoyed working with children. I also had a teacher in third grade at Holy Name who I really connected with. I vividly remembered everything she did with our class and I decided I wanted to have that kind of impact on students one day.

**What do you do in your free time?**

I love Pinterest and often can be found crafting or cooking at home. I also enjoy spending time with my two children doing different activities like home movie night, game nights, or taking walks in the evening.



**What did you enjoy studying when you were in school?**

My favorite subject in school was Science. I loved anything that was hands-on. I also loved all things that involved learning about and observing animals.

**What were you like when you were growing up?**

I was quiet and attentive in school. I always wanted to do the best I could. From middle school through college I was involved in cheerleading and gymnastics. I also loved spending time with friends and family.

**Tell me something about yourself that we don't know.**

I grew up with an art studio in my basement. I would often use the pottery wheel to make pottery or I could be found painting a picture with my sister or dad. We had, and still have, a tradition of carving and painting elaborate pumpkins for Halloween!







## Asparagus with Mediterranean Salsa

Taher's May Recipe of the Month  
(6 servings)

### What you need...

#### Mediterranean Salsa

1 pound cherry tomatoes, chopped  
1 shallot, finely chopped  
1 tablespoon chopped garlic  
1/2 cup rough chopped parsley  
1/4 cup shredded fresh mint  
1/2 tablespoon Kosher salt  
1/2 tablespoon black pepper  
3 teaspoon fresh lemon juice  
2 tablespoon olive oil

#### Asparagus

1 pound fresh asparagus,  
trim tough ends  
1/8 cup olive oil  
1/2 tablespoon Kosher salt  
1/2 tablespoon black pepper  
Zest from 1 lemon



### What to do...

Make the Salsa in a mixing bowl.  
Add all ingredients and fold together.  
Let sit for a minimum of 1 hour  
before serving to blend flavors.

To cook asparagus, lightly toss in oil  
with salt, pepper and lemon zest.  
Place in a 350°F oven until it turns  
bright green with a little crunch.  
Place on a platter and top with the  
Salsa.  
Serve and enjoy!

Nutrition Snapshot ~1 serving  
85 calories, 4.8g total fat,  
0g saturated fat, 790mg sodium,  
9g carbohydrate, 3g fiber,  
0g cholesterol, 3g protein

## President's Message

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and have hired talented individuals who are committed not only to the mission of Siena, but to the students who expect excellence from us – and rightfully so!

Excellence is often made possible through collaborative partnerships. In April, St. Catherine's High School was awarded a \$500,000 grant from SC Johnson to support the continued development of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programming and a dedicated STEM Lab. By creating dynamic learning environments and opportunities for students, we are offering exemplary preparation for our students – preparation for higher education and careers that we cannot always foresee. Through a vision for educational excellence in Racine, partners like SC Johnson help make these visions a reality. How fortunate we are to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with leaders who see the future of Racine, the country, and the world in Siena students.

That's what I call Faith Forward Education!

Blessings,

Brenda White  
President  
Siena Catholic Schools

## Upcoming Events

May 12-24: Star Testing

May 27: No School - Memorial Day

June 3: JPIIA - "Donuts with Dad"

June 6: St. Catherine's - Last Day of School

June 11: Elementary Schools - Last Day of School

June 27 - July 25: Summer School  
(no school July 4 or 5)

July 4: Independence Day